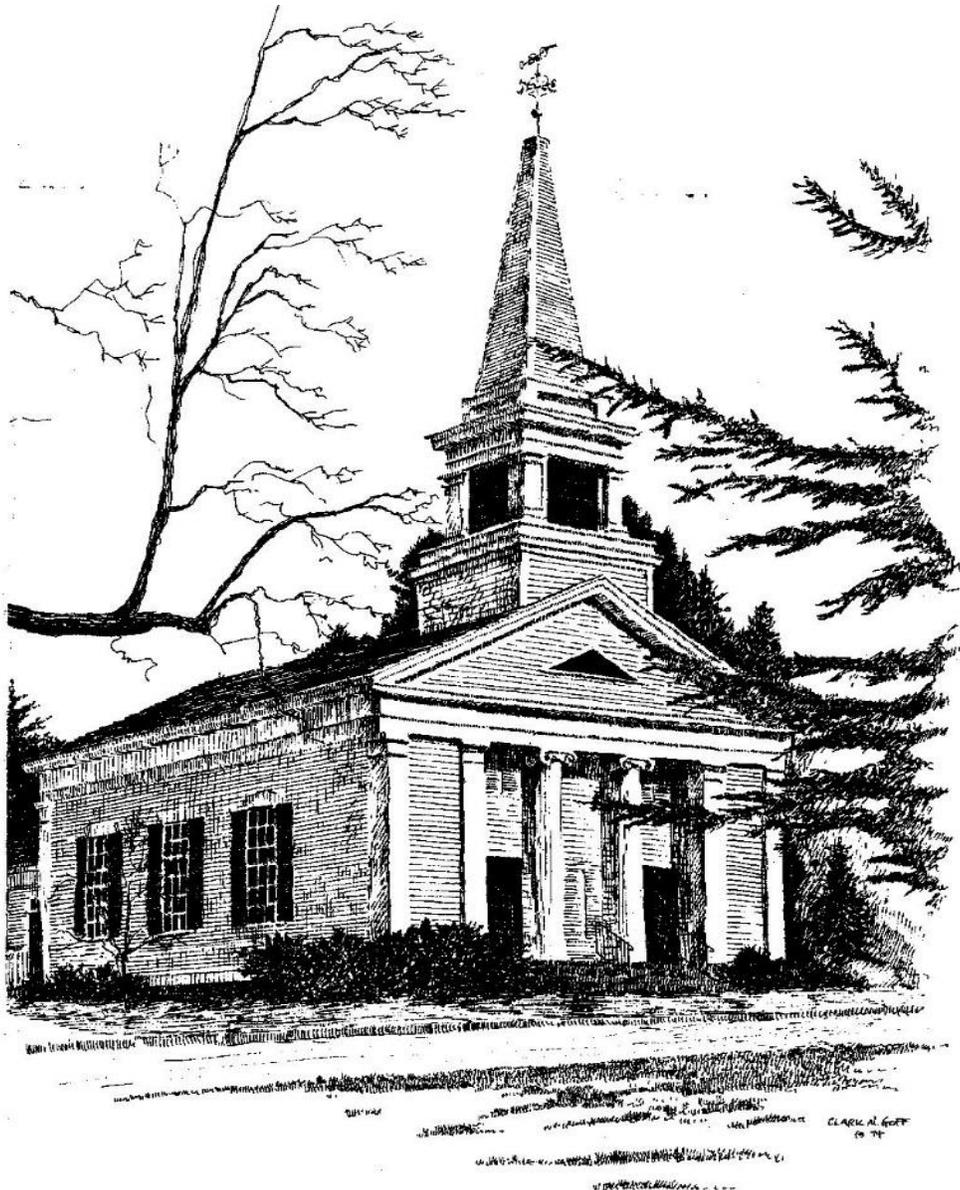


THE FIRST PARISH IN LINCOLN

An Open and Welcoming Church



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PRELUDE

Daniel Prayed (G.T. Speer)

Performed by Pilgrim Bluegrass Gospel Band

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

Ms. Sarah Klockowski

OPENING WORDS

The Reverend Jenny Rankin

Minister: With thankful hearts we have come together this morning

People: *to celebrate the bounty of the day,
to bask in the warmth of this community,
to share with friends the tides of our lives,
to entertain, perennially, our hopes for a better future.*

Minister: We join together, this morning as always, to resist injustice and inequality, wherever they may be found.

People: *Our hearts are touched by the human need we feel around us, whether far away or within reach of our hand.*

Minister: We come here, to be together, because this is how we believe our lives are best lived:

People: *in questioning and in conversation,
in compassion and in service,
in gratitude and in joy,
in companionship, and in love.*

All: *It is good to be together with you this morning!*

~Rev. Alison Wohler

OPENING HYMN

“Joyful, Joyful”

Pilgrim Bluegrass Gospel Band

INVOCATION

Ms. Sarah Klockowski

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.

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Ms. Margit Griffith

RESPONSIVE READING “The Peace of Autumn” The Reverend Jenny Rankin

Minister: Today the peace of autumn pervades the world.

People: In the radiant noon, silent and motionless, the wide stillness rests like a tired bird.

Minister: Spreading over the deserted fields to all horizons its wings of golden green.

People: Today the thin thread of the river flows without song, leaving no mark on its sandy banks,

Minister: The many distant villages bask in the sun with eyes closed in idle and languid slumber.

People: In the stillness I hear in every blade of the grass,

Minister: In every speck of dust, in every part of my own body, in the visible and invisible worlds,

All: In the planets, the sun, and the stars, the joyous dance of the atoms through endless time.

~Tagory, # 540 grey

INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER

Mr. James DeNormandie

PRAYER HYMN

“We Gather Together”

Pilgrim Bluegrass Gospel Band

SILENCE

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Ms. Barbara Sampson

UNISON PRAYER

Psalm 23, adapted, by Rev. Christine Robinson

I am a child of God

I have everything I need.

This beautiful earth feeds my body.

You feed my soul.

You guide me in the ways of Life,
for You are Life.

And though I will walk through dark places, and eventually to death,
I need never be afraid.

For You are with me always,

In You I can find comfort.

With Your help, I can face whatever comes.

My joy overflows.
Your goodness and blessing will be with me
Every day of my life -- and forever.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE I'm asking You (Shawn Lane)
Performed by Pilgrim Bluegrass Gospel Band

SILENCE

SECOND READING The Reverend Jenny Rankin

SERMON "To be Quiet in Heart and in Eye Clear: a prayer for Thanksgiving"
The Reverend Jenny Rankin

CLOSING HYMN "Let all things now living" Pilgrim Bluegrass Gospel Band

OUR CALL TO MINISTRY Mr. James DeNormandie
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 & Ms. Sarah Klockowski

ANNOUNCEMENTS Mr. James DeNormandie

POSTLUDE I Have Found the Way (L. E. Green)
Pilgrim Bluegrass Gospel Band

*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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