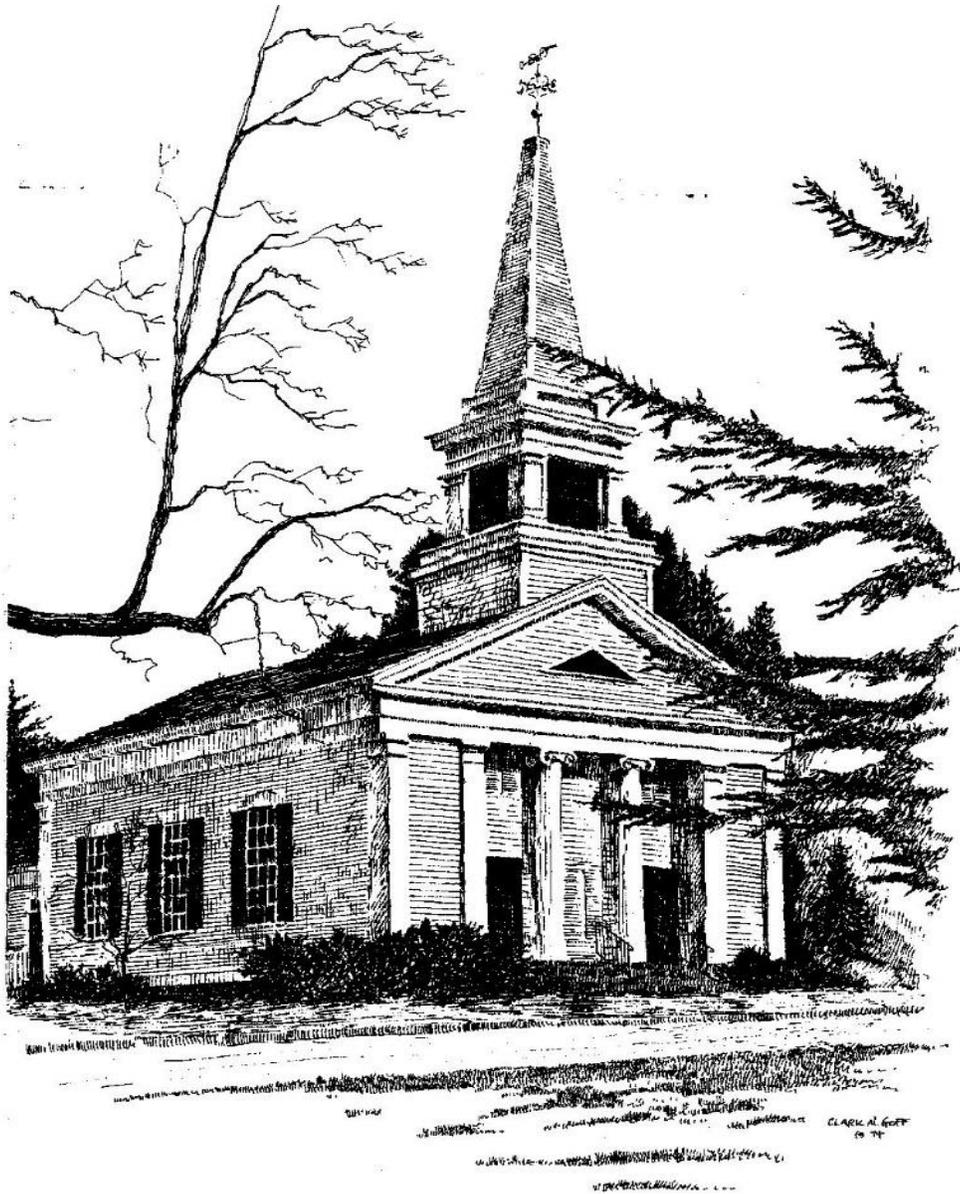


THE FIRST PARISH IN LINCOLN

An Open and Welcoming Church



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

PRELUDE Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing, Opus 1149 - Carson Cooman

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Sarah Klockowski

***OPENING WORDS** from enfleshed

Sarah Klockowski

Minister: The nearness of God is an intimate encounter, palpable and mysterious:

People: Like hope, buzzing through a community.

Minister: Like tension, calling evil into question.

People: Like comfort, shared among the weeping.

Minister: The nearness of God is a collective reality, material and spiritual:

People: Like community that harbors and holds.

Like resources shared and redistributed.

Like proclamations that move and inspire toward justice.

Minister: When God comes close, let the people be glad.

All: Blessed are those who perceive and rejoice!

***OPENING HYMN** “God of Grace and God of Glory”

Gray #115

INVOCATION

Sarah Klockowski

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.

FIRST READING

Mark 1:14-15

Katy Hogue

New Revised Standard Version: Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news.”

First Nations Version: Then later, after Gift of Goodwill was arrested, Creator Sets Free traveled to the territory of Circle of Nations to tell the good story. “The time has now come!” he said to the people. “Creator’s good road is right in front of you. It is time to return to the right ways of thinking and doing! Put your trust in this good story I am bringing to you.”

INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER

Katy Hogue

PRAYER HYMN "My Life Flows On In Endless Song"

Gray #108

SILENCE

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

Sarah Klockowski

PASTORAL PRAYER

Katy Hogue

UNISON PRAYER "The Disciples' Prayer" from enfleshed

Mother of us all, who dwells within and beyond,
Sacred is your name.

May your holy vision for collective flourishing come to fruition among us.

May your dreams of justice, love, compassion, and connection
be enfleshed on earth.

Provide us today with what we need to be nourished in body, soul, and heart.

Forgive us for the harm we cause as we seek to forgive those who have harmed us.

Lead us away from everything that destroys and liberate us from the hands of evil.

For you are the ultimate source of hope.

Your power-with exceeds all power-over.

Your presence incites eternal wonder.

All praise to you, our comfort and strength.

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 Blessing - Joan Symko

SECOND READING "Our God is Marching On!"
excerpt, Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sarah Klockowski

SERMON "Are We There Yet?"

Sarah Klockowski

***CLOSING HYMN** "We'll Build a Land"

Gray #121

***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**

Sarah Klockowski

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

POSTLUDE

Hornpipe from Water Music - G.F. Handel

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The flowers today are given in loving memory of Loren Marcoux.



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.

Please speak to an usher should you have any concerns in this regard.



If you are visiting, we invite you to sign up for our weekly news brief and monthly newsletter to learn more about classes and events in our community. Sign up on our website – www.fplincn.org. You can also fill out a Virtual Connect Card using the QR Code to the right. We are glad you are here.





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.*

Audre Lorde: Warrior Poet* Monday, October 10th at 7pm

Zoom only

Led by Sarah Klockowski

Weekly Meditation Tuesday, October 11th 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.

Soul Matters Engagement Group Thursday, October 13th at 10:30pm

Stearns Room

Led by RL Smith

Sacred Texts* Thursday, October 13th from 12-1pm

Join zoom meeting

Led by Sarah Klockowski

Poetry for Seekers* Friday, October 14th from 4-5pm

Join zoom meeting

Led by Rev. Nate Klug

Join Nate each second Friday afternoon as we read and talk about a few poems related to our month's worship theme. No poetry background required!

Quiet Walks Friday, October 14th at 1:30pm

Led by Andy Falender and Jackie Lenth

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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