



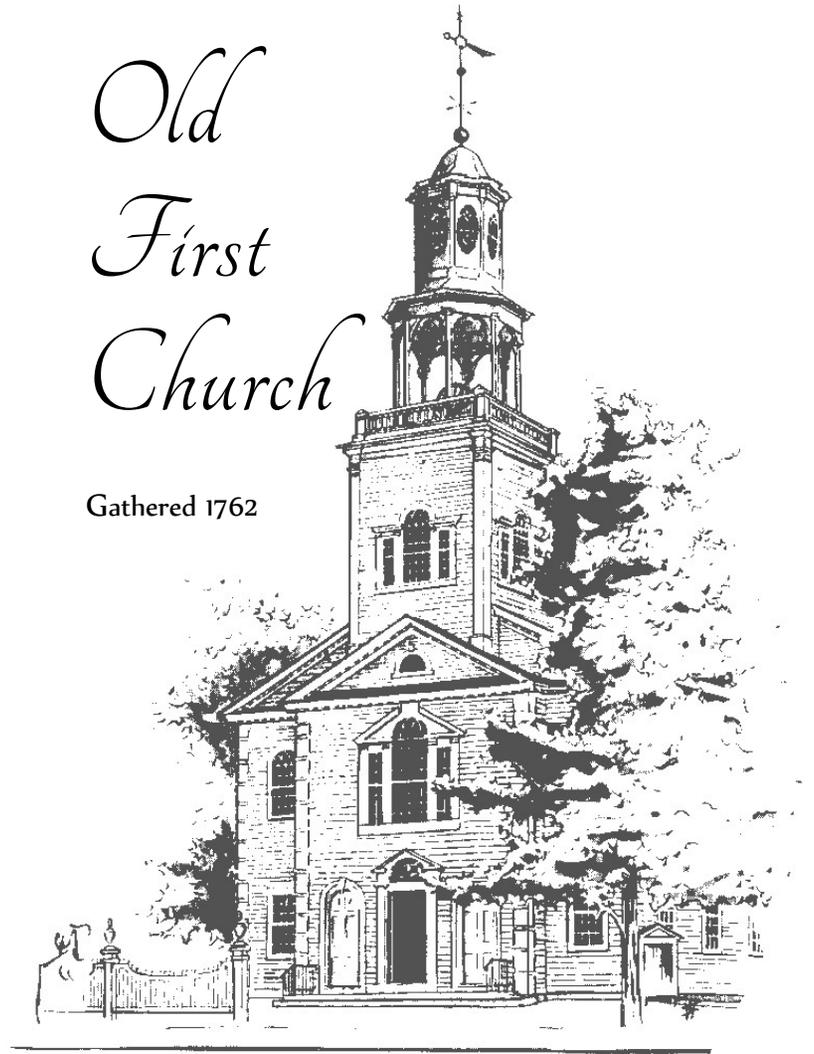
Deacons on call this month are Marsha Pilachowski and Wendy Schmitt.

Worship and life at Old First is changing in response to the need to reduce activity as we work to get through the challenge of the COVID-19 presence in our life. Our prayers and thoughts go to everyone immediately affected and thanks go to all people who work to provide care and supply our needs in this time. An audio version of our weekly worship services can be found on the church's website by clicking on the "Worship" tab and selecting "Worship Here and Now". Or simply paste the following into your computer's browser at the top of the page: <http://oldfirstchurchbenn.org/worship/worship-here-and-now/>  
If this link appears in blue on the device you are using to read this, you can also just "click on the link" and you will be there! The church office has been temporarily moved to the home of our office administrator. Please use email, phone or U.S. Mail for correspondence.

If you are interested in discussing matters of faith and want to inquire about Christian membership in the church, please contact Rev. Clarke. We welcome the chance to have you join us in our historic, but active-in-the-world, community of faith!

# Old First Church

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### *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
join me in glad adoration!

Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters the under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been  
sent by his gracious ordaining?  
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the amen sound from His people again;  
gladly for aye we adore Him.

### *Lord, to You My Soul Is Lifted*

Lord, to You my soul is lifted.  
Let me never be ashamed  
that I trust in You to keep me  
though I seem to wait in vain.  
Lord, remember all Your love;  
in Your holy will instruct me.  
Lord, do not remember sins  
of those younger years behind me.

Lord of covenant and goodness,  
pardon and correct my sin.  
They who worship You and fear You  
choose the paths You choose for them.  
They and all their family  
shall possess the earth forever.  
You, O Lord, will be their friend.  
From the snare You will deliver.

Turn to me in grace and mercy,  
as I suffer all alone.  
Take away my sin and sadness,  
all the trouble I have known.  
May my fierce and spiteful foes  
not succeed to harm and curse me.  
In Your faithfulness I hope.  
On Your people, Lord, have mercy.

### *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot*

#### **Refrain:**

*Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.  
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I looked over Jordan, and what did I see,  
coming for to carry me home?  
A band of angels coming after me,  
coming for to carry me home. *[Refrain]*

If you get there before I do,  
coming for to carry me home;  
tell all my friends I'm coming too,  
coming for to carry me home. *[Refrain]*

I'm sometimes up, and sometimes down,  
coming for to carry me home;  
but still my soul feels heavenly bound,  
Coming for to carry me home. *[Refrain]*

The brightest day that I can say,  
coming for to carry me home;  
when Jesus washed my sins away,  
coming for to carry me home. *[Refrain]*

### *Steal Away to Jesus*

#### **Refrain:**

*Steal away, steal away; Steal away to Jesus.  
Steal away, steal away home. I ain't got long to stay here.*

My Lord, he calls me,  
he calls me by the thunder;  
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul.  
I ain't got long to stay here. *[Refrain]*

Green trees a-bending,  
poor sinners stand a-trembling;  
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul.  
I ain't got long to stay here. *[Refrain]*

My Lord, he calls me,  
he calls me by the lightning;  
The trumpet sounds within-a my soul.  
I ain't got long to stay here. *[Refrain]*

### **GENESIS 9:8-17**

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”

God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

### **LUKE 4:16-19**

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”