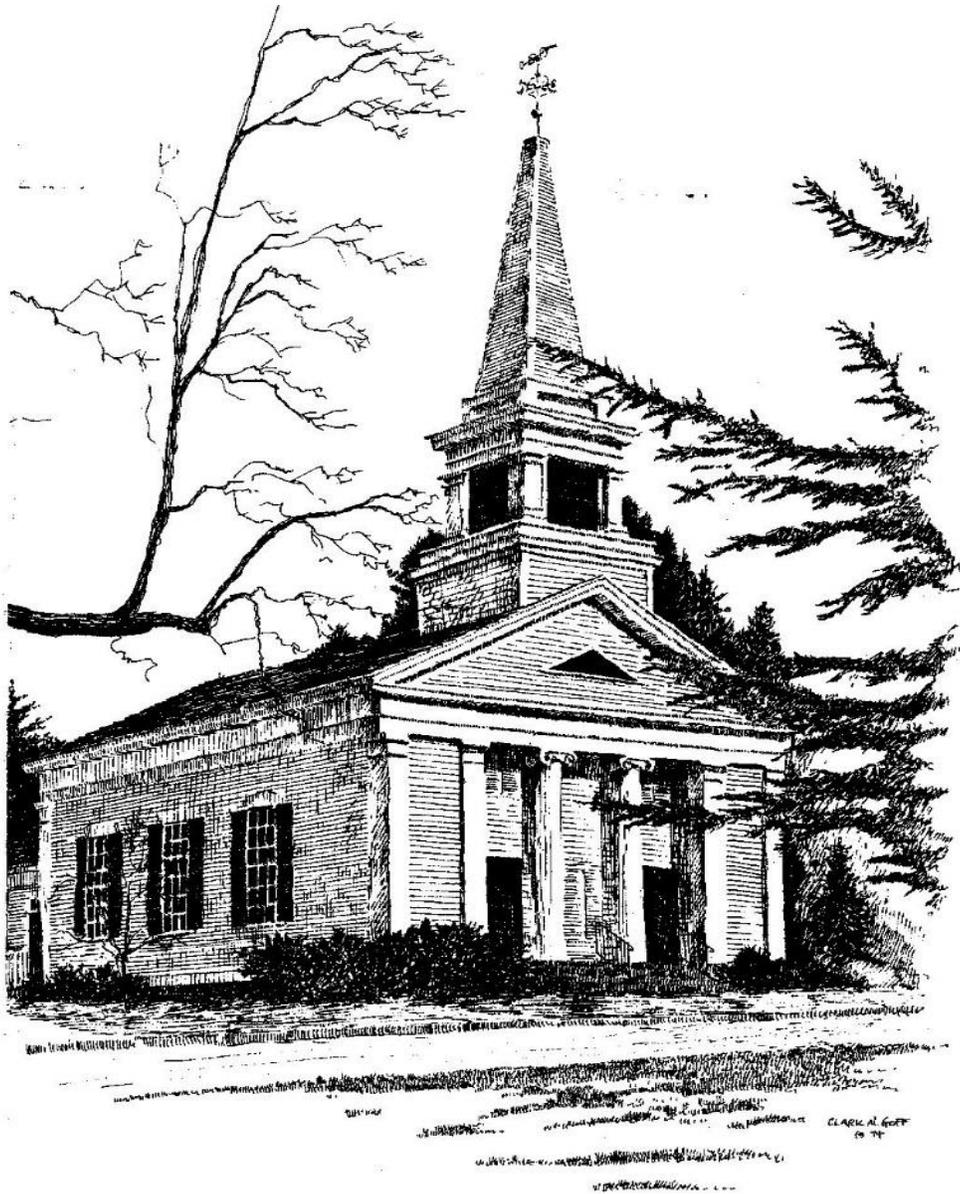


THE FIRST PARISH IN LINCOLN

An Open and Welcoming Church



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| PRELUDE | English Country Dance Tunes | |
| WELCOME | | Jenny Rankin |
| OPENING WORDS | By Rev. Tess Baumberger | Jenny Rankin |
| Minister: | From the busy-ness of everyday we gather once a week to remember who we are, to dream of who we might become. | |
| <i>People:</i> | <i>We travel this road together.</i> | |
| Minister: | As companions on this journey, we share the milestones we meet along the way. Individual moments of joy and sorrow become shared moments of comfort and celebration. | |
| <i>People:</i> | <i>We travel this road together.</i> | |
| Minister: | We share this journey across differences of belief and opinion Because we value diversity and because we care for one another. | |
| <i>People:</i> | <i>We travel this road together.</i> | |
| Minister: | Today as we take the next steps, let us notice our fellow travelers: The burdens that they carry, the songs that inspire their hearts. | |
| <i>People:</i> | <i>We travel this road together.</i> | |
| Minister: | As we gather in beloved community, let us open the holy havens of our hearts, let us share the sacred places of our souls | |
| <i>All:</i> | <i>For we are pilgrims who share a common path.</i> <i>We travel this road together.</i> | |
| OPENING HYMN | “O Grant Us, God, a Little Space” (NCH # 516) | |
| INVOCATION | | Sarah Klockowski |
| COVENANT | | Sarah Klockowski |
| | 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 | “Pandemic Poem Number One” “Reservoir of Light” | Wendy Santis |
| MUSIC | Spirit's Wings & COVID Insurrection Quarantine | Peter Pease |

STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONIAL

Heather Ring

INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER

Katy Hogue

PRAYER HYMN

“Find a Stillness” (Grey #352)

SILENCE

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Katy Hogue

UNISON PRAYER

Katy Hogue

Bless to me, O God.
The earth beneath my foot,
Bless to me, O God,
The path whereon I go;
Bless to me, O God,
The thing of my desire;
Thou Evermore of evermore,
Bless Thou to me my rest.
Bless to me the thing
Whereon is set my mind
Bless to me the thing
Whereon is set my love;
Bless to me the thing
Whereon is set my hope;
O thou Holy Spirit;
Bless Thou to me mine eye!

OFFERTORY

“Off She Goes”

Evie Packineau

DOXOLOGY

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator’s praise arise
Let the Redeemer’s names be sung
Through every land by every tongue

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Katy Hogue

CHORAL ANTHEM

Blue Boat Home – text by Peter Mayer, tune Hyfrdol

Though below me, I feel no motion
Standing on these mountains and plains
Far away from the rolling ocean
Still my dry land heart can say

I've been sailing all my life now
 Never harbor or port have I known
 The wide universe is the ocean I travel
 And the earth is my blue boat home
 Sun, my sail and moon, my rudder
 As I ply the starry sea
 Leaning over the edge in wonder
 Casting questions into the deep
 Drifting here with my ship's companions
 All we kindred pilgrim souls
 Making our way by the lights of the heavens
 In our beautiful blue boat home
 I give thanks to the waves upholding me
 Hail the great winds urging me on
 Greet the infinite sea before me
 Sing the sky my sailor's song
 I was born upon the fathoms
 Never harbor or port have I known
 The wide universe is the ocean I travel
 And the earth is my blue boat home

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| REFLECTION | | Jenny Rankin |
| MUSIC | Ripple - Jerry Garcia/Robert Hunter | Bob Green |
| REFLECTION | | Jane O'Rourke |
| MUSIC | Wild Mountain Thyme | Steve Johnson |
| REFLECTION | | Sarah Klockowski |
| CLOSING HYMN | "Sing Out Praises for the Journey"(Gray # 295) | |
| OUR CALL TO MINISTRY | | Katy Hogue |

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.

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| BENEDICTION | | Jenny Rankin |
| ANNOUNCEMENTS | | Katy Hogue |
| POSTLUDE | Concerto in d Minor: Fugue, BWV 596 - Bach/Vivaldi | |



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: Paris Parks
Deacon of month: Katy Hogue



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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