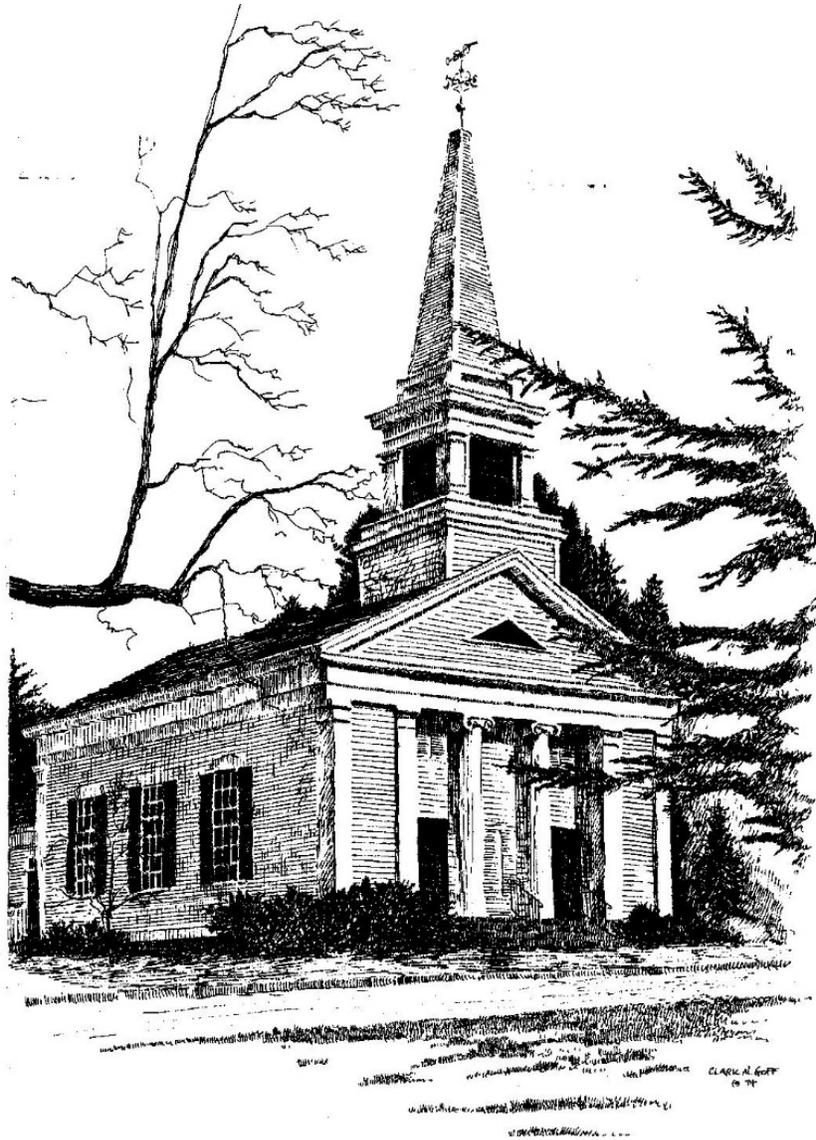


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An Open and Welcoming Church



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We are an open and welcoming community church formed in 1942 by the union of the Congregational (1756) and Unitarian (1842) churches in Lincoln.

PRELUDE	“ROOT SUMMONS”	Holy Fool Arts
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Sarah Klockowski
OPENING WORDS	WARRIOR’S PRAYER	Supaman
OPENING HYMN	“BREAK UP YOUR FALLOW GROUND”	Synod Choir
INVOCATION		Sarah Klockowski
OUR COVENANT	Deanna Elineema In the love of truth and in the spirit of Jesus We unite for the worship of God and the service of all.	
FIRST READING	“LITANY: THE STRUGGLE” <i>BY HOLY FOOL ARTS</i>	Sarah Klockowski, Deanna Elineema
SECOND READING	“JUBILEE JAMBOREE FUNK NOTE SONG”	Holy Fool Arts
INVITATION TO PRAYER		Deanna Elineema
PRAYER HYMN	“ROOTED IN LOVE”	Natalie Serna
SILENT PRAYER, MEDITATION, AND REFLECTION	“ <i>Silence is the soul’s break for freedom.</i> ”	
COMMUNITY PRAYERS		Deanna Elineema
PASTORAL PRAYER		Deanna Elineema
UNISON PRAYER	THE LORD’S PRAYER <i>Adapted by M. Barclay/enfleshed</i>	Deanna Elineema
	Our Creator, Parent, Mother of us all, who dwells within and beyond, Sacred is your name. May your holy vision for collective flourishing come to fruition among us. May your dreams of justice, love, compassion, and connection be enfleshed on earth.	

Provide us today with what we need to be nourished in body, soul, and heart. Forgive us for the harm we cause as we seek to forgive those who have harmed us. Lead us away from everything that destroys and liberate us from the hands of evil.

For you are our source of hope.

You are our source of healing.

Your power-with exceeds all power-over.

Your presence incites eternal wonder.

All praise to you, our comfort and strength.

Amen.

INTERLUDE	“THE SOIL”	David Benjamin Blower
THIRD READING	PSALM 1	Sarah Klockowski
SERMON	ROOTED IN LOVE	Sarah Klockowski
CLOSING HYMN	“ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN LOVE” <i>BY AMANDA UDIS-KESSLER, ARR. BY BRYAN JOHNSON</i>	Synod Choir
OUR CALL TO MINISTRY	We go forth from the worship of God To be faithful to the vision of Jesus To affirm each person’s dignity And to cherish the living earth.	Deanna Elineema
BENEDICTION	“WHEN THE CAMERAS ALL STOP”	J.Kwest
BENEDICTION RESPONSE		The Choir
POSTLUDE		Ian Watson



Break Up Your Fallow Ground

by Tom Wuest, arr. By Bryan Johnson

Break up your fallow ground, break up your fallow ground
And sow not among thorns, my child, break up your fallow ground

When the work of day is done, when the work of the day is done
Lay down your tool and rest, my child, when the work of day is done

Through the shadows of the night, through the shadows of the night
God will keep watch over us, through the shadows of the night
God will keep watch over us through the shadows of the night
Lay down your toll and rest, my child, when the work of day is done

Rooted and Grounded in Love

by Amanda Udis-Kessler, arr. by Bryan Johnson

In a time of disease, we are called to be healers embodying Love's holy care.
We follow the healer who tended the suffering, restoring the wounded, our work and our prayer.
We are joyful and strong as our faith is revealed in the richest abundance of fruit that we yield.

We are rooted and grounded in love. Like a tree by the river, we're planted so deep.
We are rooted and grounded in love with each gift that we bring and each promise we keep.
As we birth a new world where we all have enough, we are rooted and grounded in love.

In a time of distrust, we are called to be teachers embodying Love's holy grace.
We follow the teacher who welcomed the stranger, enlarging Love's realm with each sacred embrace.
We are joyful and strong as our faith is revealed in the richest abundance of fruit that we yield.

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In a time of despair, we are called to be prophets, proclaiming all people as one.
We follow the prophet who cried out for justice, our lives offered up so Love's will can be done.
We are joyful and strong as our faith is revealed in the richest abundance of fruit that we yield.

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