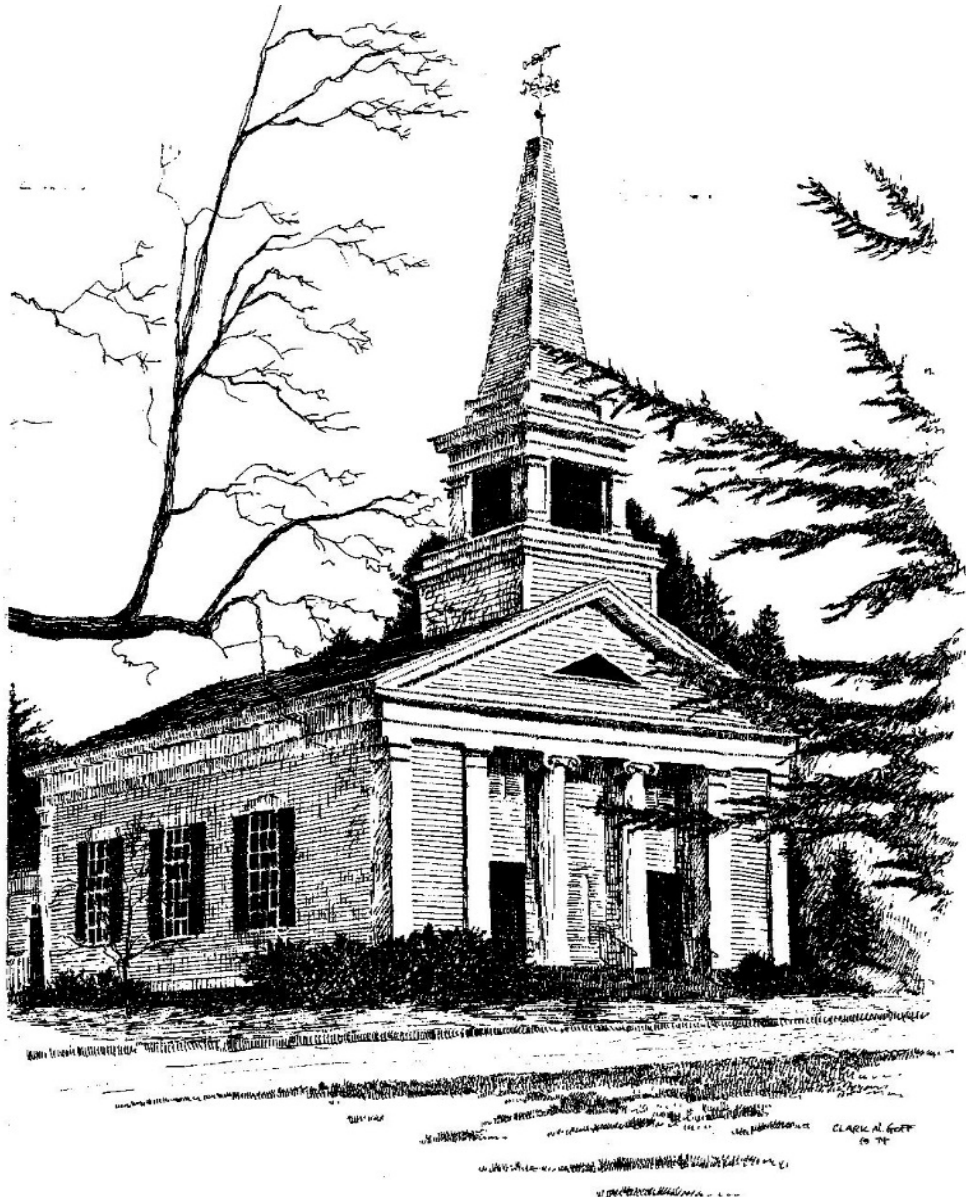


THE FIRST PARISH IN LINCOLN

An Open and Welcoming Church



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PRELUDE

Mr. Ian Watson, organ

RINGING OF THE BELL

The Packineau Family

WELCOME

The Reverend Jenny Rankin

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Ms. Sarah Klockowski

OPENING WORDS

Ms. Sarah Klockowski

Minister: Gather we now into this space, this time when the Wheel turns and the Veil shatters.

People: Gather we now to remember, to grieve, to prophesy, to complete our harvests before the Long Dark comes.

Minister: Gather we now to tell the Old Stories and sing the Old Songs, to be as we have always been —the Voice of our people eternal.

People: Gather we now to celebrate that which was, that which is, and that which will be..

All: Gather we now, as we have always done, united by Story and bound by Love.

OPENING HYMN

“Immortal, Invisible” #273 Grey

Mr. Ian Watson, organ

INVOCATION

Ms. Sarah Klockowski

CANDLELIGHTING

The Packineau Family

OUR COVENANT

The Packineau Family

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

RESPONSIVE READING

#489 Gray by Rev. Max Coots

Rev. Jenny Rankin

Minister: When love is felt or fear is known,

People: When holidays and holy days and such times come,

Minister: When anniversaries arrive by calendar or consciousness,

People: When Seasons come, as seasons do, old ad known, but somehow new,

Minister: When lives are born or people die,

People: When something sacred's sensed in soil or sky,
Minister: Mark the time.
People: Respond with thought or prayer or smile or grief,
Minister: Let nothing slip between the fingers of the mind.
All: For all of these are holy things we will not, cannot find
again.

INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER

Mr. Doug Crosby

PRAYER HYMN "Tis a gift to be simple" Gray #16

SILENCE

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Ms. Jennie Morris

UNISON PRAYER

I pray to the great Spiritual Power in which I live and move and have my being. I pray to God. I pray that we may value each and every human being, knowing the power of each person to change the world. I pray that we may learn the peace that comes with forgiving and the strength we gain in loving; that we may learn to take nothing for granted in this life; and that we may learn to see and understand with our hearts. I pray for these things with humility. I pray because the hope is in me, and because of my faith in the ultimate triumph of the human spirit. I pray because of my love for Creation, and because of my trust in God. I pray, above all, for peace throughout the world. ~Dame Jane Goodall

REFLECTIONS "As the Veil Thins"

The Reverend Jenny Rankin, Ms. Sarah Klockowski
Ritual for All Souls, Honoring our Ancestors

CLOSING HYMN "'For All The Saints" Gray #103

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

Ms. Sarah Klockowski

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Doug Crosby

POSTLUDE

Prelude in G. JS Bach

Mr. Ian 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.

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