

**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).

**Hearing Assistance:** Devices are available. Please ask a greeter to provide one.

**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.

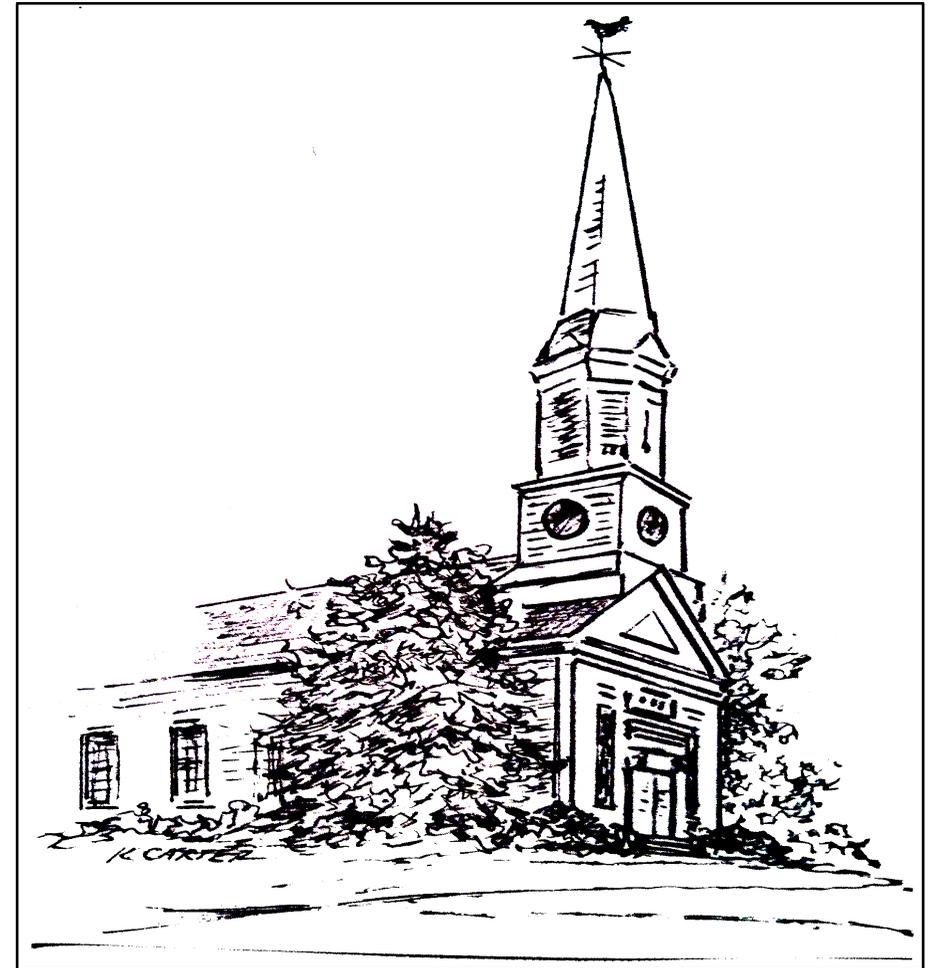
**Nursery Care:** *Our downstairs nursery is not currently staffed*, but you are welcome to accompany your child to the nursery at any point during the worship and spend time there as a family if you feel that you need to.

**Video and Streaming:** We stream our worship services live and archive them on [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com). 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:** We will be taking the summer off. During summer worship there will be nursery space available if your family has need of it, but as always children of all ages are welcome in worship with us, and baby noises are a source of joy for us all. Sunday School will return in September.

**Pastoral Care:** If you'd like to meet with a pastor, please call the office at (207) 363-3758, or send an email to [eric@firstparishyork.net](mailto:eric@firstparishyork.net) or [dan@firstparishyork.net](mailto:dan@firstparishyork.net). The pastors are also available to make hospital visits, and we ask that you let us know if you or a family member would like a visit. Due to hospital confidentiality regulations, the hospital will not inform us unless you explicitly ask them to do so.



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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 28, 2022 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP**

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

**PRELUDE** Prelude and Fugue in G Minor Attr., J.S. Bach (1685-1750)  
"BLESSED JESUS, WE ARE HERE" Johann G. Walther (1684-1748)

**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)*

**Gracious God, we gather this morning in this house of worship which, thanks to your love, is a home away from home. We come to praise you! We come as we are – distracted and weary, hopeful and open – knowing that you accept us. Still in us now the many voices that clamor for attention. Speak to us in word and melody and quiet, that we might be renewed. This we ask in Christ's name, 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** "HE'S GOT THE WHOLE WORLD IN HIS HANDS" No. 80

**MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES** Rev. Eric Dupee

**SOLO**

"LORD, YOU HAVE COME TO THE SEASHORE"  
Music and Lyrics: Cesáreo Gabaráin (1936-1991)  
*Lord, you have come to the seashore,  
neither searching for the rich nor the wise.  
Desiring only that I should follow.  
O Lord, with your eyes set upon me,  
gently smiling, you have spoken my name.  
All I longed for I have found by the water,  
at your side, I will seek other shores.*

**Jim White**

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 14:1, 7-14 N.T. 67 Cindy Bufithis

**SERMON** "Set Free" Pastor Eric Dupee

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS** "COOL WATER FROM THE WELL"

Music and Lyrics: Susan Kisslinger  
*But now you're here, so close your eyes and let your heart be still.  
And drink now in our resting place, cool water from the well.*

**Jim White, soloist**

*(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

**\*CLOSING HYMN** "CHRIST FOR THE WORLD! WE SING" No. 561

**CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

**POSTLUDE** Rigaudon Andre Campra (1660-1744)

*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 in loving memory of my dad, David L. Gazaway by his daughter and son  
in law, Hal and Polly Stanwood.*



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