

**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.

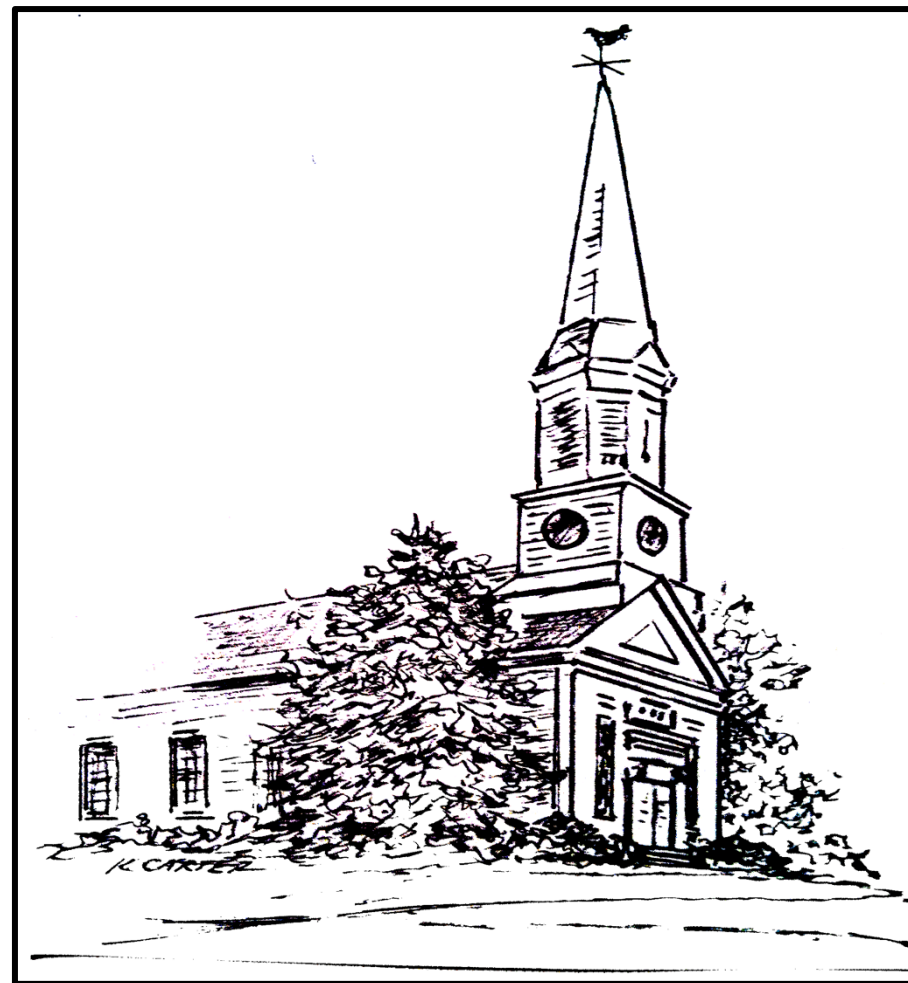
**Photos:** We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

**Sunday School:** 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 18, 2025 ~ 10:00AM WORSHIP**

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

**PRELUDE** Organ Hymn Karl Piutti (1846-1902)  
Meditation Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911)

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

**CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION**  
“The Lord Bless You and Keep You” Arr., Ann Ker  
**First Parish Handbell Choir**

**GATHERING PRAYER** *(together)* Shawn McCartee  
**Risen Savior, in love you came to this world as the Anointed One to set apart, prepare, and to send out your faithful. In love, this community finds its purpose. In love, we go into the world to serve. In the name of the One who has formed, redeemed, and inspired this community, 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** “THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS” *(verses 1-3)* No. 595

*(Children ages 4 and up are invited to go to the church foyer to meet with their Sunday School teachers immediately following the Opening Hymn.)*

**ASSESSORS UPDATE** Andy Noel

**ANTHEM** “LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING” Arr., Joan J. Pinkston (b. 1947)  
*Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.  
Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning, Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*  
— Charles Wesley (1707-1788)  
**First Parish Vocal Ensemble**

**PASTORAL PRAYERS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**SCRIPTURE** John 13:31-35 N.T. 94 Shawn McCartee

**SERMON** “Let Love Flow” Rev. Eric Dupee

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** “THEY’LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS” *(verse 4)* No. 595

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS** “AVE MARIA KLARE”  
Johann Kaspar Ferdinand Fischer (c. 1656-1746)

**\*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** “WE’RE MARCHING TO ZION” *(verses 1-3)* No. 390

**CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

**POSTLUDE** TOCCATA GORDON YOUNG (1919-1998)

*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 by Phil Woodman in memory of his loved ones.  
Flowers are given by Terrie Ilaria in memory of her loved ones.*



**THIS WEEK**

<b>Today, Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup></b>	10am Worship 2pm Confirmation Class 3pm Seacoast Community Chorus Concert “The French Connection” featuring music of Fauré, Berger, and a medley from “Les Misérables”
<b>Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup></b>	8am Cardio & Tone
<b>Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30am Yoga 12pm Mission Committee Meeting
<b>Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup></b>	8am Cardio/Strength 9:30 Wednesday Bible Study
<b>Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	8am Zumba 5pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal 6pm Sweet Spirit Rehearsal
<b>Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	8am Aerobics
<b>Sunday, May 25<sup>th</sup></b>	10am Worship



**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 “Jesus Can Help Us Do Amazing Things”. 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.

**Beach Clean Up:** Wednesday, May 21 11am-3pm. Check in at Long Sands Beach. Hope to see you and a friend, grandchild, coworker there, too! <https://bluecleanupcrew.com/>

**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](mailto:tre@firstparishyork.net) if you would like to join the group.

**Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens:** Fellowship In Action invites you on a fun day trip to Boothbay on **Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>**, 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.mainegardens.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](mailto:kathymcqueeney@hotmail.com)**

**Green Tips/News:** The mass decline of pollinators may seem like an overwhelming problem to tackle. This link offers a few ways individuals can help revive their populations- from planting native flowers to adding shallow pools of water to your backyard. Small actions can lead to a significant collective benefit, says naturalist David Mizejewski [Blog.nwf.org](http://Blog.nwf.org) Spikenard Honeybee Farm Sanctuary