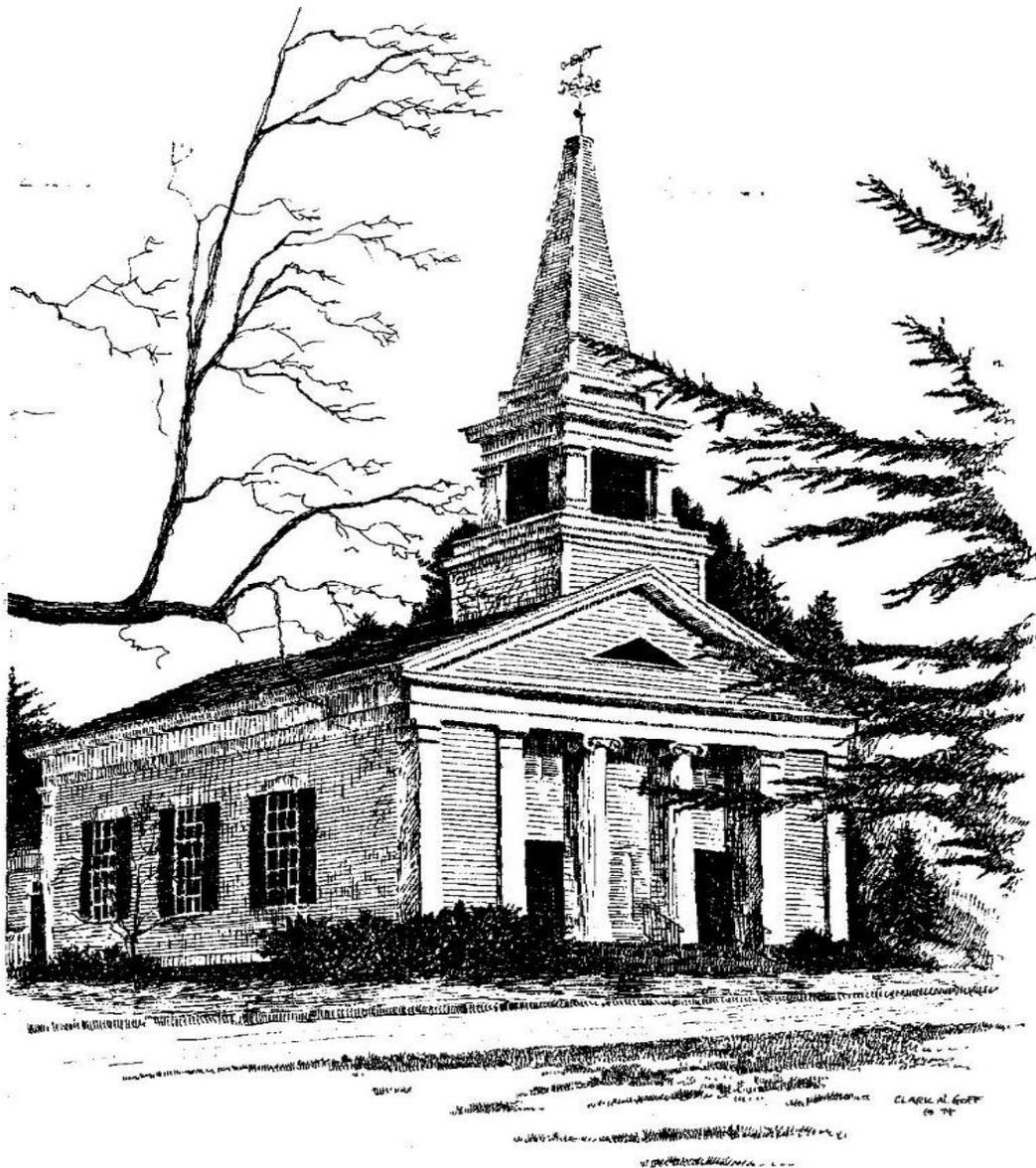


THE FIRST PARISH IN LINCOLN

An Open and Welcoming Church



Sunday, November 6, 2022 ❖ 10 a.m.

November's Worship Theme: Simple Gifts

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

PRELUDE Improvisation on Simple Gifts James Barrett

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME Rev. Nate Klug

***OPENING WORDS**

Adapted from Psalm 100, The Message translation

Minister: On our feet now—to applaud Spirit!

People: Bring a gift of laughter, sing yourselves into Love’s presence.

Minister: Enter with the password: “Thank you!”

People: And make yourselves at home, talking praise.

All: For God is sheer beauty, all-generous, loyal always and ever.

***OPENING HYMN** “We Are Not Our Own” (page 4)

INVOCATION Rev. Kit Novotny

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 Sarah Klockowski

SUNG RESPONSE “This Little Light of Mine”

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine...

Everywhere I go, I’m gonna let it shine...

FIRST READING “Evening” G.K. Chesterton

Here dies another day

During which I have had eyes, ears, hands

And the great world round me;

And with tomorrow begins another.

Why am I allowed two?

INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER Rob Graves

PRAYER HYMN “Peace! The Perfect Word” (Gray, #161)

SILENCE

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

Rev. Nate Klug and Sarah Klockowski

PASTORAL PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER We Lift Up Our Hearts in Thanks

For the sun and the dawn which we did not create;
For the moon and the evening which we did not design;
For the food which we plant but cannot grow;
For friends and loved ones we have not earned and cannot buy;
For all gifts which come from a source beyond ourselves,
We lift up our hearts in thanks.

by Richard Fewkes, adapted by Elizabeth Alexander

OFFERTORY Turning of the World Ruth Pelham

***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 Simple Gifts Aaron Copland

SECOND READING Genesis 1:1-4 King James Version & The Message

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

First this: God created the Heavens and Earth—all you see, all you don't see.

And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

Earth was a soup of nothingness, a bottomless emptiness, an inky blackness.

God's Spirit brooded like a bird above the watery abyss.

And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

God spoke: "Light!"

And light appeared.

And God saw the light, that it was good.

SERMON "The Givenness of Things" Rev. Nate Klug

***CLOSING HYMN** "Amazing Grace" (Gray, #205)

***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**

***CHORAL RESPONSE** Go Now in Peace

POSTLUDE Entrata Festiva - David Lasky

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RINGING OF THE BELL



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



We thank today's ushers for their service:

Linn Parish Elms, David Elms, Mary Stechschulte, Charlie and Elizabeth Cooke



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.



We Are Not Our Own

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Brian Wren, 1987

Unison

1 We are not our own. Earth forms us, hu-man leaves on na-ture's grow-ing
2 We are not a-lone. Earth names us: past and pres-ent, peo-ples near and
3 Through a hu-man life God finds us; dy-ing, liv-ing, love is ful-ly
4 There-fore let us make thanks-giv-ing, and with jus-tice, will-ing and a-

vine, Fruit of man-y gen-er-a-tions, seeds of life di-vine.
far, fam-i-ly and friends and strang-ers show us who we are.
known, and in bread and wine re-minds us: we are not our own.
ware, give to earth, and all things liv-ing, lit-ur-gies of care.

5 And if love's en-coun-ters lead us
on a way un-cer-tain and un-known,
All the saints with prayer sur-round us:
we are not a-lone.

6 Let us be a house of wel-come,
liv-ing stone up-hold-ing liv-ing stone,
Glad-ly show-ing all our neigh-bors
we are not our own!

This hymn was commissioned for the tenth anniversary of the Liturgical Studies Program of Drew University, New Jersey, in 1987. Brian Wren's melody came to him early on in the writing process and was helpful in the creation of the final hymn text.

Tune: YARNTON 8.9.8.5.
Brian Wren, 1987
Arr. Fred Graham, 1987

Upcoming Events

Look ahead to some more events later this month

Sunday, November 20th, please "save the date" for our celebration:

We Gather Together Potluck Brunch

Join in welcoming our newest members while sharing a community meal.

Potluck in the Parish House immediately following the church service.

The Welcoming Committee welcomes you and your help!

Potluck Assignments, by last names

A-E: Vegetable, vegetarian or vegan dishes

F-J: Quiche or other egg dish

K-O: Salads- fruit or greens

P-T: Protein- meat or any plant protein

U-Z: Grains- bread/butter, bagels/cream cheese, muffins/butters, pasta/rice

SVdP Thanksgiving Food Baskets

Thanksgiving offers us time to reflect on how we are blessed and to pass our blessings on to others. We are asking our Lincoln and Weston communities to support our neighbors in need.

Please join us in providing Thanksgiving "Turkey Tin" food baskets for the Society of St.

Vincent de Paul (SVdP) Food Pantry guests.

Thanksgiving

Would you like to enjoy Thanksgiving with friends? We love having company but don't plan to travel, so we are organizing a potluck dinner. If you are interested, please let us know as soon as possible (just how many people - we'll figure out the menu later).

All are welcome and will be asked to complete a COVID test. We're also exploring an outdoor coffee/dessert option if that is more accessible for folks.

RSVP to Richard and Jennifer Saffran: RichardSaffran@hotmail.com

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❖ *Notes and Holy Doodles* ❖