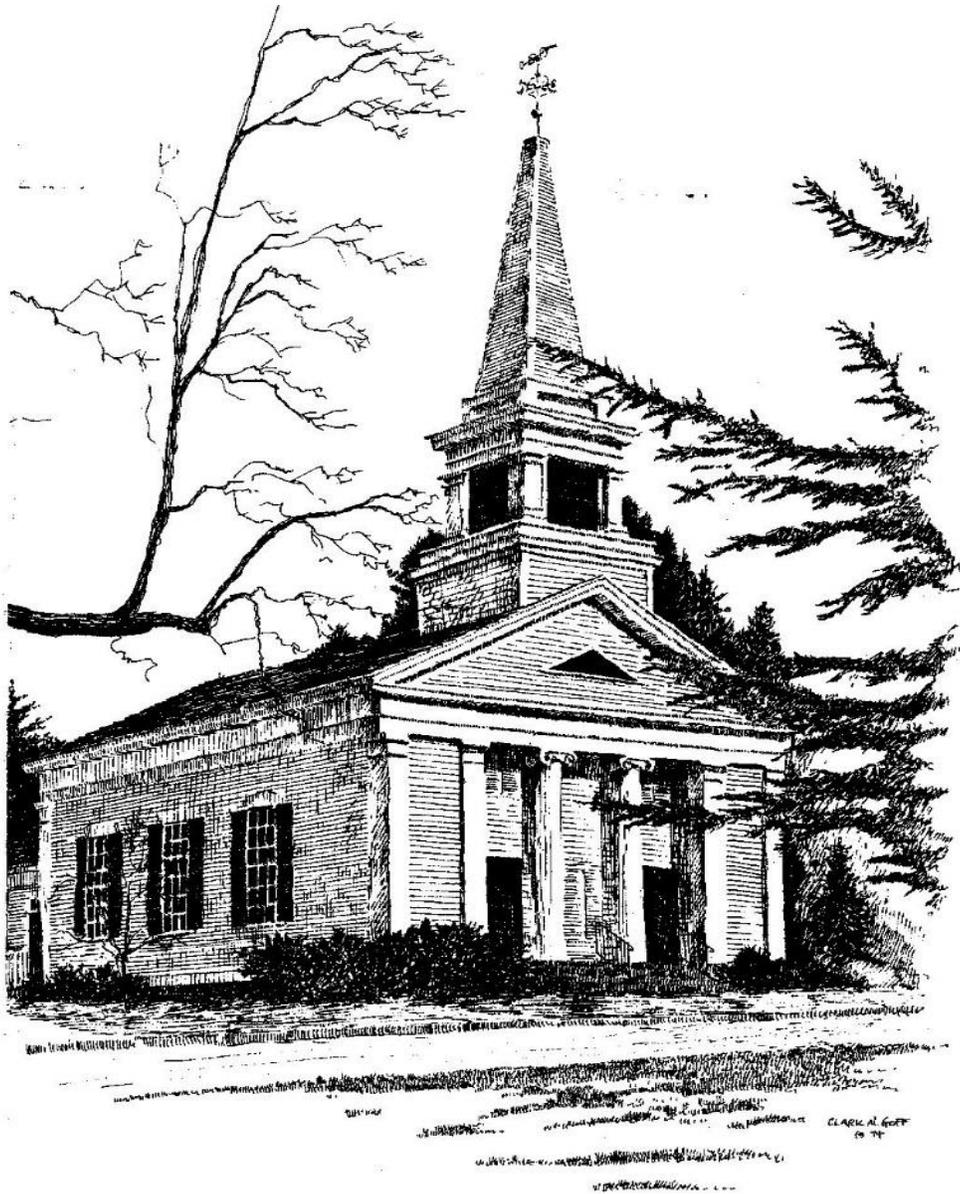


THE FIRST PARISH IN LINCOLN

An Open and Welcoming Church



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**All are invited to rise in body or spirit.*

PRELUDE Komm, Heiliger Geist Dietrich Buxtehude

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME Rev. Nate Klug

***OPENING WORDS** From “The Welcoming Prayer,” Thomas Keating

Minister: Welcome, welcome, welcome. I welcome everything that comes to me today, because I know it's for my healing.

People: I welcome all thoughts, feelings, emotions, persons, situations, and conditions.

Minister: I let go of my desire for power and control.

People: I let go of my desire for affection, esteem, approval, and pleasure.

Minister: I let go of my desire for survival and security.

*All: We open to the presence of love and love's action within.
Amen.*

***OPENING HYMN** “Come and Find the Quiet Center” see page 4

INVOCATION Rev. Kit Novotny

COVENANT Katy Hogue

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 Revs. Kit Novotny & Nate Klug

FIRST READING Ecclesiastes 3:1-5 Sarah Klockowski

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted;

A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up;

A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing.

INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER Katy Hogue

PRAYER HYMN “There’s a Wideness in your Mercy” (Gray #213)

SILENCE

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

Rev. Kit Novotny & Sarah Klockowski

PASTORAL PRAYER

Katy Hogue

UNISON PRAYER

“Autumn Prayer,” Christine Robinson

God of the Autumn, help us to live
with the grace of falling leaves,
the enthusiasm of the flaming Aspens,
with the serenity of the old trees, whose roots reach deep into the earth.

God of the Autumn, help us to know
that living and dying are one,
that life is precious, and beautiful, and limited,
that nothing good is ever lost.

God of the Autumn, help us to see
in the ways of nature a way for ourselves. Amen.

OFFERTORY

***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. Amen.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

CHORAL ANTHEM

“Turn, Turn, Turn”

Pete Seeger

SECOND READING

“Postscript,” Seamus Heaney

And some time make the time to drive out west
Into County Clare, along the Flaggy Shore,
In September or October, when the wind
And the light are working off each other
So that the ocean on one side is wild
With foam and glitter, and inland among stones
The surface of a slate-grey lake is lit
By the earthed lightning of a flock of swans,
Their feathers roughed and ruffling, white on white,
Their fully grown headstrong-looking heads
Tucked or cresting or busy underwater.
Useless to think you’ll park and capture it
More thoroughly. You are neither here nor there,
A hurry through which known and strange things pass
As big soft buffetings come at the car sideways
And catch the heart off guard and blow it open.

SERMON "Living Inside Time" Rev. Nate Klug
***CLOSING HYMN** "O Life That Maketh All Things New" (Gray # 12)
***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.

***BENEDICTION** Revs. Kit Novotny & Nate Klug

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE Prelude and Fugue in Bb, BWV 560 J.S. Bach

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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



First Parish is very excited to have completed the set up for Live streaming of worship services. We will stream and record in-person services going forward. We want to take this moment to advise our congregation that these recordings will be archived on YouTube.

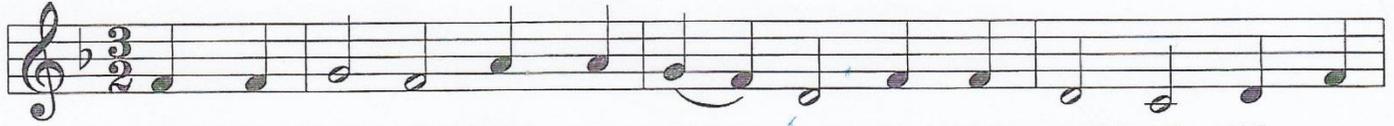
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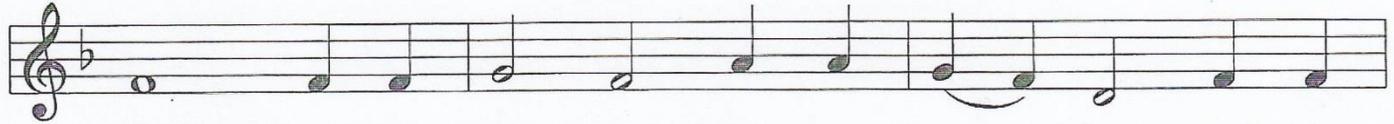
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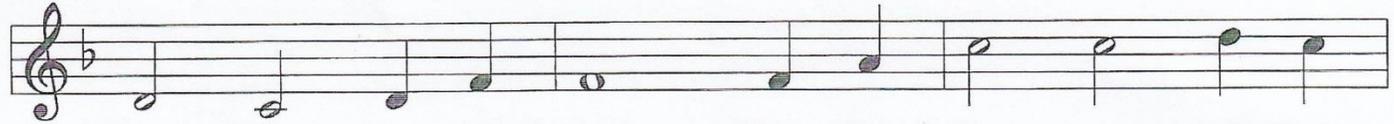
2128 Come and Find the Quiet Center



1. Come and find the qui - et cen - ter in the crowd-ed life we
2. Si - lence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the
3. In the Spir - it let us trav - el, o - pen to each oth - er's



lead, find the room for hope to en - ter, find the
pace, God it is who speaks and names us, knows our
pain, let our loves and fears un - rav - el, cel - e -



frame where we are freed: Clear the cha - os and the
be - ing, touch-es base, mak - ing space with - in our
brate the space we gain: There's a place for deep - est



clut - ter, clear our eyes that we can see all the
think - ing, lift - ing shades to show the sun, rais - ing
dream - ing, there's a time for heart to care, in the



things that real - ly mat - ter, be at peace, and sim - ply be.
cour - age when we're shrink - ing, find - ing scope for faith be - gun.
Spir - it's live - ly schem - ing there is al - ways room to spare.

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray

MUSIC: Attr. to B. F. White

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This Week at First Parish

The following programs are open to everyone. Drop in once or attend regularly. Come as you are and bring a friend if you'd like!

**Details and Zoom links for our programs are available on our website and the News brief.*

Weekly Meditation **Tuesday, October 4th at 4 pm**
Led by Joan Kimball and Ben Wells

If you would like up-to-date information, contact Joan Kimball at selenejck@gmail.com to receive the weekly meditation emails.

Sacred Texts* **Thursday, October 6th from 12-1pm**
Join zoom meeting Led by Sarah Klockowski

Quiet Walks **Friday, October 7th at 1:30pm**
Led by Andy Falender and Jackie Lenth

Transcendentalist Running and Cycling Club Saturday, October 8 at 7:30 am.

For many people these days, exercise is one of our spiritual outlets. Runners and cyclists of all ages and abilities are invited to join Nate for an hour of exercise, spirituality, and community. We'll meet outside First Parish (4 Bedford Road, across from the Lincoln Library). We'll stretch and say hello, then hear a short passage of inspiration from one of the Transcendentalists. Then we'll take off on a short run or bike ride through Lincoln. One person will lead the run, another person will lead the bike ride. After 40 minutes, we'll meet back at the church to drink lemonade and reflect on what came up for us during our exercise. Visitors very welcome!

Introduction to Breeze Friday October 7th at 12 pm.

Our Parish Administrator will offer an introductory session to answer questions that might have come up and give a quick overview of the new system. If you can think of any questions ahead of time, please send them to Silvia@fplincn.org

Upcoming Events

Look ahead to some more events later this month

Rally Rounds (Fun, sociable, and important)

Sign up for a session online

In her inspired sermon on Rally Sunday, Rev. Kit referenced the etymology of the word “Rally”. In a nutshell, RALLY means to come together for a common act or effort. As we come together and celebrate this exciting new chapter in the life of First Parish, the Launch Team will facilitate a series of small, informal group conversations designed to help us rally around our new co-ministers and our shared values.

The Rally (a) Rounds will be held in October and will take place outdoors and on ZOOM. We hope everyone will participate in this opportunity to connect with each other, widen our circles and rally (a)round FPL!

With gratitude from the Launch Team,

Gina Halsted & Jane O’Rourke, Co-Chairs; Katy Hogue, Larry Buell, Gus Browne, and Sarah Andrysiak

Blessing of the Animals Sunday Oct 23, 4pm

Rainbow Chairs in front of Church

Honoring the creatures in our care is one way we can cherish the living earth together. For the animal lovers among us, save the date for a short and sweet, family-friendly pet blessing service the afternoon of October 23rd. The service will be held outside on the front lawn, near the rainbow chairs, with guitar accompaniment by Bob Green. It is a great opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors! And if you've got a special animal you can't bring — maybe your pet doesn't play well with others, or you had a beloved pet you lost, or there's a wild bird you love to watch — please bring a photo to share! Stuffed animals also welcome.

Theology on Tap Friday Oct 28, 4:30-6pm

Tack Room in Lincoln with Rev. Nate

Grab a soda or beer and join Nate as we talk about the idea of a saint. Just in time for Halloween (All Hallows Eve) and All Saints/All Souls Day, we'll review some of the wildly various notions of sainthood that different religions have put forward over time. What did Martin Luther mean when he said that everyone was “equally saint and sinner”? Who do you think of as a saint in your life – and why? No sainthood required to join the discussion, just a thirsty spirit!

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