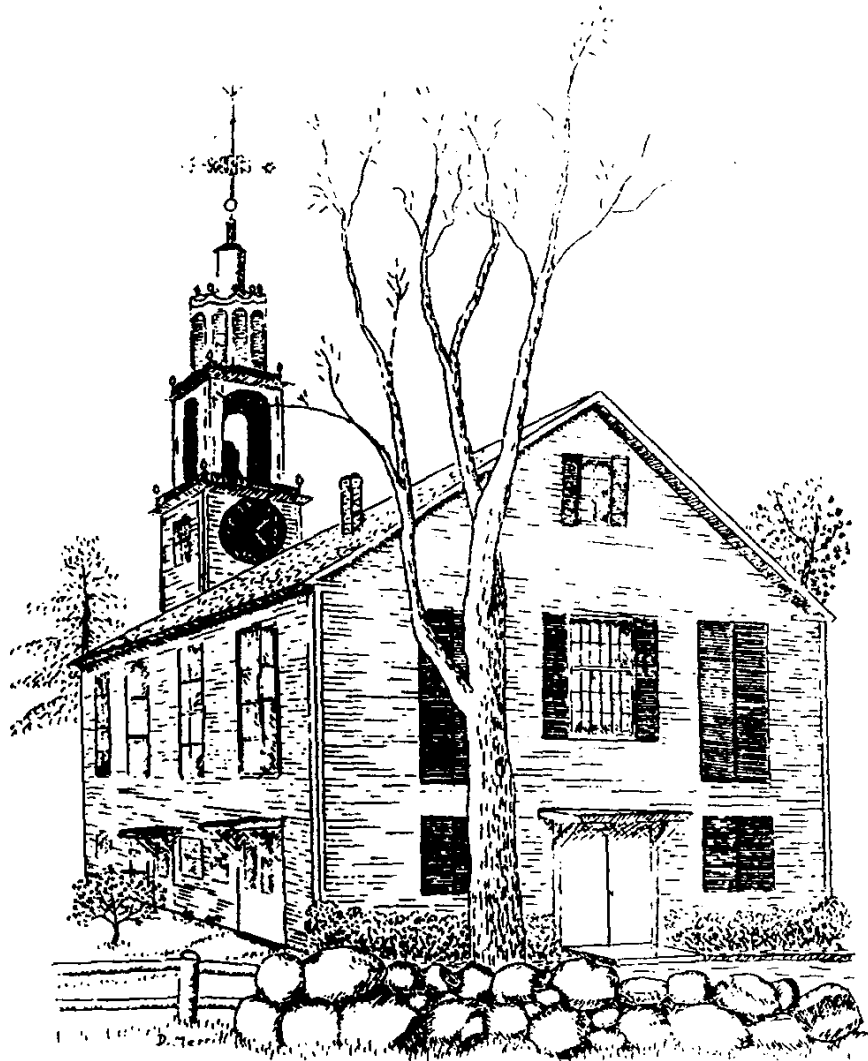


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**June 26, 2016**

**Trinity Sunday**



*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)

## June 26, 2016 Trinity Sunday

**Jesus said:** 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world;

for I was hungry and **you gave me food**, I was thirsty and **you gave me something to drink**, I was a stranger and **you welcomed me**,

I was naked and **you gave me clothing**, I was sick and **you took care of me**, I was in prison and **you visited me.**' (Matthew 25:34-36)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS; SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

### WE GATHER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

\*HYMN NO. 18

*"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Praise to God our Creator, source of our being and wellspring of life.

**All: Praise to God our liberator, who sets us free and gives us hope.**

One: Praise to God the Word, love made flesh to dwell among us.

**All: Praise to Jesus the Christ, who feeds the hungry and shows us the Way.**

One: Praise to God the Spirit, fiery light and rushing wind.

**All: Praise to the Holy Spirit, who inspires, challenges, comforts, and sustains us.**

One: Come let us worship the Earth-maker, the Pain-bearer, and the Life-giver\* -

**All: Let us worship God!**

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**O God our Sovereign, how wonderful are the many ways we experience your presence! Help us to draw near to you, that we may receive all that you have to offer us in this time and place. Open our ears so that we can hear your wisdom's call. Set our hearts ablaze with your healing fire. Nourish us with the gift of community. Empower us to follow and to serve you, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.**

\*SONG OF PRAISE #236

Halle, halle, halleluja. Halle, halle, halleluja.

Halle, halle, halleluja. Halle, halle, halleluja.

### WE INVITE FORWARD GOD'S LITTLE CHILDREN

*At this time, all children are invited to come forward for the children's offering, and children's time. An offering is not required for participation. All are welcome, especially first time visitors.*

CHILDREN'S OFFERING

*"Jesus Loves Me"*

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

Pastor Heidi

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory forever. Amen.** (Children and youth may now go to their classes.)

\*HYMN (insert)

*"Here I Am, Lord"*

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US**

OLD TESTAMENT	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	(O.T. pp. 654-655)
NEW TESTAMENT	Matthew 28:16-20	(N.T. p. 34)
SERMON	"A Scandalous Love Triangle"	The Rev. Heidi Carrington Heath
CHOIR ANTHEM	"Don't Look Back" (Given in memory of Melissa Mitchell)	Spiritual, arr. Larson

**WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER**

PASTORAL PRAYER		
CHORAL RESPONSE	"Take, O, Take Me as I Am"	John Bell

**WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS**

OFFERTORY INVITATION  
OFFERTORY MUSIC

\*DOXOLOGY #780      **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
**Lord, richly bless and multiply these offerings of gratitude that all whose lives they touch may know the grace and power of your love. Amen.**

**WE ARE SENT OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE A LOVING, SERVING GOD**

\*HYMN NO. 493      *"Oh, Jesus, I Have Promised"*

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE  
POSTLUDE

*\*Indicates all that are able may stand.*

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH	Members of the Congregation
DEACONS OF THE MONTH	Becca Cobban and Diane Gordon
LAY READER	Brian Williams
USHERS	Ross and Linda Webber
	Kevin and Diane Gordon
	Michael Bryan
	Becky Fleury
GREETER(s)	The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof
PASTOR	The Rev. Heidi Carrington Heath
ASSOCIATE PASTOR	Susan Handy
MUSIC DIRECTOR	Jeff DeLangie
ACCOMPANIST/ORGANIST	Becca Cobban
INTERIM ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT	

How are we doing?		
Financial Committee Report as of 5/31/16	Received	Budgeted
Pledges year to date	\$86,227	\$87,500
Plate year to date	\$8,479	\$11,667

## First Parish Activity Calendar

### Sunday, June 26

9:00am Sr. Choir Rehearsal ~ Luke  
10:00am Worship ~ Currier  
10:15am Sunday School ~ John  
11:00am Bake Sale ~ Currier  
1:30pm Baby Shower ~ Currier/Kitchen

### Monday, June 27

8:00am Nutfield Summer Program ~ Mark/Matthew

### Tuesday, June 28

9:30am Nutfield Summer Program ~ Mark/Matthew  
6:15pm GS Troop 20321 ~ Luke  
7:00pm Facilities ~ Cook  
7:00pm OA ~ A/B

### Wednesday, June 29

8:00am Nutfield Summer Program ~ Mark/Matthew  
9:30am Exploring the Bible ~ John  
6:00pm GS Troop 13152 ~ John

### Thursday, June 30

8:00am Nutfield Summer Program ~ Mark/Matthew  
6:30pm AA Book Study ~ A/B

### Friday, July 1

6:00pm First Friday  
7:00pm AA Serenity Sisters ~ A/B

### Saturday, July 2

7:30pm AA ~ Currier

### Sunday, July 3

#### WORSHIP BEGINS AT 9:00 AM

9:00am Worship ~ Currier

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**Summer Worship Dates:** Save the dates! Our outdoor worship services will take place on **July 10<sup>th</sup>** and **August 14<sup>th</sup>**. Please remember to bring your own chair. The Deacons will have a few chairs set up for those who do not have their own chairs or unable to carry them. Childcare will be available. **Exciting news! This year members of St. Luke's United Methodist Church will join in our July outdoor worship!**

**Veteran Page in Directory:** Are you or do you know a member or friend of First Parish who is a veteran (past or present)? We'd love to list them on a special page in our new directory! Please submit name and military branch to Becca Cobban at [rcobban@rivier.edu](mailto:rcobban@rivier.edu) or 490-0884. Thank you!

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## Scriptures – June 26

### Proverbs 8.1-4, 22-31

<sup>8</sup> Does not wisdom call,  
and does not understanding raise her voice?

<sup>2</sup> On the heights, beside the way,  
at the crossroads she takes her stand;

<sup>3</sup> beside the gates in front of the town,  
at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

<sup>4</sup> ‘To you, O people, I call,  
and my cry is to all that live.

<sup>22</sup> The LORD created me at the beginning of his work,  
the first of his acts of long ago.

<sup>23</sup> Ages ago I was set up,  
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

<sup>24</sup> When there were no depths I was brought forth,  
when there were no springs abounding with water.

<sup>25</sup> Before the mountains had been shaped,  
before the hills, I was brought forth—

<sup>26</sup> when he had not yet made earth and fields,  
or the world’s first bits of soil.

<sup>27</sup> When he established the heavens, I was there,  
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

<sup>28</sup> when he made firm the skies above,  
when he established the fountains of the deep,

<sup>29</sup> when he assigned to the sea its limit,  
so that the waters might not transgress his command,

when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

<sup>30</sup> then I was beside him, like a master worker;

and I was daily his delight,  
rejoicing before him always,

<sup>31</sup> rejoicing in his inhabited world  
and delighting in the human race.

### Matthew 28.16-20

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven

and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'