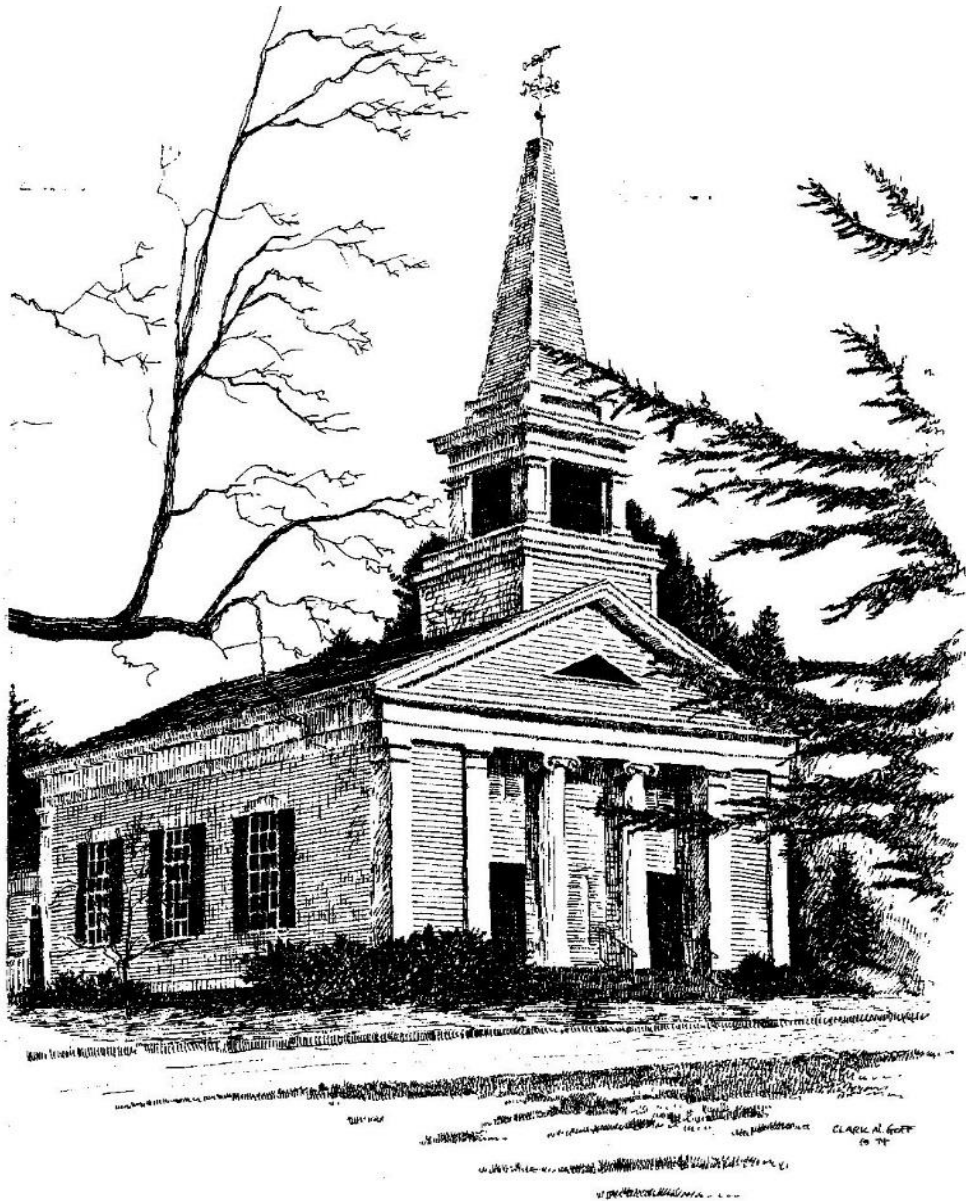


# THE FIRST PARISH IN LINCOLN

*An Open and Welcoming Church*



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## PRELUDE

Prelude Praeludium in C, BWV 542 - J.S. Bach

## WELCOME

Jenny Rankin

## OPENING WORDS

Jenny Rankin

Minister: From the loneliness of troubled times, we come  
*People: To discover that we are not alone.*

Minister: Into the dwelling place of togetherness, we come  
*People: To collect remnants of hope.*

Minister: From fear that all is lost, we come  
*People: To discover what will save us.*

Minister: Into the comfort of each other's arms, we come  
*People: To feel the strength that has not yet vanished.*

Minister: From darkness, we come  
*People: To wait until our eyes begin to see.*

Minister: Into the refuge of fading dreams, we come  
*People: To remove illusions and focus new visions.*

Minister: From despair that walks alone, we come  
*People: To travel together.*

*All: Into the dwelling place of generations, we come  
To pledge allegiance to being peace and doing justice.*

## OPENING HYMN

"Gathered Here" (Gray # 389)

## INVOCATION

Sarah Klockowski

## COVENANT

Sarah Bishop

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

## FIRST READING

Mark 1:9-12

Sarah Klockowski

## REFLECTION

Jenny Rankin

## INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER

Sarah Bishop

**PRAYER HYMN** “Dear Weaver of Our Lives’ Design” (Gray # 22)

Dear Weaver of our lives’ design whose patterns all obey, with skillful fingers gently guide the sturdy threads that will survive the tangle of our days.

Take up the fabric of our lives with hands that gently hold, bind in the ragged edge that care would sunder and that pain would tear, and mend our rav’ling souls.

Let eyes that tin the plainest cloth a hidden beauty see discern in us our richest hues, show us the patterns we may use to set our spirits free.

**SILENCE**

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Sarah Bishop

**UNISON PRAYER**

Wendell Berry

Sarah Bishop

When despair for the world grows in me  
and I wake in the night  
At the least sound in fear  
of what my life and my children's lives may be,  
I go and lie down where the wood drake rests  
in his beauty on the water,  
and the great heron feeds.  
I come into the peace of wild things  
who do not tax their lives with forethought of grief.  
I come into the presence of still water.  
And I feel above me the day-blind stars  
waiting with their light.  
For a time I rest in the grace of the world,  
and am free.

**SPECIAL OFFERING FOR UKRAINE**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**CHOIR ANTHEM**

“Dona Nobis Pacem”

**CALL TO GENEROSITY**

Sarah Andrysiak

**SECOND READING**

“Long Haul People” Rudy Nemser

Sarah Andrysiak

**HOMILY**

“Weaving the Fabric of Community

Sarah Andrysiak

**CLOSING HYMN**

“God of the Earth, the Sky, the Sea” (Gray # 25)

## OUR CALL TO MINISTRY

Sarah Bishop

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

Sarah Andrysiak

## POSTLUDE

Fugue in C, BWV 542 - J.S. Bach



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



Technology Team: Ben Wells  
Deacon of month: Sarah Bishop  
Lay leader: Sarah Andrysiak



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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