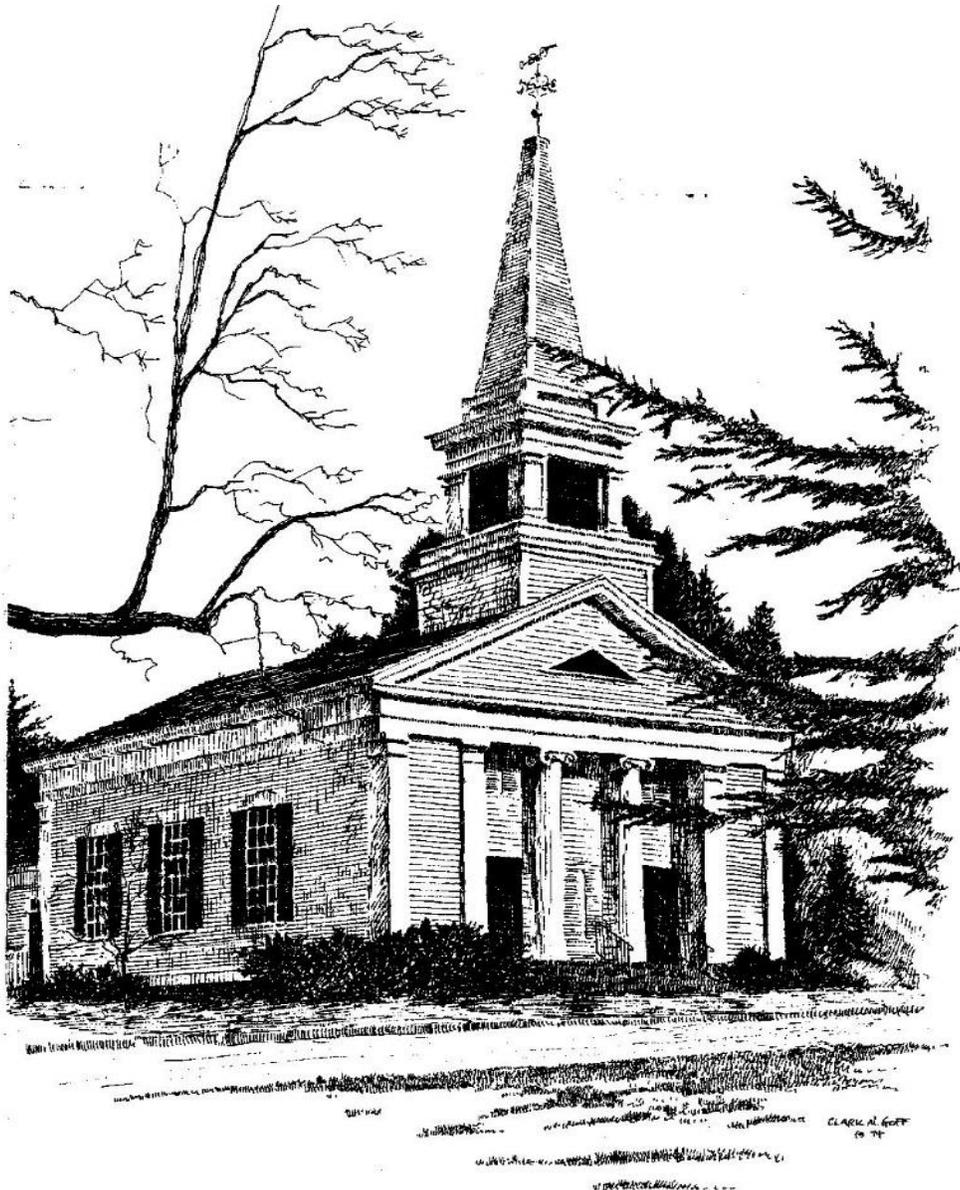


THE FIRST PARISH IN LINCOLN

An Open and Welcoming Church



Sunday, October 24, 2021 ❖ 10 a.m.

The First Parish in Lincoln

Sunday, October 24, 2021 ❖ 10 a.m.

PRELUDE

Mr. Ian Watson, organ

BELL RINGING

WELCOME

Ms. Sarah Klockowski

OPENING WORDS

Ms. Sarah Klockowski

Minister: Come, all who are weary with grief, heavy with loss, or exhausted by the strains of life.

People: Gather in the embrace of God and be held.

Minister: Come, all who are hungry for an end to violence and injustice.

People: Find sustenance in the presence of the One who liberates the oppressed.

Minister: Come, all who are searching for belonging or purpose.

People: God draws us in and weaves our lives together.

All: Whatever we bring, wherever we come from, whatever we hope for, this Sacred space can hold it all. Come, let us worship.

OPENING HYMN “Sing Praise to God” #22 New Century Hymnal(UCC)

Sing praise to God who has shaped and sustains all creation! Sing praise, my soul, in profound and complete adoration! Gladsome rejoice organ and trumpet and voice joining God’s great congregation.

Praise God our guardian, who lovingly offers correction. Who, as on eagle’s wings, saves us from sinful dejection. Have you observed, how we are always preserved by God’s parental affection?

Sing Praise to God with sincere thanks for all your successes. Merciful God ever loves to encourage and bless us. Only conceive, what godly strength can conceive: strength that would touch and caress us.

Sing praise, my soul, the great name of your high God commending. All that have life and breath, join you, their notes sweetly blending. God is your light! Soul, ever keep this in sight: amen, amen never ending.

INVOCATION

The Reverend Jenny Rankin

OUR COVENANT

In the love of truth and in the spirit of Jesus
We unite for the worship of God and the service of all.

CANDLELIGHTING

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Mr. Ray Shepard

RESPONSIVE READING “Commitment”

Dorothy Day

Ms. Sarah Klockowski

Minister: People say what is the sense of our small effort.

People: They cannot see that we must lay one brick at a time, take one step at a time.

Minister: A pebble cast into a pond causes ripples that spread in all directions. Each one of our thoughts, words and deeds is like that.

People: No one has a right to sit down and feel hopeless.

All: There is too much work to do.

INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER

Mr. Doug Crosby

PRAYER HYMN “Voice Still and Small” Gray #391

SILENCE

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Mr. Doug Crosby

UNISON PRAYER The Lord’s Prayer

Mr. Doug Crosby

Holy God, we come before you in prayer,
lifting to you the joys and concerns,
the hopes and dreams of our lives.

May we also be open to your voice in our lives
that we may see with new eyes, and hear with new ears,
the direction you will have us to go.

Bless, we pray, this gathering of your people
that we may grow and flourish in your love and grace
for the purpose to which you have called us.

Hear our prayers for those whose lives have touched us—
those who are in pain, those who are ill, those who grieve.

May we touch their lives not only through our prayers,
but through our lives and actions as well.

Guide us, bless us, uplift us, and hold us,
for we are your children called to our purpose in your world.
Hear our prayers, those spoken and those hidden in our hearts,
we pray in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

~ posted on Life in Liturgy, from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

OFFERTORY/MUSICAL INTERLUDE

SECOND READING

SERMON

The Reverend Jenny Rankin

CLOSING HYMN “Once to Every Soul and Nation” Gray Hymnal #119

Once to every soul and nation comes the moment to decide, in the strife of truth
with falsehood, for the good or evil side: then to stand with truth is noble, when we
share its wretched crust; ere that cause bring fame and profit, and ‘tis prosperous to
be just.

Though the cause of evil prosper, yet ‘tis truth alone is strong, though its portion be
the scaffold, and up on the throne be wrong. Then it is the brave one chooses, while
the coward stands aside, till the multitude make virtue of the faith they have denied.

OUR CALL TO MINISTRY

Mr. Doug Crosby

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.

BENEDICTION

The Reverend Jenny Rankin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Doug Crosby

POSTLUDE

““Fiddle” Fugue in D minor JS Bach

Mr. Watson, organ



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

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.

The First Parish in Lincoln
www.fplincn.org

Rev. Jenny Rankin, Interim Minister, jenny@fplincn.org

Ms. Sarah Klockowski, Student Minister, sarah@fplincn.org

Ms. Margit Griffith, Director of Religious Education, margit@fplincn.org

Mr. Ian Watson, Music Director, ian@fplincn.org

Ms. Silvia Dieckow, Administrator, silvia@fplincn.org