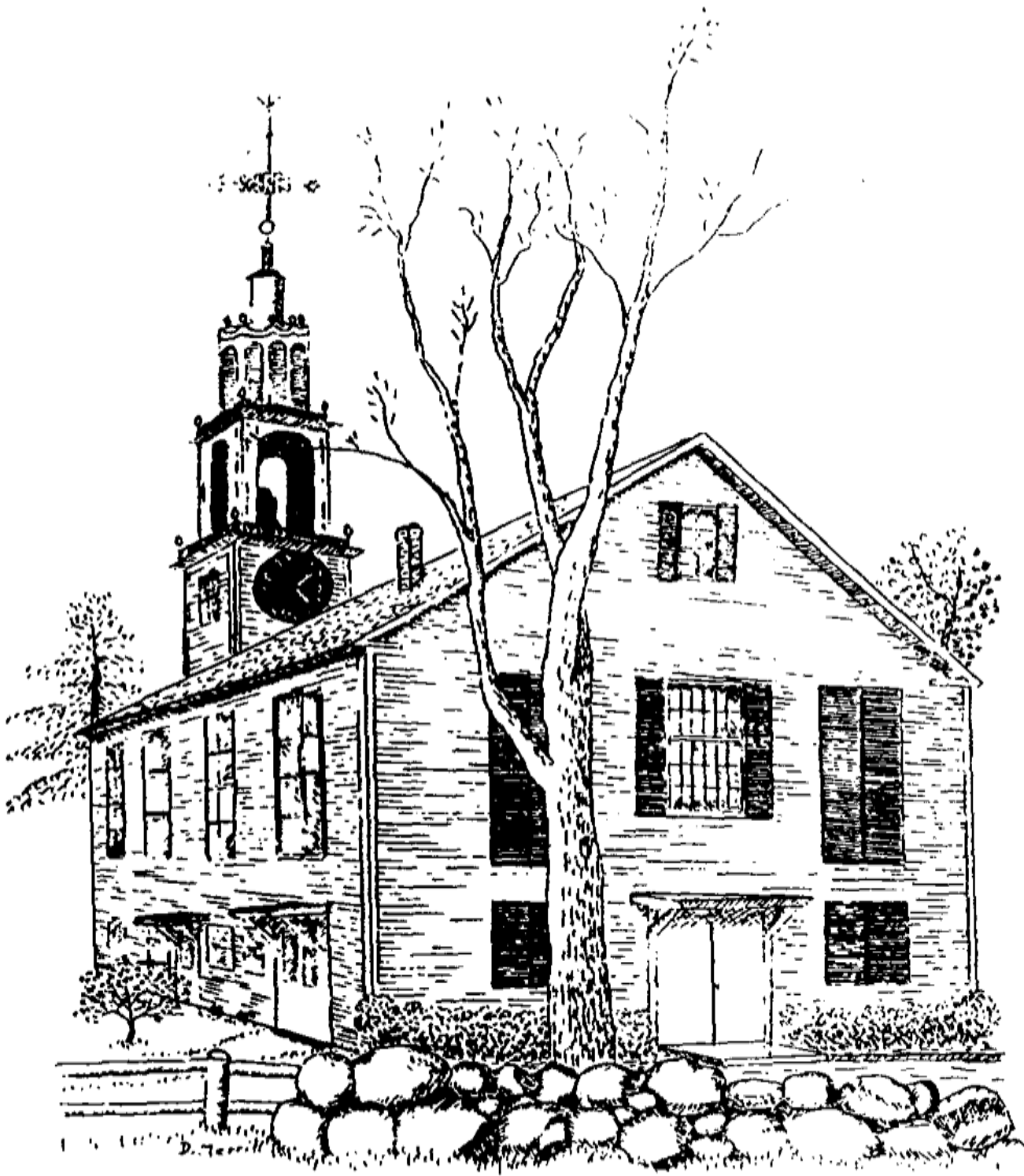


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ALL ARE WELCOME

*“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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come with joy and gladness to praise and honor God.

All: God is gracious and merciful and full of compassion.

One: Give thanks for all the guidance God Gives us.

All: Come, all who are weary and carrying heavy burdens.

One: Come, for Christ has promised rest.

All: Let us find rest for our souls.

*HYMN #43 – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

***INVOCATION**

We come together, gracious God, because we have heard your invitation. We sense that you alone know the burdens we carry. You understand our weariness. Sometimes our journey seems long and without respite. We long for the refreshment you provide as we come to worship you. Open our hearts to receive all you offer. Amen.

***SONG OF PRAISE #759**

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit, Three-in-One;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen.

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

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 #290 – Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD FOR US

NEW TESTAMENT	Romans 7:15-25a	(N.T. p.164)
GOSPEL	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	(N.T. p.11)
MEDITATION	David McGrath	

WE RESPOND WITH PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE RESPOND WITH OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS

OFFERTORY INVITATION

God has greatly blessed us with many kinds of wealth. Let our joy and gladness overflow as we express gratitude to God with our offerings. Let us support the ministries of the church.

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

Gracious God, we give thanks for all your works. Gratitude is our first impulse for giving. Accept our grateful hearts, along with our gifts. We ask for wisdom as our church determines priorities for the use of resources. As you are faithful to us, O God, may we be faithful in all things, seeking always to live by your gracious will. Amen.

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

*HYMN #506 – What a Friend We Have in Jesus

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (Please remain seated until the postlude has concluded.)

**Indicates all that are able may stand.*

MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH

DEACONS OF THE MONTH

Ken Gould and Julie Turner

LAY READER

Ken Gould

USHERS Ken Gould, Dee Deranian, Shirley Dickason and Michael Bryan

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Betsy McCall

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