

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.

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.

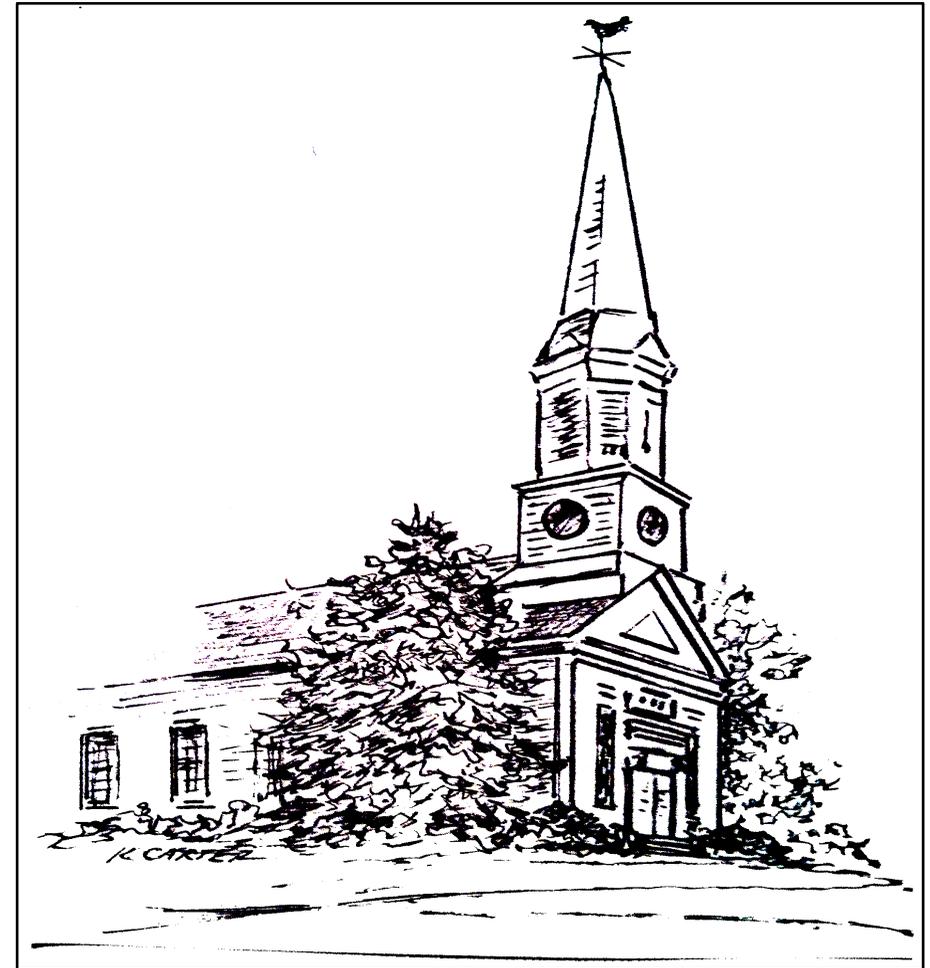
Nursery Care: *Our downstairs nursery is not currently staffed*, but you are welcome to accompany your child to the nursery at any point during the worship and spend time there as a family if you feel that you need to.

Video and Streaming: We stream our worship services live and archive them on www.youtube.com. 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: During the school year, anyone age 4 through 8th grade is welcome to attend Sunday School. We ask that parents/guardians fill out a registration form on the first visit; our Deacons will be happy to connect you with someone from Sunday School before the children make their way outside. Partway through Sunday services, children are invited to meet with their teachers in the church foyer. Together, students and teachers will make their way to the Fellowship Hall to take part in fun and faith-based activities centered around a theme from the Bible. (Family members are always welcome to attend Sunday School if you wish!) After worship is over, families can go across the drive to sign out their children with the teachers. Sunday School is free of charge.

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 or 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.



First Parish Church
Congregational
United Church of Christ

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022 ~ 10AM WORSHIP
RALLY SUNDAY**

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

9:45AM HYMN SING

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Eric Dupee

L: God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home.

P: God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day.

L: Let us celebrate and rejoice in God's presence.

P: We have come from many worlds. Let us worship God as one!

PRELUDE FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION

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

Hymn Prelude on "I AM JESUS' LITTLE LAMB"

Arr., Robert Cundick (1926-2016)

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)*

God of Wisdom, God of Light, Holy One, help us to rejoice in truth. Grant that we may experience the meaning of your reign among all people on this earth, through the grace of Jesus Christ, who taught his followers 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** "COME, WE THAT LOVE THE LORD" No. 67

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

Pastor Dan Hollis

ANTHEM

"SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD, LEAD US"

William Bradbury -- Arr., David Schwoebel

Savior, like a shepherd, lead us. Much we need Thy tender care.

In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare.

Blessed Jesus, Thou hast brought us, Thine we are.

For Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be.

Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.

Blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.

First Parish Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Luke 15:1-10 N.T. 67 Rev. Pat Smith

SERMON "When Things Get Lost" Rev. Eric Dupee

OFFERING OUR GIFTS "THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS"
Irish Melody, Arr., R. Cundick

(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** "AMAZING GRACE!" No. 422

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN Rev. Eric Dupee

POSTLUDE Recessional on "NATIONAL HYMN"
Arr., Mark Thewes (b. 1954)

*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 memory and honor of our parents
by Gail Berneike and Don Bernier.*



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 11:15am Men's Ensemble Rehearsal
 5pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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Tuesday, September 13th 8:30am Yoga
 4pm Mission Committee Meeting
 6:30pm Stewardship Committee Meeting
 6:30pm Assessors Meeting

Wednesday, September 14th 8am Strength Training
 9:30am Wednesday Bible Study-Zoom

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 7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

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Amy Burke, Vice Moderator

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Fellowship in Action: All are welcome to join in the fun and fellowship at the next Fellowship in Action meeting to take place **at 6:30pm on Monday, September 19** (pushed back 1 week from our usual 2nd Monday of the month). Refreshments provided. Bring a friend!

Women's Retreat: Sign up for the Women's Retreat on October 1 is happening now! Please visit the Opportunity Table during Coffee Hour to sign up and have your questions answered.

FPC Bake Sale: York Art Association-Art in the Park on Saturday, September 17 11am-2pm. Bakers and volunteers needed. Sign up at Coffee Hour or contact Sue Wierzba at 207-361-4541 or susanwierzba@gmail.com.

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