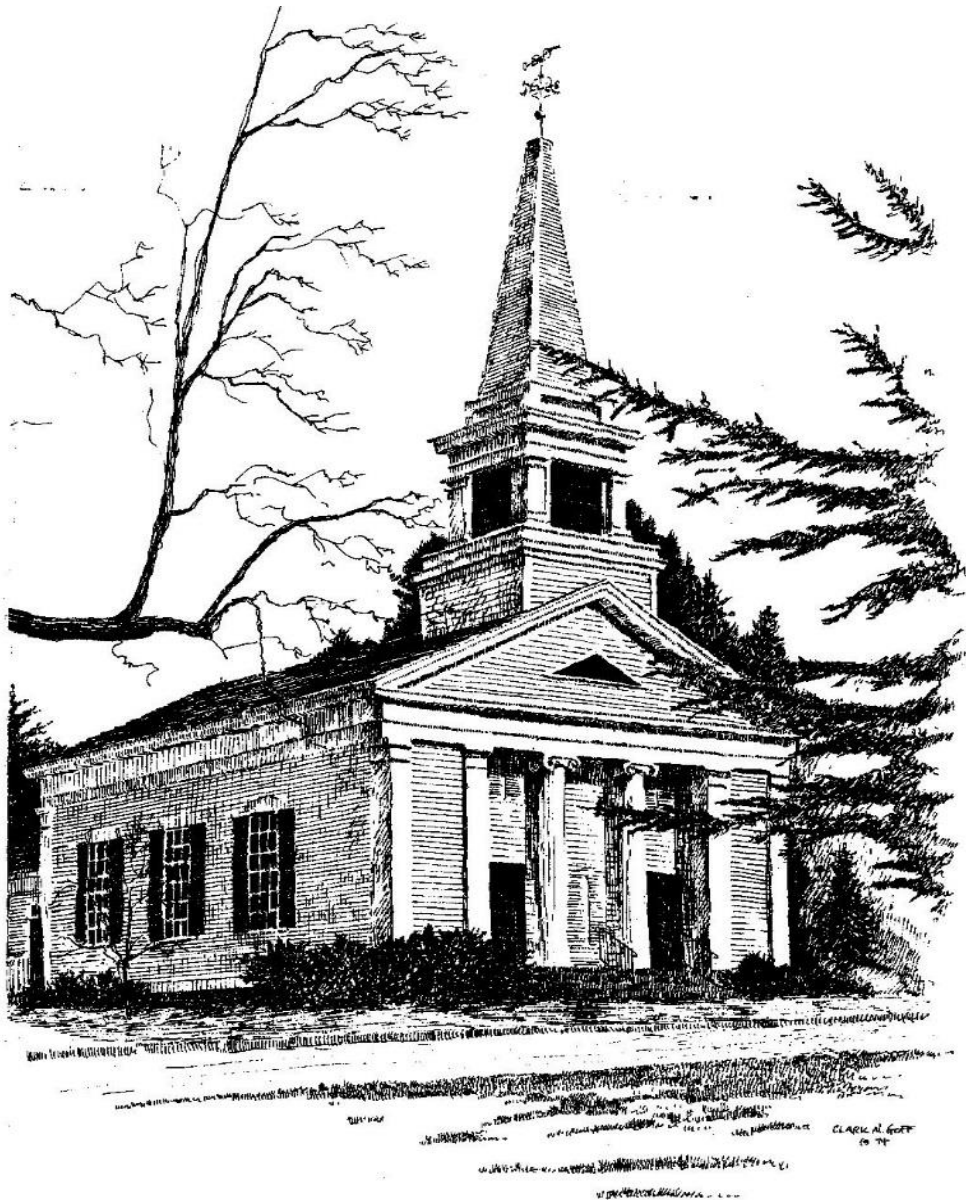


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*An Open and Welcoming Church*



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**PRELUDE** Praeludium in G Major, Opus 37 Ms. Miranda Loud  
Felix Mendelssohn

**WELCOME** Mr. Tom Risser

**OPENING WORDS** The Reverend Jenny Rankin

Minister: We arrive out of many singular rooms, walking over the  
branching streets.

*People: We come to be assured that brothers and sisters surround us,  
to restore their images on our eyes.*

Minister: We enlarge our voices in common speaking and singing.  
We try again  
that solitude found  
in the midst of those who with us  
seek their hidden reckonings.

*People: Our eyes reclaim the remembered faces; their voices stir the  
surrounding air.*

Minister: The warmth of their hands assures us, and the gladness of our  
spoken names.

*People: This is the reason of cities, of homes, of assemblies in the  
houses of worship.*

*All: It is good to be with one another.*  
~ Rev. Kenneth L. Patton

**OPENING HYMN** “Joyful, Joyful we Adore Thee” FPL choir  
29 Grey

**INVOCATION** Ms. Sarah Klockowski

**COVENANT** Ms. Sarah Klockowski

**RESPONSIVE READING**

**FIRST READING** Luke 2:22-40 Ms. Sarah Klockowski

**INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER** Mr. Tom Risser

**PRAYER HYMN**            “All Things Bright and Beautiful”  
   31 The New Century Hymnal

**SILENCE**

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Mr. Tom Risser

**UNISON PRAYER**

Mr. Tom Risser

Holy Spirit, we beseech Thee to give us the listening ear. We seek this day the disciplined mind, the disciplined heart, the disciplined life that makes our ears the focus of attention through which we may become mindful of expressions of life foreign to our own. We seek the stimulation that lifts us out of old ruts and established habits which keep us conscious of ourselves, our needs, our personal interests. Give us this day — the eyes that are willing to see the meaning of the ordinary, the familiar, the commonplace — the eyes that are willing to see our own faults for what they are — the eyes that are willing to see the likable qualities in those we may not like — the mistake in what we felt was correct — the strength in what we had labeled as weakness. Amen.

~Howard Thurman, 1899 – 1981

**OFFERTORY**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**        Blessing - composer: Joan Szymko

                                  "Just to be is a blessing. Just to live is holy." text: Rabbi Abraham Heschel

**SECOND READING**

The Reverend Jenny Rankin

**SERMON**

"Mrs. Macpherson's Gift"

The Reverend Jenny Rankin

**CLOSING HYMN**

“Mysterious Presence, Source of All” 92 Grey

**OUR CALL TO MINISTRY**

Mr. Tom Risser

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. Tom Risser

**POSTLUDE**

Allegro: Concerto in G

J.S. Bach/ Antonio Vivaldi

Ms. Miranda Loud

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



This Sunday, children in grades K-8 will begin in the Parish House for our Religious Education program. We are offering “classes” and activities inspired by those enjoyed at Hogwarts during our “Sunday School of Magic and Mystery”! Babies and preschoolers are welcome in our nursery; also located at the Parish House (“up the hill” at 14 Bedford Road).



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