

**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.

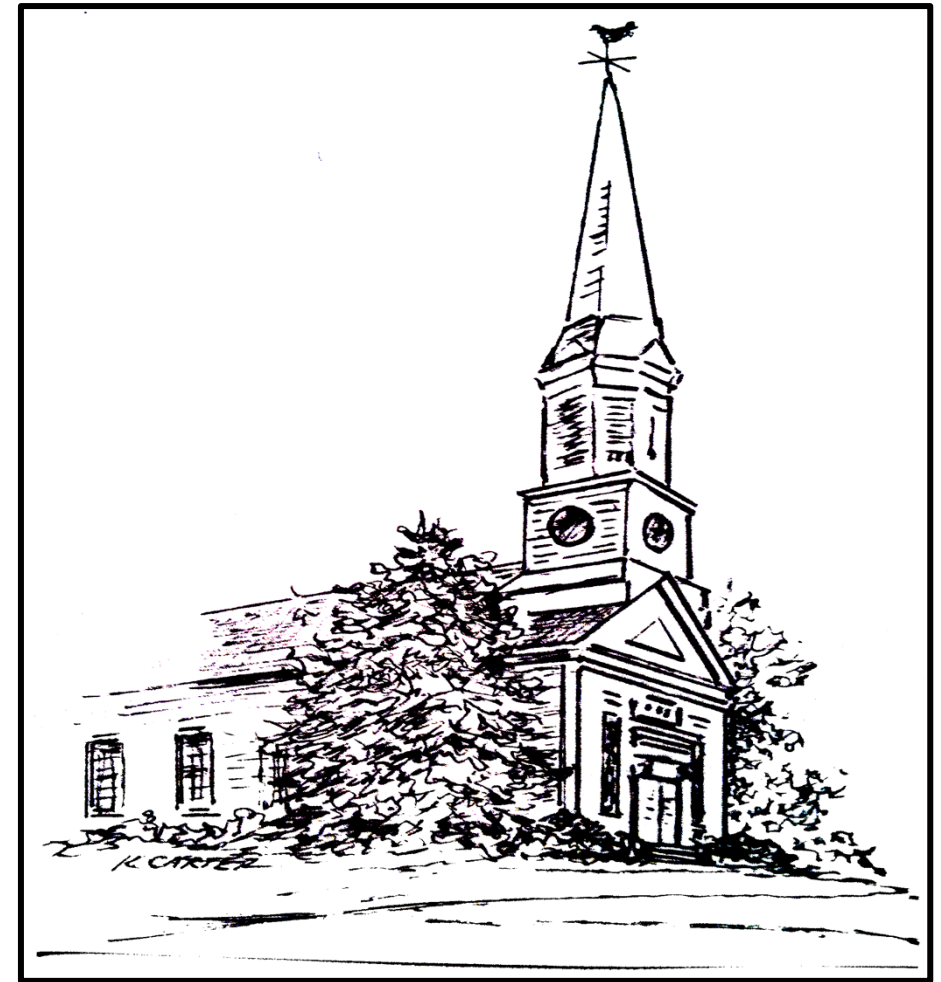
**Photos:** We regularly take photos for use in media. If you would prefer you or your child's image not be used, please inform a pastor after worship.

**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**

“I lift up my eyes to the hills – from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord, who made  
heaven and earth.” Psalm 121:1-2

**SUNDAY, JUNE 22, 2025 ~ 10:00AM WORSHIP**

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

**PRELUDE** Three Pieces Alexander Schreiner (1901-1987)

I. "HYMN OF PRAISE"

II. "MEDITATION"

III. "DEVOTION"

**WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Eric Dupee

**CHIMES FOR PRAYER AND MEDITATION**

**GATHERING PRAYER** *(together)*

**God of this new day, we praise you with joy! You take our weary lives and refresh us with your spirit. Our lives so often seem broken and filled with despair. Bring us healing and make us new as we worship and as we say the prayer Jesus taught...**

**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**

"ROCK OF AGES" *(verses 1-3)* No. 384

**PASTORAL PRAYER AND PRAYERS**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

"PIE JESU" (from *Requiem*)

Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Translation of Latin text: *Blessed Jesus, grant them rest.*

**Gina Connolly, soprano**

**SCRIPTURE**

1 Kings 19:1-15a O.T 302

P. Christopher Smith

**SERMON**

"Why Are You Here?"

Rev. Eric Dupee

**OFFERING OUR GIFTS**

"GOD LOVES YOU" Jaci Velasquez (b. 1979)

**\*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**

"THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD"

No. 631

**CLOSING BLESSING AND THREEFOLD AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

Fanfare (from *Sixth Double Concerto*)

Antonio Soler (1729-1783)

*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 Beverly and Albert Fenn by Martha.*



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**FAITH FEATURES**

**THIS WEEK**

<b>Today, Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	10am Worship
<b>Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	8am Cardio & Tone
<b>Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup></b>	8:30am Yoga
<b>Wednesday, June 25<sup>th</sup></b>	8am Cardio/Strength
<b>Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup></b>	8am Zumba
	9am York Village Quilters
	3:45pm Executive Committee Meeting
<b>Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup></b>	8am Aerobics
<b>Sunday, June 28<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 Ministry 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:** There is no Sunday School starting this Sunday. We break for the summer. There are activity bags for kids at the doors of the sanctuary. There are chairs in the narthex if you and your child need to take a moment away and still hear the service on the speaker. Also, the unstaffed nursery space is available downstairs if your family has need of it at any point. Please be sure to return any activity bags at the end of the service. Sunday School will return in September!

**Fellowship in Action: RESCHEDULED- Day trip to Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens**  
 Fellowship In Action invites you on a fun day trip to Boothbay **on Monday, July 7** to visit the largest botanical garden in New England. We will have lunch in the Gardens Cafe, or you can bring your own picnic lunch. Tickets can be purchased online or at the Gardens.  
**Please contact Kathy McQueeney by Tuesday, July 1, to sign up for this trip, so carpooling arrangements can be coordinated. 603-380-0598 or [kathymcqueeney@hotmail.com](mailto:kathymcqueeney@hotmail.com)**

**Experience Kirtan:** Join us in Fellowship Hall for a chance to experience Kirtan. On June 28 from 4pm-6pm Shubalananda Saraswati (Larry Kopp) is an American Sadhu who has been devoutly traveling since 1995 to share his blues rooted Kirtan-an ancient call and response spiritual practice from India. Come and feel the uplift with Shubalananda Kirtan. The practice is offered Freely to the community. Donations are appreciated. For more information go to Shubalananda kirtan on facebook

**First Wednesday Food Pantry Drive:** Grateful for the car full of non-perishable food items and \$600 collected at our First Wednesday Food Pantry Drive for York Community Services Association last week. Since January 2025 we have collected close to 6 SUVs of food! We have also received \$3590 in monetary donations! Thanks to our volunteers: Carolyn Furber 2 times, Rebecca Wellman, Joy Carl, Judy Goodwin, Jim Dupre. Our community responding with love since September 2019! Linda / Philip Drew

**Green Tip/News:** It's official: Earth's average temperature climbed more than 1.5 degrees above pre-industrial levels for the first time in 2024. This signals that the world has failed, at least temporarily, to avoid crossing the threshold set by governments to avert the worst impacts of global warming. The announcement was made jointly by several international organizations that independently track global temperature. It may well mean that global warming is speeding up.