

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.

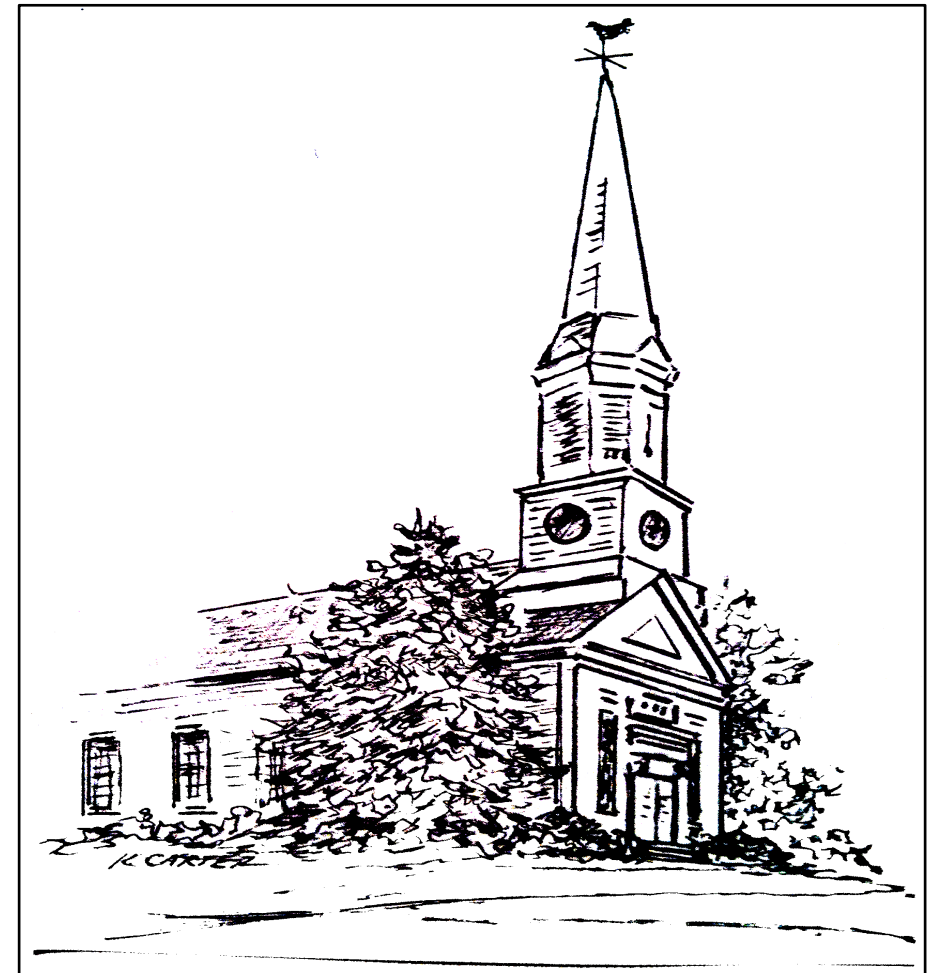
Video and Streaming: We stream our worship services live and archive them on www.youtube.com/@firstparishyork. If for privacy reasons you do not wish to have you or your children's faces appear on video, you can sit in pews that are marked on the ends with blue tape. Feel free to ask a deacon to show 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 9, 2023 ~ 10AM WORSHIP

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

9:45AM HYMN SING

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Eric Dupee

PRELUDE FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION
(Candles will be lit as a sign of Christ’s light in the world.)
Hymn Prelude on “I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR”
Arr., Dale Wood (1934-2003)

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)* Rev. Dan Hollis
Almighty God, in times of weakness, yours is the strength by which we carry on. When our load is heavy and too much to bear, yours are the arms stretched out to help us, the grace that we depend on. In an hour of need, your voice is heard, ‘Come... find rest.’ This is grace divine, the path we tread to wholeness, the way of Jesus who taught this prayer...

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** “LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING” No. 358

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Rev. Dan Hollis

DUET "WE’RE A FELLOWSHIP OF BELIEVERS" Jay Althouse (b. 1951)
Kathy Mason and Karen Lynge
Terrie Ilaria, piano

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Romans 7:15-25a N.T. 137 Phil Woodman

SERMON “More Than a Pep Talk” Rev. Eric Dupee

OFFERING OUR GIFTS "COME FOLLOW ME" Althouse

(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** “COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING” No. 68

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE Allegro Fred Bock (1939-1998)

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 donated by the First Parish flower committee.



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FAITH FEATURES

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 9th	9:45am Hymn Sing 10am Worship
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Tuesday, July 11th	8:30am Yoga 6:30pm Assessors Meeting
Wednesday, July 12th	8am Strength Training 6:30pm Deacons Meeting 7pm Forgiveness Book Study Group
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Fellowship in Action: All are welcome to attend the next meeting to share ideas or learn about the fellowship activities being planned! Monday, July 10 at 6:30pm in Fellowship Hall. Refreshments provided!

Lowell National Historic Park in Lowell, MA. Boott Cotton Mill tour and Pawtucket Canal Boat Tour. All are welcome! Learn about Lowell's unique industrial history on **Friday, August 18**. Carpool from Fellowship Hall at 9am. Explore stories of the workers, engineers, inventors, and investors who made Lowell the first successful planned industrial city in the US. Boott Mill admission: \$6 adults, \$4 seniors, \$4 students, \$3 youth (or National Park Pass)

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Out to Lunch Bunch: Interested in going out to lunch after worship with new friends, old friends, visitors worshipping? Great! Someone will be standing with a sign "Out to Lunch Bunch" in and around the Narthex after worship on the second Sunday of each month. We will decide on a destination at that time. Would love to have you join us. July 9, August 13, September 10 and October 8. Information contact Linda Drew 207-351-8141 or p.l.drew79@me.com

Men's Gathering Barbeque: Men of First Parish let's get together for some great food and fellowship! All are welcome. We'd love to know if you plan to attend. July 15 at 5pm at the home of Per Jonas, 88 Darcy Road in York. Wicked good brats, sides, vegetarian friendly option. RSVP Church office at office@firstparishyork.net or 207-363-3758.

Green Tip/News: Another reminder about being cognizant of the level of compost in our bin, especially in the summer when lots of corn husks, watermelon rinds and chicken BBQ remnants are common! If the bin is too full, please return another day to dispose of your items. Another option might be to consider signing up for Mr. Fox (the only compost hauler from Ogunquit to Hampton and west to Rochester, NH. Biweekly pickup (8 gallon container) at your home is \$18/mo. Weekly pickup is \$36/mo. You could be creative and invite your closest neighbors to contribute to your bin, too! A kind and educational gesture. www.mrfoxcomposting.com Witchtrot Transfer station also has several Mr. Fox compost bins. It is open Wednesday and Saturday 9AM-4PM. \$25/annual permit required. Lots of options for continuing to compost smartly and kindly! Thank you



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