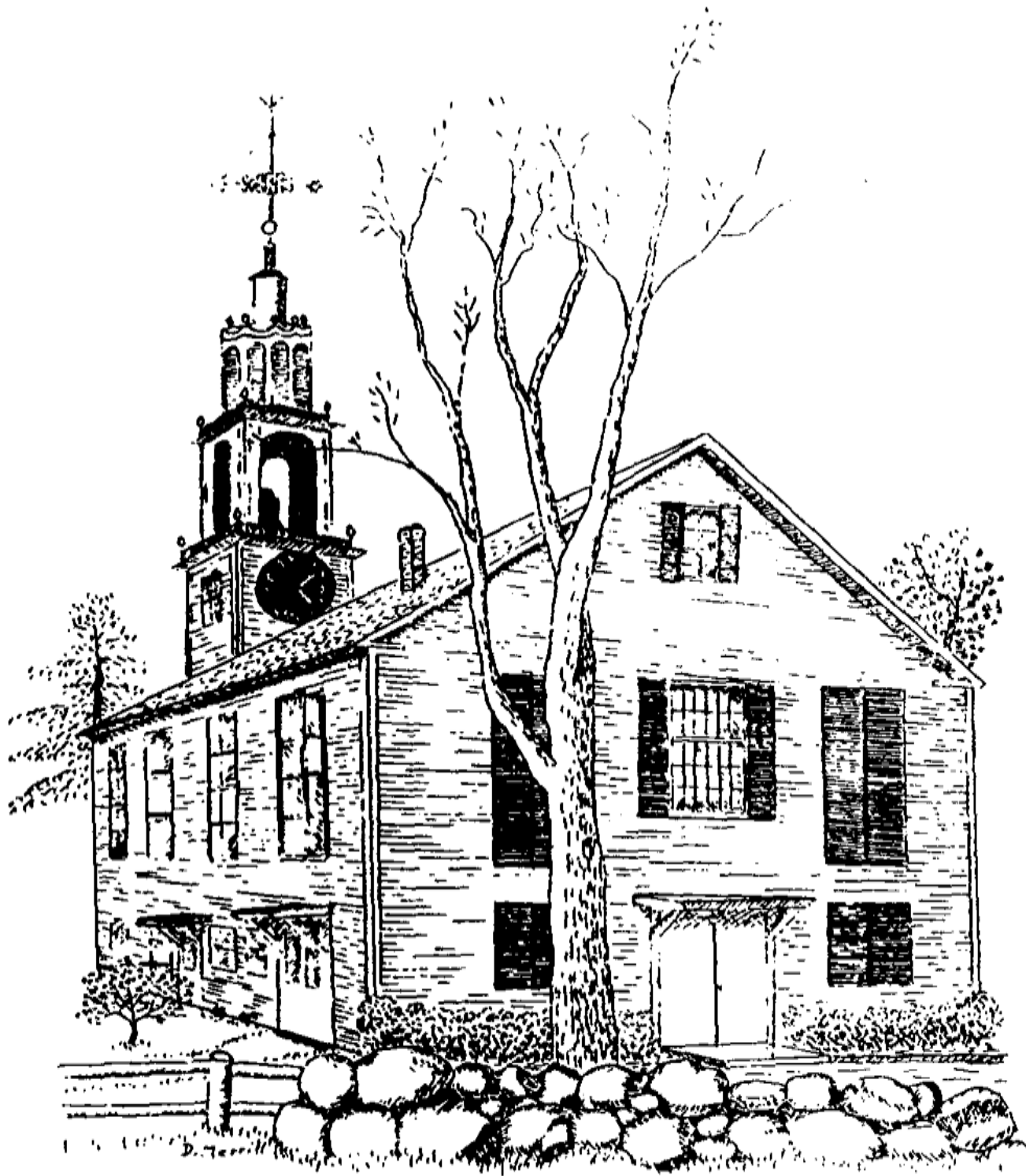


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April 30, 2017 Third Sunday of Easter



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 TO ALL OF GOD'S CHILDREN

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS; SHARING JOYS & CONCERNS

WE GATHER INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

PRELUDE

*HYMN NO. 471

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God has called us together for this time of worship.

All: God is listening to our thoughts and to our speaking.

One: God inclines an ear to us and hears us.

All: God knows us better than we know ourselves.

*INVOCATION

Wondrous God, present with us when we do not know it, valuing us when we do not care for ourselves, planting in us the seed of your word even when the soil of our hearts is hard and unyielding, open our eyes to recognize you here. May we sense your presence next to us. May we hear your voice. May we know your touch. May we see you in one another. Amen.

*SONG OF PRAISE #756

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

WE INVITE FORWARD GOD'S YOUNGER DISCIPLES

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 #327

"Jesus Loves Me"

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Deborah

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.

*HYMN NO. 207

"Just As I Am, Without One Plea"

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

NEW TESTAMENT

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

(N.T. p.123)

GOSPEL

Luke 24:13-35

(N.T. p. 92)

SERMON

Walking with Jesus

The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Sing for Joy"

Handel, arr. Spevak

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

CHOIR RESPONSE

WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Our offerings are a sacrifice of thanksgiving in the spirit of Jesus, who gave everything, even life itself, to proclaim God's inclusive love. God calls all people to become children of the promise, and to this end we dedicate our gifts.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*DOXOLOGY #785

**We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Thank you, God, for the privilege of joining with Christ in the proclamation of your love for all people. May the ministries we support serve to unite people across all differences, building up the body of Christ and reaching out to the world with healing energy. Bless these gifts and all who give in any way to make your love known. Amen.

WE GO OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE A LOVING, SERVING GOD

*HYMN NO. 547

“Amazing Grace”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Indicates all that are able may stand.*

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH

Members of the Congregation

DEACONS OF THE MONTH

Cyndi Gray and Diane Breeden

LAY READER

Sarah Keller

USHERS

Stanley & Holly Gorgol, Tom Cooper and Michael Bryan

GREETER(s)

Betsy McCall

SENIOR PASTOR AND TEACHER

The Rev. Dr. Deborah Roof

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Thank you to everyone who worked on the Earth Day Service last week. It is online at **fpc-ucc.org** if you missed it!