

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.

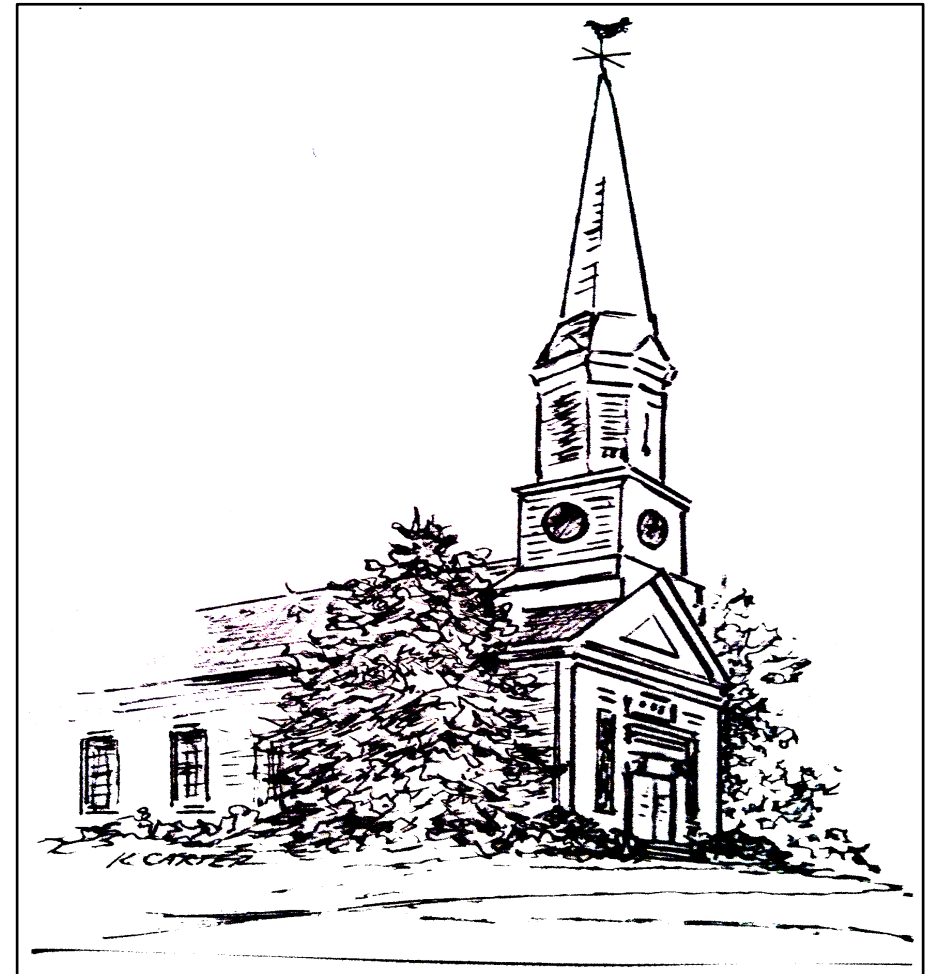
Video and Streaming: We stream our worship services live and archive them on www.youtube.com/@firstparishyork. If for privacy reasons you do not wish to have you or your children's faces appear on video, you can sit in pews that are marked on the ends with blue tape. Feel free to ask a deacon to show 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, AUGUST 20, 2023 ~ 10AM WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE **Music of G.F. Handel (1685-1759)**
Fanfare in G minor
Allegretto Giocoso and Aria (from *Water Music*)

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Eric Dupee

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

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)* Rev. Pat Smith
Precious Lord, during this hour of worship, give us the comfort to remove the masks we wear during the week to “get by.” Let us see genuine love. Let us experience the joy of giving to others. Show us the power of blessing as we seek to bless others as Christ has blessed us. In celebration of Christ's presence with us we 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** “JESUS SHALL REIGN” No. 341

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Rev. Dan Hollis

SPECIAL MUSIC **Joyce Andersen and Harvey Reid**

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Matthew 15:21-28 N.T. 15 Rev. Pat Smith

SERMON “When Crumbs are Enough” Rev. Eric Dupee

OFFERING OUR GIFTS **Joyce Andersen and Harvey Reid**

(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** “ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME!” No. 106

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE Hornpipe (from *Water Music*) Handel

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

*The flowers this morning are given in honor and loving memory of Eldridge Elkhorn's
birthday on August 25, by his wife Barbara, and sons Mark and Craig.*

*The flowers this morning, honoring the life
and love of Virginia Russell Purrington, are given by her family.*



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FAITH FEATURES

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 20th	10am Worship-Music by Joyce Andersen and Harvey Reid 11am Storyteller-Vivan Martindale
Monday, August 21st	8:30am Shake It Up
Tuesday, August 22nd	8:30am Yoga
Wednesday, August 23rd	8am Strength Training 9:30am Wednesday Bible Study-Zoom
Thursday, August 24th	8am Zumba 6:30pm Stewardship Committee Meeting
Friday, August 25th	8am Aerobics
Sunday, August 27th	10am Worship-Music by Diana Parton playing solo handbells 11am Storyteller-Don and Judy Schriefer



Ministers

All the Members of the Congregation

Leading Worship Today:

Rev. Eric Dupee

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

No Parking: There will be no parking in the town hall/church driveway loop the week of August 20 due to construction. Please use the parking lot behind Fellowship Hall which can be accessed via the cemetery.

First Wednesday Food Pantry Drive: September 6 from 10am-11am. The pantry's wish list includes baked beans, Knorr pasta and sides, white tuna, and Progresso soups. The pantry will be happy with other nonperishable food items and is always grateful for monetary contributions. Please make checks payable to YCSA Food Pantry. We have been privileged to have a total of 31 different volunteers help since the inception of this program in September 2000! We will need a couple of folks to help on September 6, maybe that's YOU! More info? Linda Drew p.l.drew79@me.com or 207-351-8141.

Storytellers: Our storyteller today will be Rev. Vivan Martindale. We will convene after coffee in Fellowship Hall about 11AM. He will spend 15-20 minutes talking about some aspect of his life journey. All are welcome. Next Sunday Don and Judy Schriefer will be our storytellers. Join us!

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