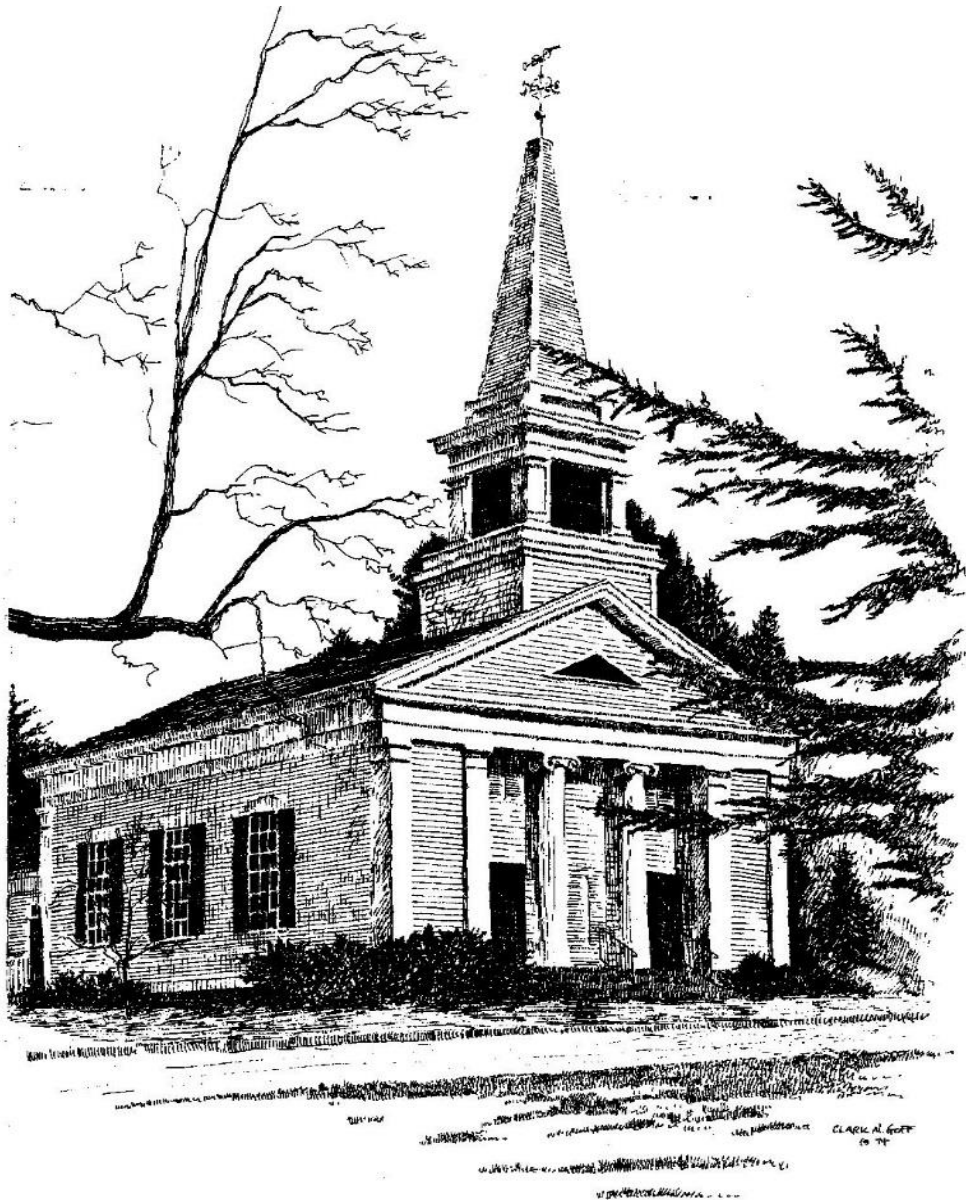


THE FIRST PARISH IN LINCOLN

An Open and Welcoming Church



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PRELUDE Intermezzo Opus 118 number 2 - Johannes Brahms
WELCOME Paula Waterman
OPENING WORDS Sarah Klockowski

Minister: Look to this day!

People: For it is life, the very life of life.

Minister: In its brief course lie all the verities and realities of your existence:

People: The bliss of growth, the glory of action, the splendor of beauty;

Minister: For yesterday is but a dream, and tomorrow is only a vision;

People: But today, well lived, makes every yesterday a dream of happiness

Minister: And every tomorrow a vision of hope.

All: Look well, therefore, to this day.

(Attributed to Kalidasa, Singing the Living Tradition, #419)

OPENING HYMN “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (Grey # 126)

INVOCATION Nate Klug

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 Nate Klug

FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:11-12 Kit Novotny

INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER Paula Waterman

PRAYER HYMN “I’ve Got Peace Like a River” (Grey #100)

SILENCE

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER Bob Green

UNISON PRAYER A Prayer of Oscar Romero, adapted

Paula Waterman

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.
We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction
of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.
Nothing we do is complete,
which is a way of saying that the Kingdom always lies beyond us.
No statement says all that could be said.
No prayer fully expresses our faith.
No program accomplishes the Church's mission.
This is what we are about.
We plant the seeds that one day will grow.
We water seeds already planted,
knowing that they hold future promise.
We cannot do everything,
and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.
This enables us to do something,
and to do it very well.
It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way,
an opportunity for grace to enter and do the rest.
We may never see the end results,
but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.
We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs.
We are prophets of a future that is not our own.
Amen.

OFFERTORY “Papillons” (two variations) - Robert Schumann

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

Paula Waterman

CHORAL ANTHEM Tear Down These Walls – Brian Tate
SECOND READING From “Let Your Life Speak” by Parker Palmer Nate Klug
SERMON Sacred Callings Kit Novotny
CLOSING HYMN “Praise to the Living God”(Gray # 215)
OUR CALL TO MINISTRY Paula Waterman

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 Kit Novotny & Nate Klug
BENEDICTION RESPONSE
ANNOUNCEMENTS Paula Waterman
VOTE TO CALL



*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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