

**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.

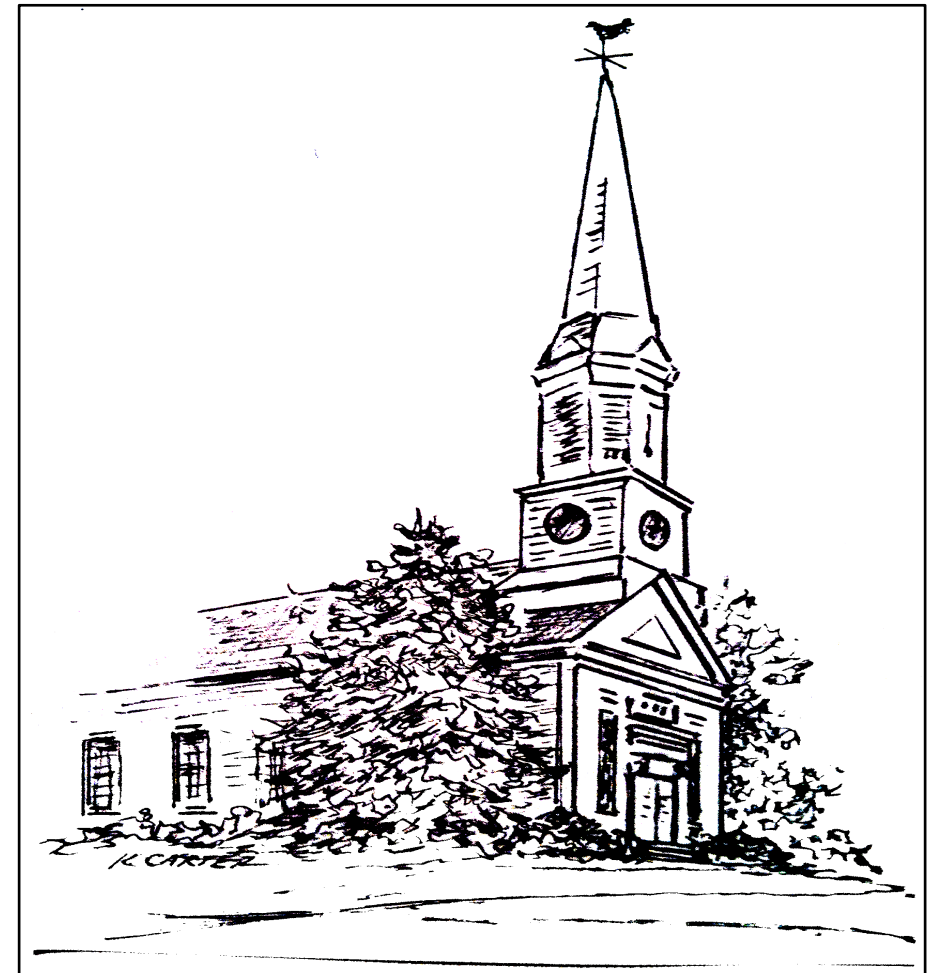
**Video and Streaming:** We stream our worship services live and archive them on [www.youtube.com/@firstparishyork](https://www.youtube.com/@firstparishyork). If for privacy reasons you do not wish to have you or your children's faces appear on video, you can sit in pews that are marked on the ends with 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, AUGUST 6, 2023 ~ 10AM WORSHIP  
COMMUNION**

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

<b>PRELUDE</b>	“THE LORD REIGNETH”	Lani Smith (1934-2015)
	“YE SWEET RETREAT”	William Boyce (1710-1779)

**WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Eric Dupee

L: How lovely is God's dwelling place.

**P: Our souls yearn for God's; our hearts and our flesh cry out for the living God.**

L: Come into God's house. Here, even the sparrow finds a home.

**P: Come all you who hunger and thirst. Come take refuge here.**

## CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

*(Candles will be lit as a sign of Christ's light in the world.)*

**GATHERING PRAYER** *(together)* Rev. Dan Hollis

**Open wide the window of our spirits, God, and fill us with light. Open wide the door of our hearts that we may receive and entertain you with all our powers of adoration and love. In the name of Jesus, the one who embodied your love, 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**                      “SOFTLY AND TENDERLY”                      No. 348

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**SPECIAL MUSIC** "SIMPLE GIFTS" (*Shaker Tune*)  
Arr., Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

*'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,  
'tis the gift to come down where we ought to be.  
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.*  
**Karen Lynge and Nathan Cox, soloists**

**SCRIPTURE**    Matthew 14:13-21    N.T. 14    Warren Bailey

**SERMON**      “You Give Them Something”      Rev. Eric Dupee

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS "PANIS ANGELICUS " ("BREAD OF THE ANGELS")**  
César Franck (1822-1890)

*(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.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to take Communion. The trays will be passed throughout the congregation. We eat the bread at the same time to symbolize our unity, then we drink from our cups individually as a symbol of our individual relationships with Christ. (We serve grape juice, not wine, and have a pre-sealed option as well as gluten free crackers available in the center of the bread trays.)

**\*CLOSING HYMN**      “AS WE GATHER AT YOUR TABLE”      No. 695

## CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

**POSTLUDE**

Episode on “HYFRYDOL”  
Arr., David Paxton (aka Lani Smith)

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

*Communion flowers are provided by the Esther W. Hungerford Fund.*



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## FAITH FEATURES

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