

Welcome Guests! We're glad you're here. You can learn more about us via the brochure in the back of the seat in front of you, or at www.firstparishyork.net.

Restrooms: Restrooms are located on the lower level of this building, which is accessed by stairs in the foyer. Wheelchair accessible restrooms can be found across the drive in Fellowship Hall. For access during the worship service, please see a Deacon.

Nursery Care: *Our downstairs nursery is not currently staffed*, but you are welcome to accompany your child to the nursery at any point during the worship and spend time there as a family if you feel that you need to.

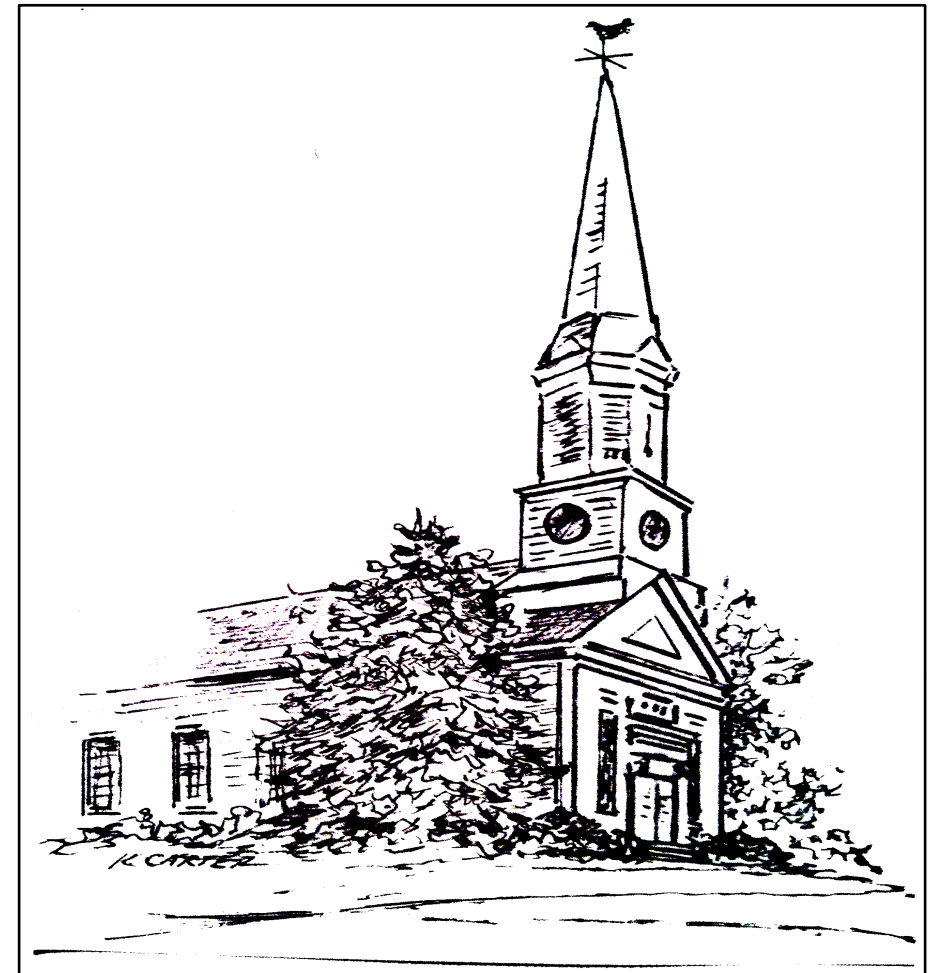
Video and Streaming: We stream our worship services live and archive them on www.youtube.com/@firstparishyork. If for privacy reasons you do not wish to have you or your children's faces appear on video, you can sit in pews that are marked on the ends with blue tape. Feel free to ask a deacon to show you what those markings look like.

Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

Sunday School: Church school will be taking the summer off. During summer worship Deacons can provide activity bags for kids, and nursery space is available downstairs if your family has need of it at any point. As always children of all ages are welcome in worship with us, and baby noises are a source of joy for us all. Please be sure to return any activity bags at the end of the service. Sunday School will return in September!

**No Matter Who You Are or Where You Are On Life's Journey,
You Are Welcome Here!**

We covenant with God and with one another as members of First Parish Church to be an Open and Affirming Church. We affirm the dignity and worth of every person created in the image of God. We are one body with many members: people of every age, marital status, family structure, faith background, physical and mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, racial and cultural identity, and socio-economic status. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we invite all into the full life, ministry, and sacraments of the church. We honor the guiding principle that discrimination is incompatible with Christ's message of unconditional love.



**First Parish Church
Congregational
United Church of Christ**

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023 ~ 10AM WORSHIP

**Indicates a time when you are invited to stand if you choose.*

PRELUDE Allegro Fred Bock (1939-1998)
Adagio (from *Sonata I*) Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Dan Hollis

CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION
(Candles will be lit as a sign of Christ’s light in the world.)

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)* John Covino
Loving God, who sent your Son to seek out and save what is lost... open our ears to hear your word, draw us closer to you, and pour out your strength and courage upon us, that we may be one with you as you are one with Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray...

LORD’S PRAYER *(together)*
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** “BE THOU MY VISION” No. 502

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Rev. Dan Hollis

SPECIAL MUSIC "IF WITH ALL YOUR HEARTS" (from *Elijah*)
Felix Mendelssohn
Sumner Elwell, clarinet
Terrie Ilaria, piano

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Pat Smith

SCRIPTURE Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 O.T. 540 John Covino

SERMON Rev. Dan Hollis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS "BLESSED JESUS" (“PIE JESU” from *Requiem*)
Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

(Please sign and pass the maroon fellowship pads on the center aisle of each pew, look at the names as they are passed back and forth and greet one another after the service.)

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF COMMITMENT** *(together)* No. 34
You are free to sing inclusive lyrics (below) or traditional lyrics (from the hymnal).
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN** “GO, MY CHILDREN, WITH MY BLESSING” No. 719

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE “PSALM 136: A LITANY OF JOY”
Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953)

*We invite the congregation to remain seated in order to enjoy the postlude.
However, you are welcome to exit the sanctuary at any time.*

*Flowers are given by Susan and Dennis Wierzba
in celebration of their 34th Wedding Anniversary.*



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FAITH FEATURES

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 23rd	10am Worship/ Music offered by Sumner Elwell (clarinet) and Terrie Ilaria (piano)
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Tuesday, July 25th	8:30am Yoga
Wednesday, July 26th	8am Strength Training 7pm Forgiveness Book Study Group
Thursday, July 27th	8am Zumba 6:30pm Stewardship Committee Meeting
Friday, July 28th	8am Aerobics
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Coffee Hour: We're looking for people to sign up to bring goodies to share during our Coffee Hour. These can be store bought or homemade. The signup poster is available each Sunday near the coffee table. Please contact Linda Hart with your questions 207-363-4493.

Green Tip/News: An expected surge in renewables electricity generation through 2025 signals coming to the tipping point of emissions in the power sector, the International Energy Agency said. It expects renewables' share of global power generation mix to rise from 29% in 2022 to 35% in 2025.



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