

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*, 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. 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.

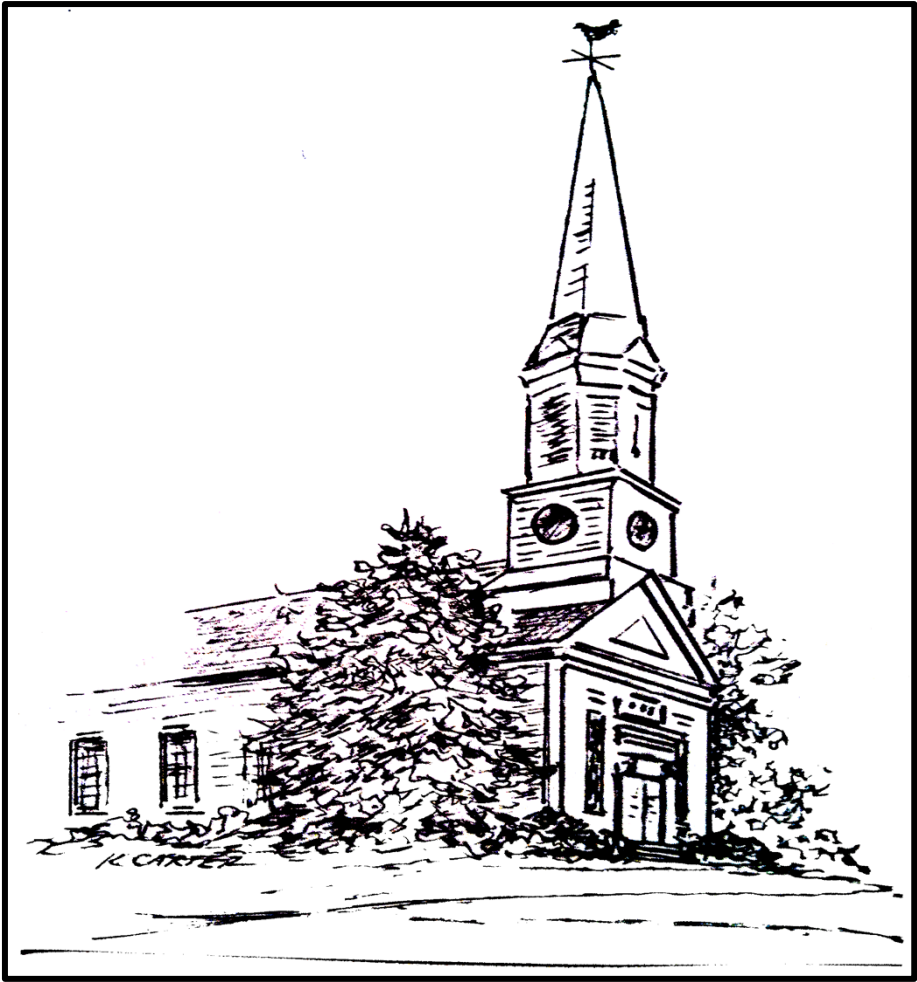
Photos: We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child’s image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

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.

**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.

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**First Parish Church
Congregational
United Church of Christ**

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” 1Thessalonians 5:16-18

SUNDAY, MAY 11, 2025 ~ 10:00AM WORSHIP
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

9:45AM HYMN SING

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP *Adapted from Psalm 23* Rev. Eric Dupee
L: The Lord is our shepherd; we shall not want.
P: To worship is like being led beside still waters, restoring the soul.
L: God prepares a table before us. Our cups overflow.
P: May I dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

PRELUDE FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION
“LORD, I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN” Arr., Jack Schrader (b. 1942)

GATHERING PRAYER *(together)* Mary Nicol
O God of Easter joy, who showed mercy to those who did not show mercy, who made a lowly people into your people, and who turned a victim of death into a bearer of life, let us feel you transforming power in our lives. Enlighten our worship of you, that we might serve you as Christ served you and pray as Christ prayed, saying...

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** “GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH” No. 501

A MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES Trey Selenga
(Children ages 4 and up are invited to go to the church foyer to meet with their Sunday School teachers immediately following the Message for All Ages.)

ANTHEM “PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND” Arr., Jack Schrader (b. 1942)
*Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, help me stand.
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm,
through the night, lead me on to the light.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone; hear my cry,
hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*
— Words and Music: Thomas A. Dorsey
First Parish Sanctuary Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS

SCRIPTURE Acts 9:36-43 112 N.T. Mary Nicol

SERMON “Help Someone Up” Rev. Eric Dupee

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE “ON EAGLE’S WINGS” *(verse 1)* No. 438

OFFERING OUR GIFTS “AVE MARIA” Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

***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.**

***CLOSING HYMN** “THE STRIFE IS O’ER” *(verse 1-3)* No. 290

CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune in C John Stanley (1713-1786)

*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 mother and grandmothers by Hal Stanwood.



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FAITH FEATURES

THIS WEEK

Today, Sunday, May 11th

9:45am Hymn Sing

Monday, May 12th

10am Worship

Tuesday, May 13th

8am Cardio & Tone

6pm Fellowship in Action

Wednesday, May 14th

8:30am Yoga

6:30pm Assessors Meeting

Thursday, May 15th

8am Cardio/Strength

9:30 Wednesday Bible Study

6:30pm Deacons Meeting

8am Zumba

4:30pm Stewardship Committee Meeting

5pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

6pm Sweet Spirit Rehearsal

7pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Friday, May 16th

8am Aerobics

Sunday, May 18th

10am Worship

2pm Confirmation Class

3pm Seacoast Community Chorus Concert

“The French Connection” featuring music of

Fauré, Berger, and a medley from “Les Misérables”

Ministers

All the Members of the Congregation

Leading Worship Today:

Rev. Eric Dupee

Staff

Wendell S. Purrington, Director of Music Ministries

Terrie Ilaria, Music Associate

Trey Selenga, Youth & Family Coordinator

First Parish Church Lay Leaders

Nancy Stevens, Moderator

Jonn Schrimper, Vice Moderator

Ray Hamlin, Treasurer

Susan Mancinelli, Clerk



Coffee Hour: Please come to Fellowship Hall, directly across the one-way road, for refreshments and conversation. All are welcome.

Sunday School: Today’s lesson will be “Knowing God means Trusting in God”. We will continue our study of “Knowing Jesus in a New Way.” Your child can meet the Sunday School teachers at the church entrance following the Message for All Ages.

Youth Group: We are excited to have our new Youth Group space where we will be meeting regularly. Stay tuned for the dates and times we will meet. Contact Trey Selenga at tre@firstparishyork.net if you would like to join the group.

Out to Lunch Bunch: On the second Sunday of the month, anyone that would like to go out for lunch meets after the worship service. However, we will not be going out to lunch today. It’s Mother’s Day. Join us on June 8 after worship.

Pilgrim Lodge: A team of volunteers from First Parish recently had a wonderful time at Pilgrim Lodge (a camp operated by the Maine Conference of the United Church of Christ) despite poor wet weather on Saturday! We found plenty to do! Thank you: Carol and Eric Walerysak, Rick LeBonte, Jim and Kathie White and granddaughter, Wren, Dave Perry, Gary Goss, Mike St. Cyr, Larry Richburg and Linda and Philip Drew. Grateful for the opportunity to help others and to work alongside friends! Win! Win!

Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens: Fellowship In Action invites you on a fun day trip to Boothbay **on Thursday, May 29**, to visit the largest botanical garden in New England. Located on more than 300 acres along the MidCoast, the Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens is a true Maine experience. We will have lunch in the Gardens Cafe, or you can bring your own picnic lunch. We plan to return to York by 6pm.

- **IN-PERSON** pricing (cheaper if bought online)
Adults: **\$29**, Seniors & Veterans: **\$25**, Students (18+ with Student ID): **\$20**, Children (3-17): **\$13**
Meet promptly at 8:15am to depart from Fellowship Hall at 8:30am.
- FMI, click here: <https://www.maine gardens.org/>
Please contact Kathy McQueeney by Friday, May 23 to sign up for this trip, so carpooling arrangements can be coordinated. 603-380-0598 or kathymcqueeney@hotmail.com

Green Tips/News: York Ready for Climate Action (YRCA) increased its reach exponentially in 2024. Our Energy Coach Program has been a part of 60 installations of energy-efficient, climate-friendly technology, and expanded our outreach and assistance for income-qualified families. Our Window Dressers initiative provided 150 window inserts for area residents AND over 1300 people attended our community events, like the Climate Action Fair in June 2024 and the Sustainable York Tour. Hope that you were able to attend last Saturday’s YRCA Climate Action Fair/ York High School. Thank you, First Parish, for your strong monetary support for our fair. www.yorkreadyforclimateaction.org