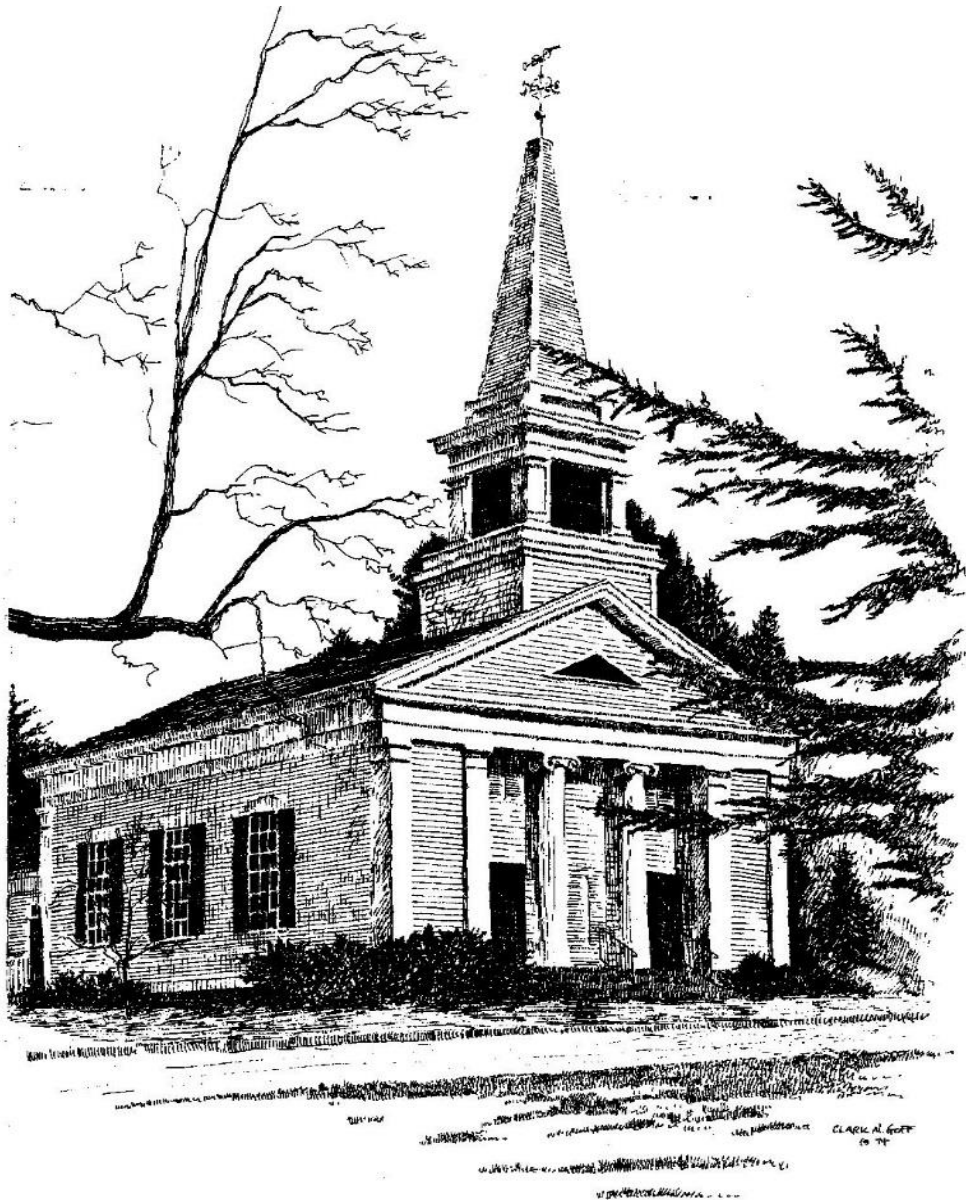


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An Open and Welcoming Church



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“While we may come from different places
and speak in different tongues, our hearts beat as one.”
- Albus Dumbledore

PRELUDE	Piece d'Orgue - J.S. Bach	
WELCOME		Margit Griffith
INTROIT	Members of First Parish in Lincoln Bell Choir Hedwig's Theme - John Williams	
OPENING WORDS	All I Really Need to Know in Life, I Learned in Harry Potter Inspired by quotes attributed to the Harry Potter character “Albus Dumbledore”	
Leader:	Why are we drawn to those who inspire, the voices of revered sages and seers? What do we seek which has not already been placed before us?	
<i>People:</i>	<i>When we return to or stay present in the magic of childhood, we reopen our spirits to the messages of life's mysteries in the stories which capture our imaginations</i>	
Leader:	Let us speak the lessons our children are learning - we are learning – from literature they are loving...	
<i>All:</i>	<i>“It does not do to dwell on dreams and forget to live.” “People find it far easier to forgive others for being wrong than being right.” “It is my belief that the truth is generally preferable to lies.” “It matters not what someone is born, but what they grow to be.” “It is important to fight and fight again, and keep fighting, for only then can evil be kept at bay though never quite eradicated.” “We must all face the choice between what is right, and what is easy.” “One can never have enough socks.” Amen.</i>	
OPENING HYMN	“Here We Have Gathered” (# 360 Grey)	
INVOCATION		Rev Jenny Rankin

COVENANT

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

INTERLUDE

Bensen Packineau

TIME FOR ALL AGES

On Faith Formation

Debbie Gline-Allen

Minister of Faith Formation, Southern New England Conference, UCC

FIRST SHARINGS

The Children and Youth of First Parish in Lincoln

INVITATION TO PRAYER

Alice Moynihan

PRAYER HYMN

“Peace the Perfect Word” (# 161 Grey)

SILENCE

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rob Graves

UNISON PRAYER

God Has a Dream: A Vision of Hope for Our Time

Desmond Tutu

“Dear Child of God, I [say] these words because we all experience sadness, we all come at times to despair, and we all lose hope that the suffering in our lives and in the world will ever end. I want to share with you my faith and my understanding that this suffering can be transformed and redeemed. There is no such thing as a totally hopeless case. Our God is an expert at dealing with chaos, with brokenness, with all the worst that we can imagine. God created order out of disorder, cosmos out of chaos, and God can do so always, can do so now--in our personal lives and in our lives as nations, globally. Indeed, God is transforming the world now - through us - because God loves us.”

OFFERTORY

Katy Hogue

OFFERTORY MUSIC

For the Beauty of the Earth - John Rutter

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

CHOIR ANTHEM

I Am Willing - Holly Near solo Sarah Klockowski

SECOND SHARINGS

The Children and Youth of First Parish in Lincoln

REFLECTION

“The Time Turner”

Margit Griffith

CLOSING HYMN

“This Little Light of Mine” (# 118 Grey)

OUR CALL TO MINISTRY

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

Margit Griffith

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

Rondeau in F - G.F. Handel



Following the service, the children invite you to review their display of “Sunday School of Magic and Mystery” artifacts in the hallway between the Sanctuary and the Stearns Room



OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET REVS. KIT NOVOTNY AND NATE KLUG! CANDIDATING WEEK: MAY 16 – MAY 22

- **MONDAY MAY 16th, 12 – 1 PM.** Online Open House (ZOOM link on FPL website)
- **TUESDAY MAY 17th, 4 – 5:30 PM.** Meditation Group (Stearns Room). Rev. Kit attending
- **TUESDAY MAY 17th, 7:30 – 9 PM.** Open House (Stearns Room)
- **THURSDAY MAY 19th, 9:30 – 11:30 AM.** Open House (Stearns Room)
- **THURSDAY MAY 19th, 12 – 1 PM.** Online Adult RE class with Rev. Nate (ZOOM link on FPL website)
- **FRIDAY MAY 20th, 1:30 – 3 PM.** Quiet Walk (meet at Parish House).
- **FRIDAY MAY 20th, 5:30 – 7:00 PM** Supper and Conversation for all families (Parish House/playground)
- **SUNDAY MAY 22nd, 10 AM.** In-person and Zoom Worship led by Revs. Kit and Nate, *Vote of Call*, Reception

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