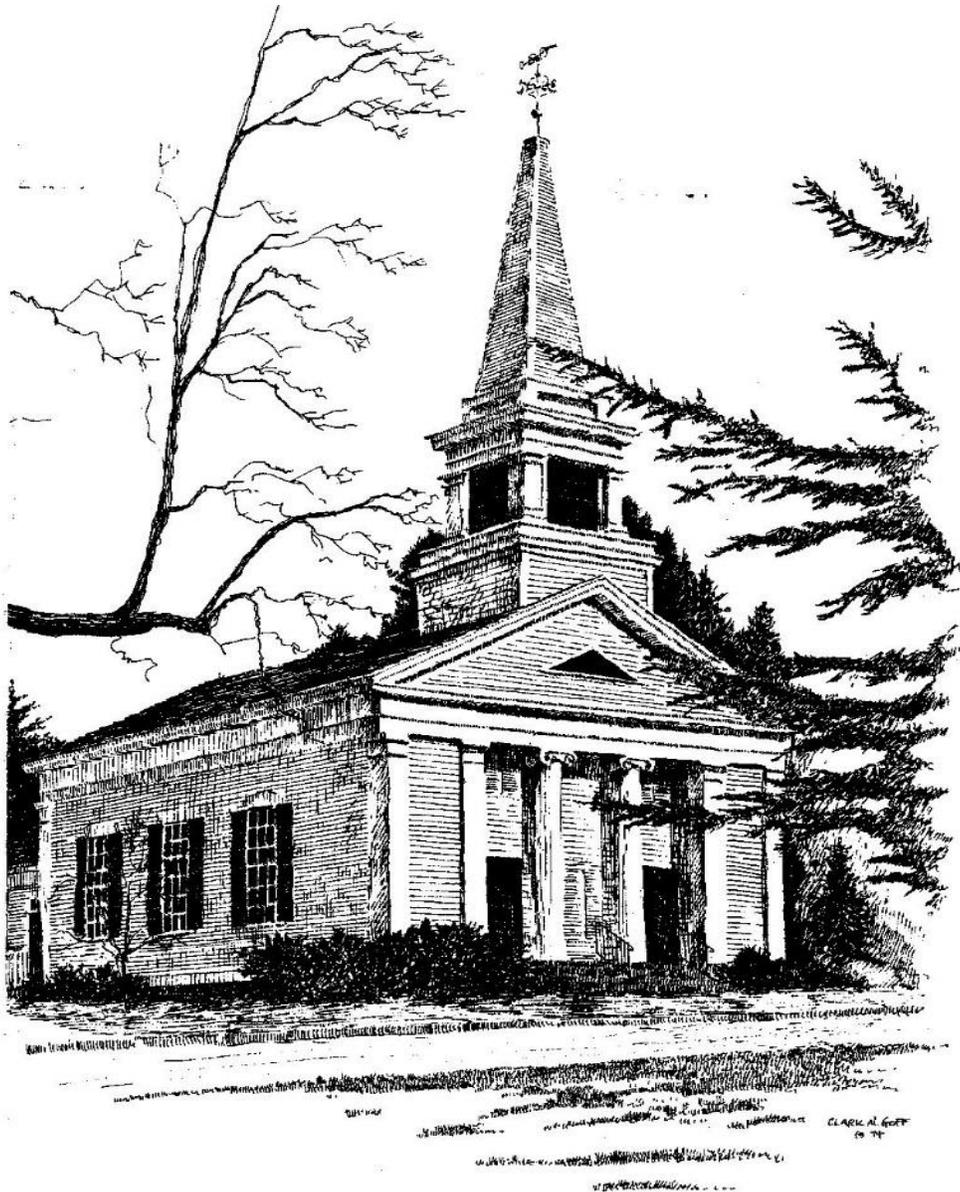


# THE FIRST PARISH IN LINCOLN

*An Open and Welcoming Church*



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**PRELUDE** Improvisation and Variations on Veni Creator Spiritus  
- Maurice Duruflé

**WELCOME** Paula Waterman

**OPENING WORDS** from enfleshed Jenny Rankin

**Minister:** All you who delight in the Sacred,  
come and worship our non-binary Creator.

**People:** *Thanks be to God who blesses the peculiar  
and rejoices in the uniqueness of every body and being.*

**Minister:** The Holy takes on flesh in every gender and sexual orientation,  
every race and ability, every body size and body type.

**People:** *Each embodied difference is a unique glimpse of Holy Wonder.*

**Minister:** Blessed are those who search for God among the lives of the  
oppressed, the betrayed, the turned-away, and the  
condemned.

**People:** *Blessed are those who receive with joy the gifts of God  
enfleshed among us.*

**All:** *The Sacred is with us. Let us worship and be transformed.*

**OPENING HYMN** A Hymn for Self Acceptance

**INVOCATION** Jenny Rankin

**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** Sarah Klockowski

**INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER** Paula Waterman

**PRAYER HYMN** "God of Many Faces"

**SILENCE**

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

**PASTORAL PRAYER** Paula Waterman

**UNISON PRAYER**

from enfleshed

Paula Waterman

Search my heart, O Love,  
and lead me in the ways of solidarity.  
Help me to lay down my defenses  
and grow beyond the edges of my knowing  
that I may move more deeply into practices  
of care, of right-relationship,  
of liberation and transformation.  
Grounded in the truth of my inherent worth,  
planted in the knowledge of my power,  
mindful of the stories, and legacies,  
and systems that shape me,  
I pray my becoming unfolds  
in the direction of freedom:  
Mine. Others. Ours. This planet's.  
May this day be my teacher  
and my learning sincere. Amen.

**OFFERTORY**      The Light Comes as a Rainbow - Amanda Udis-Kessler

The light comes as a rainbow, infusing us with colors,  
Assuring us of welcome, a covenant of care.  
The rainbow fills horizons, surrounding us with beauty  
Reminding us to honor the love that's always there.  
The light lives in our bodies, inspiring us to wonder,  
Inviting us to passion, a covenant of joy.  
The rainbow is a present, a gift to all creation  
A promise from the holy to bless and not destroy.  
The light grows in our healing. It draws us to each other.  
It helps us to imagine a covenant of peace.  
The rainbow is a model of difference in relation.  
Apart and yet together, the colors never cease.

**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

<b>OFFERTORING PRAYER</b>		Paula Waterman
<b>CHORAL ANTHEM</b>	I am Willing - Holly Near	Sarah Klockowski, solo
<b>SECOND READING</b>	Acts 2:1-12	Jenny Rankin
<b>SERMON</b>		Sarah Klockowski
<b>CLOSING HYMN</b>	All the Colors of the Rainbow	
<b>OUR CALL TO MINISTRY</b>		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.	
<b>BENEDICTION</b>		Sarah Klockowski
<b>BENEDICTION RESPONSE</b>		
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>		Paula Waterman
<b>POSTLUDE</b>	Veni Creator Spiritus (Finale) - Maurice Duruflé	

# A Hymn for Self-Acceptance

Wesley King

BEACH SPRING  
B.F. White, harm. Ronald A. Nelson

1. When you feel change might be hope - less, when you've giv - en up on God,  
2. Years and years, beg - ging for turn - ing in - to some - thing that you're not.  
3. You are worth more than you real - ize. You are won - der - ful - ly made

when you feel you're not worth sav - ing, that your be - ing - ness is flawed.  
The wrong prayer you have been pray - ing. You are not God's af - ter-thought.  
in the im - age of our Mo - ther, Fa - ther, Pa - rent, all the same.

When your prayers still seem un - an - swered, not a sound from the Di - vine,  
You are made as God in - tend - ed. You are per - fect - flaw-less too!  
Don't let doc - trines of our church - es use the Word to mis - con - stue,

may - be you have been mis - ta - ken. God is send - ing you a sign.  
May each one of you re - mem - ber, no - thing sev - ers God from you.  
for it's writ - ten in the scrip - tures, sure - ly God de - lights in you!

# God of Many Faces

Amy Cerniglia

SLANE  
Irish Melody, harm. Jack Schrader

God of man - y fa - ces, we of - fer our praise,  
God of man - y gen - ders, our world re - flects you,  
God of man - y names, we in - vite you to show  
God of man - y bod - ies, a - bide with - in ours,

sing - ing your glo - ry through all of our days.  
sun - rise and sun - set u - ni - ting our hues,  
us the new names that re - flect our true souls.  
shift - ing more each day through time and through scars.

Hear ev - er grow - ing voi - ces, once fra - gile, now strong,  
wo - ven in - to a ci - ty with jewels of all shades,  
Breathe with your ho - ly spir - it to give us the Word  
Come sanc - ti - fy our bod - ies, all fash - ioned by you,

car - ry - ing mel - o - dies in ex - pan - sive new songs.  
hou - ses of ru - by and walls rowed wth jade.  
that will in - dwell dry bones, grant - ing new life once heard.  
ho - li - er ev - ery - day, still be - com - ing more true.

# All the Colors of the Rainbow

Carl P. Daw

ABBOT'S LEIGH  
Cyril V. Taylor

1. All the co - lours of the rain-bow live un - seen in dai - ly light,  
 2. All the bo - dy's parts are wan - ted, nor can one de - spise the rest:  
 3. Ev - ery lang - uage gains more mu - sic when the words for peace ap - pear:  
 4. Teach us, God, our need of oth - ers; through them help us ful - ly live.

but their splen - dors find ex - pres - sion when re - leased to hu - man sight;  
 head and hand must work to - get - ther, as must eye and ear and chest;  
 Pax, Sa - laam, Ei - ri - ni, Hei - wa, Pa - ce, San - ti, Frie den, Mir.  
 Wean us from our sel - fish hab - its; let us list - en, learn, for - give.

so the church re - veals most beau - ty where di - ver - si - ty is real:  
 so the church needs all its mem - bers for a range of min - i - stries:  
 Though our tongues make sounds that va - ry all be - speak a com - mon home:  
 May we see your longed - for im - age in each hu - man heart and face,

breadth of race and class and gen - der, room for doubt and space to heal.  
 var - ied gifts with one great mis - sion, "Do this for the least of these."  
 long - ing for the end of con - flict and a new life in God's Sha - lom.  
 and be - hold how those a - round us can be chan - nels of your grace.

Today's flowers are shared by Katy Hogue in memory of her grandmother, Mary Tatman, who would have been 100 this month. She is greatly missed.



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