

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 due to our pandemic restrictions*, 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.

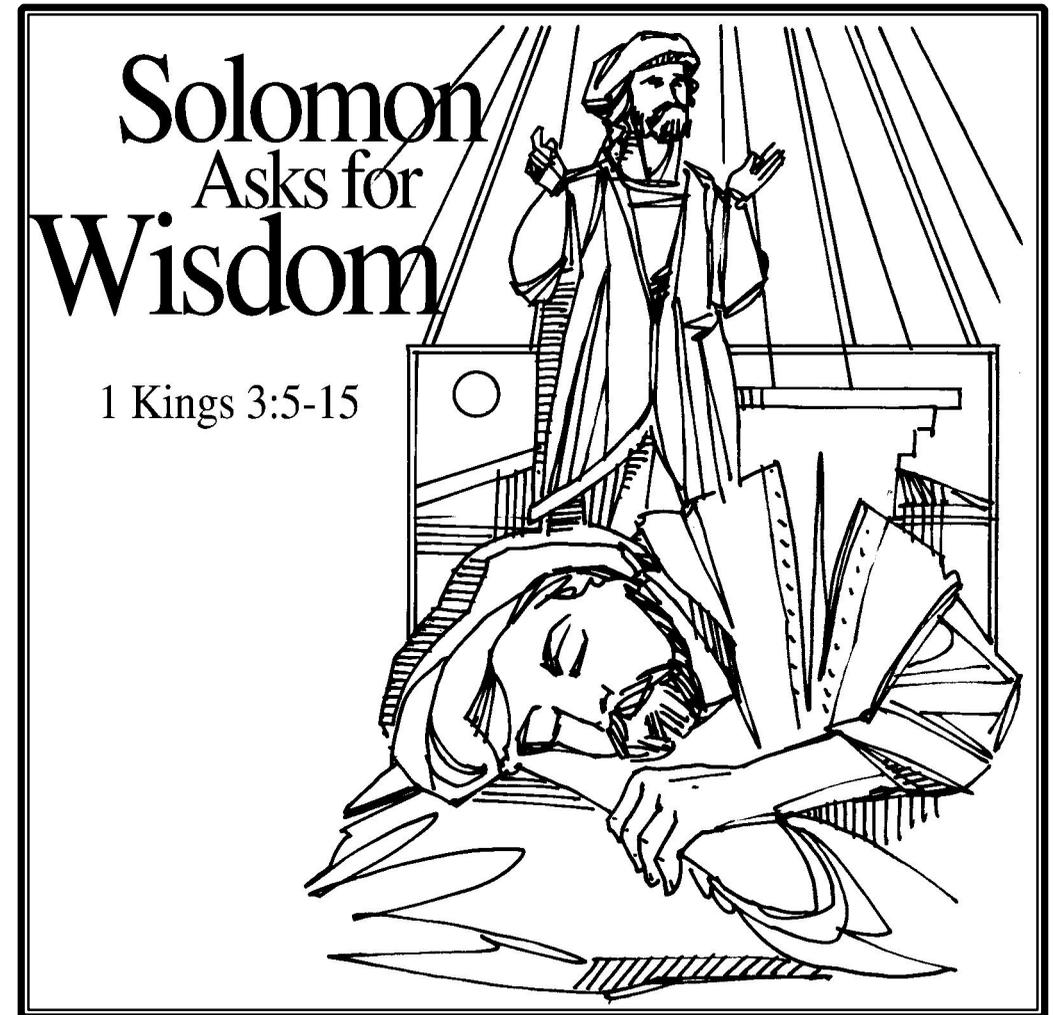
Video and Streaming: We stream our worship services live and archive them on www.youtube.com. If for privacy reasons you do not wish to have you or your children's faces appear on video, you can sit in pews that are marked on the ends with blue tape. Feel free to ask a deacon to show you what those markings 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: *Sunday School does not meet during the summer, and we are currently evaluating Sunday School's pandemic response for the fall.* During the school year, anyone age 4 through 8th grade is welcome to attend Sunday School. Partway through the service, children are invited to meet up with their teachers in the church foyer. Together, students and teachers then make their way to the Fellowship Hall classrooms. After worship, parents/guardians are asked to sign out and pick up children in their classrooms. (Family members are welcome to attend Sunday School if you wish!) 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 over. 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.

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First Parish Church
Congregational
United Church of Christ

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE “GUIDE ME, THOU, O GREAT JEHOVAH” Arr., Hal H. Hopson (b. 1933)
“GLORY BE TO THE LORD” Godwin Sadoh (b. 1965)
“THERE’S A SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT IN THIS PLACE” Doris Akers (1922-1995)
Sung by Sweet Spirit

WELCOME Pastor Dan Hollis

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

***OPENING HYMN** “BE THOU MY VISION” No. 502

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)*
God of all wisdom, we thank you for giving us minds to discern good from evil. From you we seek understanding and knowledge, that we may act as instruments of your loving desire for creation, working with you to transform our fear into love, our violence into peace, and our brokenness into wholeness, in the name of the one who taught us 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.

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Rev. Eric Dupee

ANTHEM “I COULDN’T HEAR NOBODY PRAY” Arr., Andre J. Thomas (b. 1952)
(A brief note about the text)
African-American spirituals often contained coded communications. “I Couldn’t Hear Nobody Pray” was sung by people trying to escape slavery. Singers of this lament were likely in danger and very often completely alone. Their plans for freedom had not worked, they needed help, divine intervention—they needed to hear somebody pray!

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE 1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:5-14 O.T. 282 Scott Stevens

SERMON Pastor Dan Hollis

RESPONSE Rev. Eric Dupee

OFFERING OUR GIFTS “OSE SHALOM” John Leavitt (b. 1956)
(Translation of Hebrew text) *The One who makes peace in the heavens, May He make peace for us, and for all Israel, and let us say Amen.*
Sweet Spirit
Gail Berneike, clarinet

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF COMMITMENT** *(together)* No. 34
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

***CLOSING HYMN** “LEAD ME, GUIDE ME” No. 498

***CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN** Pastor Dan Hollis

POSTLUDE Recessional on “O WORSHIP THE KING”
Arr., Mark Thallander (b. 1950)

Flowers donated by the First Parish Flower Committee.



THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, August 15th	9:30am Worship
Monday, August 16th	8am Zumba
Tuesday, August 17th	8:30am Yoga
	6:30pm Deacons Meeting
Wednesday, August 18th	8am Cardio/Strength
Thursday, August 19th	8am Zumba
	4pm Mission Committee Meeting
Friday, August 20th	8am Aerobics
Sunday, August 22nd	9:30am Worship/New Members

Fellowship Opportunity for All: Live Music Outdoors at Prescott Park, Portsmouth! Wednesday, August 25th at 7pm. Listen to the sounds of Grammy winning “Rebirth Brass Band” as they pay homage to the New Orleans brass band tradition while weaving a tapestry that combines elements of jazz, funk, soul, and R&B! If you’d like to go with the Fellowship In Action group leaving from Fellowship Hall at 6pm, contact Kathy McQueeney at kathymcqueeney@hotmail.com or 603-580-1184.

- Bring your own chair
- Donations accepted (\$8-\$10)
- **Click on this link FMI:** [Rebirth Brass Band - Prescott Park Arts Festival](#)

Flower Committee: If you would like to donate altar flowers in August contact Polly Stanwood at pastanwood@gmail.com or 207-337-0127

Church School Support: The Christian Education Committee at First Parish Church is seeking a part-time employee for Church School support. This role will offer our church school children and youth the care and support needed as we regather for the 2021-2022 program year. We wonder if you might find yourself called to this position? Do you know someone with experience leading a church school program? If so, please email Pastor Dan or Pastor Eric a brief resume and cover letter or drop one off at the church office. Pastor Dan Hollis, dan@fiestparishyork.net Pastor Eric Dupee, eric@firstparishyork.net

Creation Care Green Tip: Indonesia will allow no new coal power plants. Instead, the nation’s power sector will leapfrog into the renewables. The island nation is planning to replace all 5200 diesel-fired power plants by 2030. Exxon Mobil shareholders rejected at least two board members in light of investor concerns over global warming. Rather large “baby steps” in our quest to reduce our carbon footprint. <http://www.salon.com>



Ministers

All the Members of the Congregation

Leading Worship Today:

Pastor Dan Hollis

Reverend Eric Dupee

Staff

Wendell S. Purrington, Director of Music Ministries

Terrie Ilaria, Music Associate

First Parish Church Lay Leaders

Jan Jonas, Moderator

John Covino, Vice Moderator

Ray Hamlin, Treasurer

Susan Mancinelli, Clerk