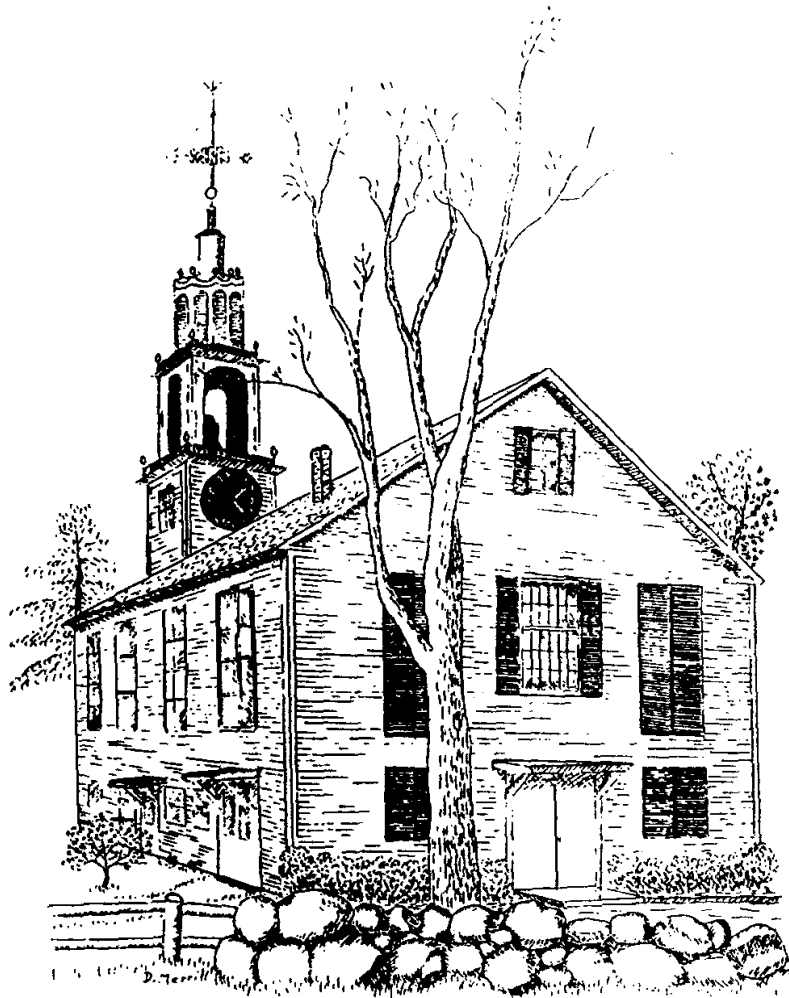


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April 10, 2016 **Third Sunday of Easter**



Doris Merrill

ALL ARE WELCOME

*“Friend, you enter this church not as a stranger, but as a guest of God.
Come, then, with joy in your heart and thanks upon your lips,
and offer God today your love and your service.”*

(Adapted from a 12th Century Church in Hampshire, England)

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First Parish Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, is a community of faith built upon a firm foundation of worship, prayer and education.

In affirming diversity, we are dedicated to welcoming all people who seek the Word of God, Christian fellowship and service to others.

In partnership with Christ and led by the Holy Spirit, we reach out to the ever-widening community through active and loving ministry.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS; SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

WE GATHER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

*HYMN NO. 304 *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sing praises to God, O you saints of God.

All: Praise God for the joyous gift of a new day.

One: Praise the one who upholds us when we are discouraged.

All: God lifts our souls from despair.

One: We give thanks to God who turns mourning into dancing.

All: Praise God who hears our cries and answers our prayers.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)

Come to us as a light from heaven, Holy God. Pierce the shadows of doubt and despair, anger and scorn. Awaken us from dull routines to worship that is alive with awe and wonder, spontaneity, and joy. Surprise us with a presence we cannot avoid, a summons we dare not evade, a mission we may not escape. We are gathered by the love of Christ, that we may feed others as we have been fed. Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE #236 **Halle, halle, halleluja. Halle, halle, halleluja.
Halle, halle, halleluja. Halle, halle, halleluja.**

WE INVITE FORWARD GOD'S LITTLE CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S OFFERING

"I'm Gonna Sing"

I'm goin' a sing when the Spirit says sing (x2)

I'm goin' a sing when the Spirit says sing, and obey the Spirit of the Lord.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Dear God, we offer you our gifts with thanks and praise, be with us and guide us all of our days. Teach us how to love each other, and to shine your light into the world. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Janet Wetherbee

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (insert) Lane Wilder Degnan

HYMN NO. 456 *"More Love to You, O Christ"*

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH
DEACONS OF THE MONTH
LAY READER
USHERS

Members of the Congregation
Fred Merrill and Joanne Worthen
Joanne Worthen
Becky Fleury, Verna Elwell
Joe Weaver, Suzanne Hunt
Michael Bryan
Mark Pingree and Nancy Magee
The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof
The Rev. Heidi Carrington Heath
Susan Handy
Jeff DeLangie
Lindsey Roman

GREETER(s)
PASTOR
ASSOCIATE PASTOR
MUSIC DIRECTOR
ACCOMPANIST/ORGANIST
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

First Parish Activity Calendar

Sunday, April 10

9:00am Sr. Choir Rehearsal ~ Luke
10:00am Worship ~ Currier
11:15am Children's Choir ~ Luke
11:35am Handchime Rehearsal ~ Luke

Monday, April 11

7:00pm Finance ~ Cook
7:00pm Troop 405 ~ Currier/AB/Nursery

Tuesday, April 12

9:30am Nutfield Gym ~ Currier
4:00pm GS Troop 20993 ~ Currier
6:15pm GS Troop 20321 ~ Luke
6:30pm Bible Study ~ Currier
7:00pm Music Board ~ A/B
7:00pm OA ~ Nursery

Wednesday, April 13

8:30am Rehab Fundraising Com. ~ A/B
12:30pm K.I.T. ~ Currier
6:00pm GS Troop 13152 ~ John
7:00pm Council ~ Cook
7:00pm AA 12 Step Workshop ~ Nursery

Thursday, April 14

4:30pm Daisy Trp 11080 ~ John
6:30pm CS Pack 405 ~ Currier/Luke/AB
7:00pm Sr. Choir ~ Luke

Friday, April 15

7:00pm AA Serenity Sisters ~ A/B

Saturday, April 16

7:30am Youth Group Trip ~ Heifer Farm
4:00pm Youth Group Pizza Party ~ A/B
7:30pm AA ~ Currier

Sunday, April 17

8:00am Historic Preservation ~ Archive
8:00am Youth Ministry ~ A/B
9:00am Sr. Choir Rehearsal ~ Luke
10:00am Worship ~ Currier
10:15am Sunday School ~ John
11:15am Children's Choir ~ Luke
11:30am Mission ~ A/B
11:35am Handchime Rehearsal ~ Luke

Scriptures – April 10

Psalm 30

A Psalm. A Song at the dedication of the temple. Of David.

¹ I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

² O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.

³ O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

⁴ Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.

⁵ For his anger is but for a moment;
his favour is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.

⁶ As for me, I said in my prosperity,
'I shall never be moved.'

⁷ By your favour, O LORD,
you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.

⁸ To you, O LORD, I cried,
and to the LORD I made supplication:

⁹ 'What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the Pit?

Will the dust praise you?

Will it tell of your faithfulness?

¹⁰ Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me!
O LORD, be my helper!

¹¹ You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,

¹² so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you for ever.

John 21.1-19

21 After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

4 Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' ⁶He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

9 When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' ¹⁶A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' ¹⁷He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' ¹⁹(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'