

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.

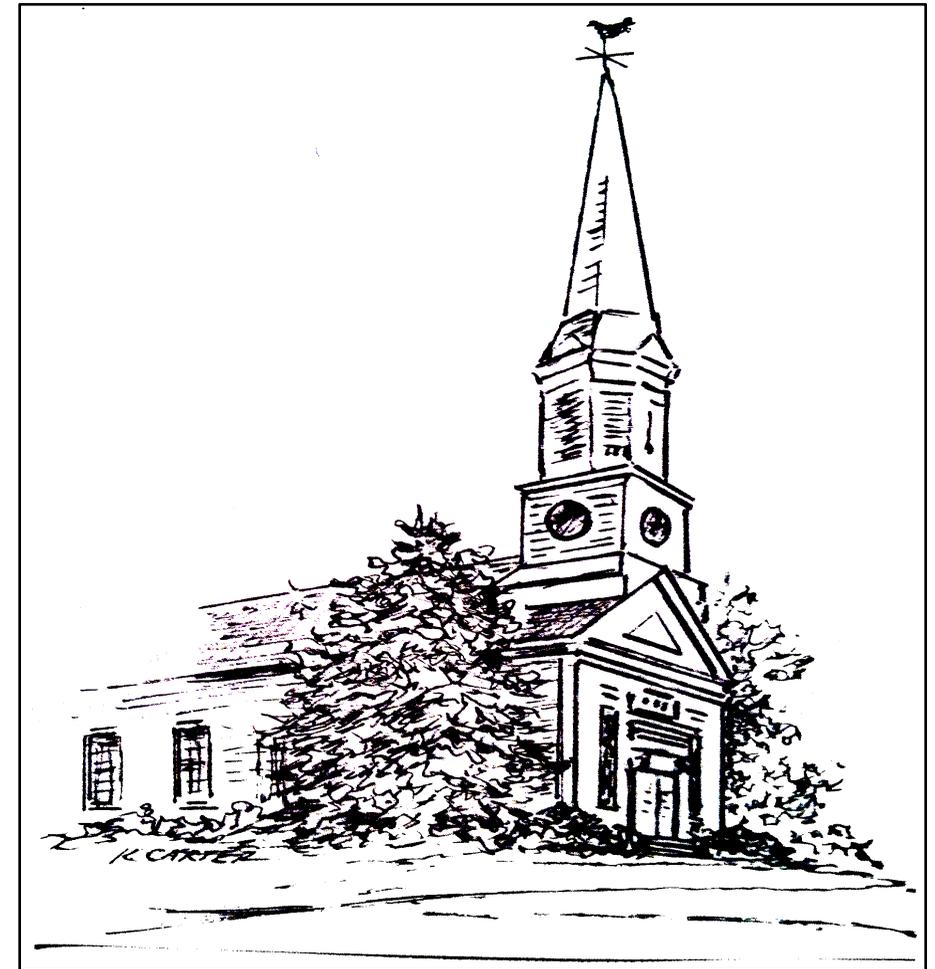
Nursery Care: *Our downstairs nursery is not currently staffed due to our pandemic restrictions*, but you are welcome to accompany your child to the nursery at any point during the worship and spend time there as a family if you feel that you need to.

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.



First Parish Church
Congregational
United Church of Christ

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021 ~ 9:30AM WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE “AWAKE, AWAKE TO LOVE AND WORK” Arr., Sam Batt Owens
“AMAZING GRACE” Virginia Harmony (1831)
“GIVE THANKS” Henry Smith (b. 1952)
Jim and Marie Parks, guest musicians

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 “GOD SENDS US THE SPIRIT ” No. 130

***GATHERING PRAYER** *(together)*

Gracious God, although we once were strangers, you receive us as friends and draw us home to you. Encompass us in the circle of your love, that, secure in your sustaining power, we may find the wisdom and strength to stand against the evils of our time. Visit your people and pour out your strength and courage upon us, that we may hurry to make you welcome not only in our concern for others, but by serving them generously and faithfully in the name of Jesus, 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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER Pastor Dan Hollis

***CONGREGATIONAL WELCOME** *(together)*

We welcome you with joy as partners in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. God grant that together we may continue to grow in God's knowledge and love, and share Christ's light in the world.

ANTHEM “YOU RAISE ME UP” Rolf Lovland and Brendan Graham
Melissa O'Keefe, soloist

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 6:10-20 N.T. 172 Robert Finch

SERMON Pastor Dan Hollis

RESPONSE Rev. Eric Dupee

OFFERING OUR GIFTS “TOUCH THE SKY” Dylan Thomas, Michael Guy Chislett,
and Joel Houston

***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 “GOD THE SPIRIT, GUIDE AND GUARDIAN” No. 149

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN Pastor Dan Hollis

POSTLUDE Recessional on “LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL”
Arr., Don Hustad (1918-2013)

Flowers donated by the First Parish Flower Committee.



THIS WEEK

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| Today, Sunday, August 22nd | 9:30am Worship/New Member |
| Monday, August 23rd | 8am Zumba |
| Tuesday, August 24th | 8:30am Yoga |
| | 7pm Church Council Meeting |
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- 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

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Wendell S. Purrington, Director of Music Ministries

Terrie Ilaria, Music Associate

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