

**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](http://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.

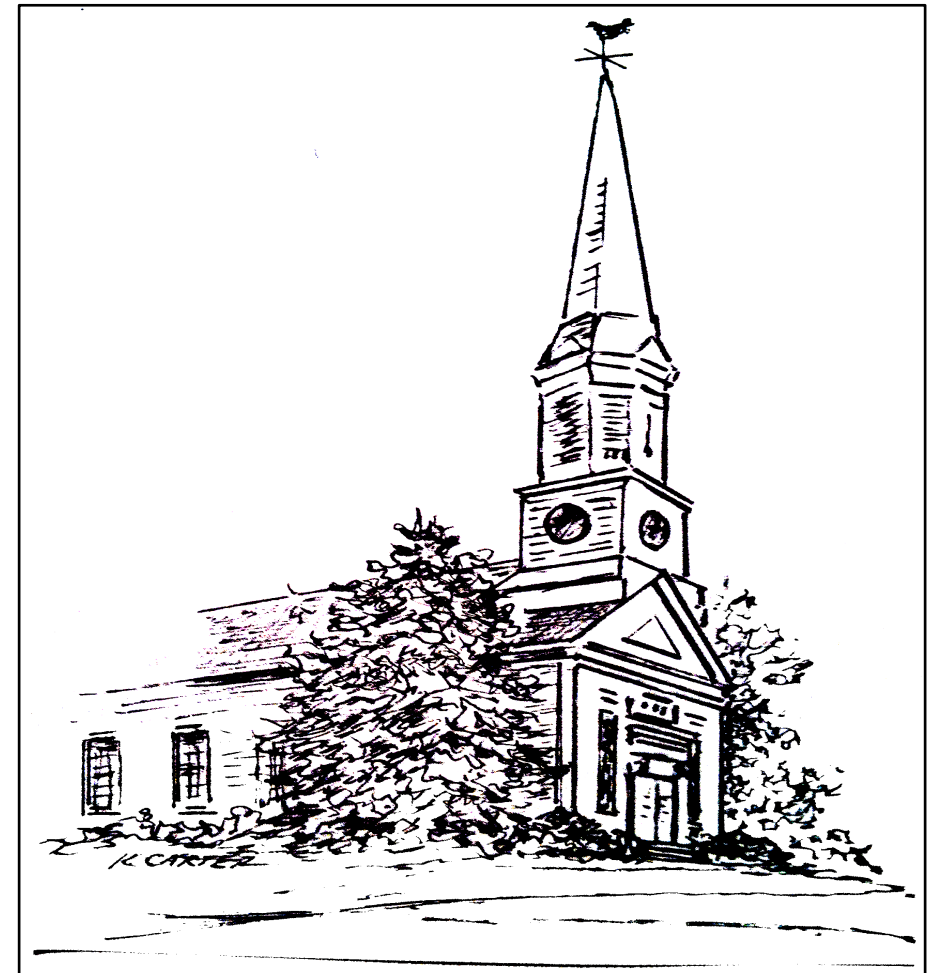
**Video and Streaming:** We stream our worship services live and archive them on [www.youtube.com/@firstparishyork](https://www.youtube.com/@firstparishyork). If for privacy reasons you do not wish to have you or your children's faces appear on video, you can sit in pews that are marked on the ends with 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  
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United Church of Christ**

**SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023 ~ 10AM WORSHIP  
BAPTISM**

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

**PRELUDE**

**Two Pieces Alfred V. Fedak (b. 1953)**  
Psalm 136: A Litany of Joy  
“FOR THE BEAUTY OF EACH HOUR”

**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)* Terrie Ilaria  
**Holy One, we praise your abiding guidance. Open our ears to hear your word and draw us closer to you, O God. Hear our prayers and make us faithful stewards of the fragile bounty of this earth, so that we may prove worthy to be entrusted with the riches of heaven. We pray this in your name...**

**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 “SEEK YE FIRST” No. 349

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** Rev. Dan Hollis  
 Samantha Madeleine Gosselin – born August 28, 2019  
 daughter of Christopher Gosselin and Stacey Gosselin  
 Melissa Brown, sponsor

## SPECIAL MUSIC

"ANGEL" Sarah McLachlan  
*You are pulled from the wreckage of your silent reverie.  
 You're in the arms of the angel.  
 May you find some comfort here.*  
**Melissa O'Keefe, soloist**  
**Terrie Ilaria, piano**

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**SCRIPTURE** 1 Kings 3:5-12 O.T. 283 Terrie Ilaria

**SERMON** Rev. Dan Hollis

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS** "LIKE THE FIRST BIRD " (*Bunessan*)  
Arr., Alfred V. Fedak

*(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**      “SWEET HOUR OF PRAYER”      No. 478

## CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

**POSTLUDE** Voluntary on “HOLY, HOLY, HOLY” (*Nicea*)  
Arr., Joyce Jones (1933-2022)

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



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## FAITH FEATURES

### THIS WEEK

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10am Worship/Baptism-Music Melissa O'Keefe  
(soloist) and Terrie Ilaria (piano)

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8:30am Shake It Up

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8:30am Yoga

**Wednesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8am Strength Training

9:30am Wednesday Bible Study-Zoom

7pm Forgiveness Book Study Group

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8am Aerobics

**Saturday, August 5<sup>th</sup>**

8:30am Christian Education Committee Meeting

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10am Worship/Communion-Music provided by  
Karen Lynge and Nate Cox

1pm Memorial Service-Margaret McIntosh

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*All the Members of the Congregation*

*Leading Worship Today:*

*Rev. Dan Hollis*

#### **Staff**

*Wendell S. Purrington, Director of Music Ministries*

*Terrie Ilaria, Music Associate*

#### **First Parish Church Lay Leaders**

*John Covino, Moderator*

*Kristin Schrimper, Vice Moderator*

*Ray Hamlin, Treasurer*

*Susan Mancinelli, Clerk*



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**Flower Committee:** If you would like to donate Altar Flowers for Sunday, August 20 or 27 please contact Karen Cox at 207-363-6115.

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