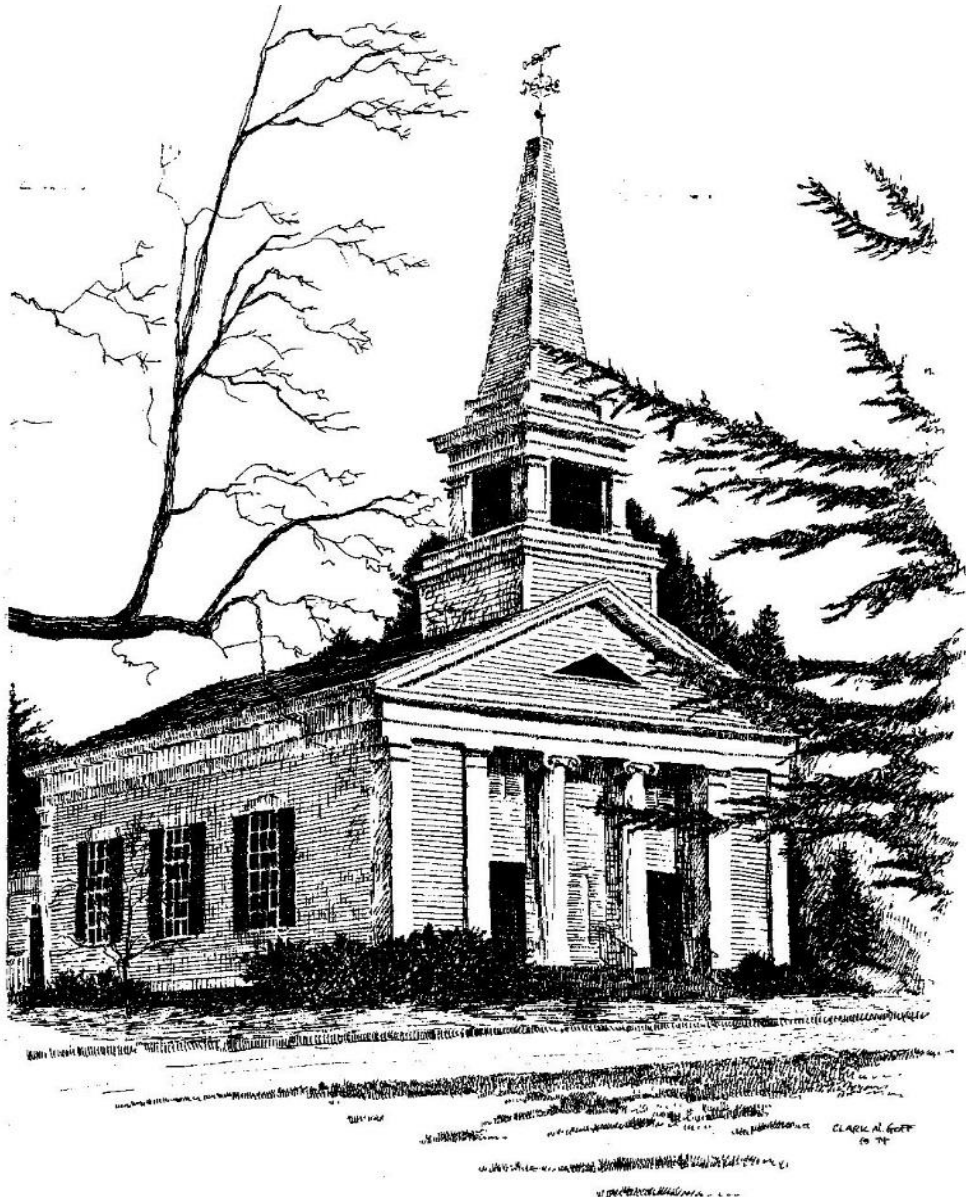


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*An Open and Welcoming Church*



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We will begin our worship service outside this morning. Families with unvaccinated children who are not participating in RE may continue in worship in the Stearns Room. Children and adults who wish to participate in RE will walk up the hill to the Parish House Playground.

**PRELUDE** “Arabesque” by Claude Debussy Mr. Ian Watson, organ  
**BELL RINGING** The Hussey-Cavanaugh Family  
**WELCOME** The Reverend Jenny Rankin  
**OPENING WORDS** The Reverend Jenny Rankin

Minister: Come and worship! The Spirit of Life calls us to gather.

*People: Together, we will become seekers of justice.*

Minister: Imagine, God making the impossible possible through us.

*People: Together, we can en flesh the dreams of God.*

Minister: A world without hunger, without poverty, without exploitation.

*People: Together, we can give up that which destroys and choose that which sets free.*

*All: Let our worship move forward the transformation of the world.*

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**OPENING HYMN** “All Creatures of the Earth and Sky” Choir  
**INVOCATION** Ms. Sarah Klockowski  
**CANDLELIGHTING** Henry & Maeve Hussey  
**OUR COVENANT** Henry & Maeve Hussey

In the love of truth and in the spirit of Jesus

We unite for the worship of God and the service of all.

**TIME FOR ALL AGES** Ms. Margit Griffith  
**FIRST READING** Acts 4:32-35 The Reverend Jenny Rankin

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| <b>INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER</b>   |  | Mr. Doug Crosby      |
| <b>PRAYER HYMN</b>  | “Spirit of Life”   | Mr. Jacob Cooper     |
| <b>SILENCE</b>  |  |                      |
| <b>COMMUNITY PRAYERS</b>  |  |                      |
| <b>PASTORAL PRAYER</b>  |  | Mr. Doug Crosby      |
| <b>UNISON PRAYER</b>  | The Disciple’s Prayer, from enfleshed*   | Mr. Doug Crosby      |
| <p>Mother of us all,<br/> who dwells within and beyond,<br/> Sacred is your name.<br/> May your holy vision for collective flourishing<br/> come to fruition among us.<br/> May your dreams of justice, love, compassion, and connection be enfleshed on earth.<br/> Provide us today with what we need to be nourished in body, soul, and heart.<br/> Forgive us for the harm we cause as we seek to forgive those who have harmed us.<br/> Lead us away from everything that destroys and liberate us from the hands of evil.<br/> For you are the ultimate source of hope.<br/> Your power-with exceeds all power-over.<br/> Your presence incites eternal wonder.<br/> All praise to you, our comfort and strength.<br/> Amen</p> |  |                      |
| <b>MUSICAL INTERLUDE</b>  | “The Call”   | Mr. Jacob Cooper     |
| <b>SECOND READING</b>   | Mark 10:17-31  | Ms. Sarah Klockowski |
| <b>HOMILY</b>   | “What Must We Do?”   | Ms. Sarah Klockowski |
| <b>CLOSING HYMN</b>   | “Now Is the Time Approaching”  | Mr. Jacob Cooper     |
| <b>OUR CALL TO MINISTRY</b>   |  | Mr. Doug Crosby      |
|   | <p>We go forth from the worship of God<br/> To be faithful to the vision of Jesus<br/> To affirm each person’s dignity<br/> And to cherish the living earth.</p> |                      |
| <b>BENEDICTION</b>  |  | Ms. Sarah Klockowski |
| <b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>  |  | Mr. Doug Crosby      |
| <b>POSTLUDE</b>   | St Anne Fugue by JS Bach   | Mr. Watson, organ    |

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*We are an open and welcoming community church formed in 1942 by the union of the Congregational (1746) and Unitarian (1842) churches in Lincoln.*



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