

INVITATION TO A TOUR AND DISCUSSION

The First Parish **Stained Glass Committee** is pleased to invite you to a tour and discussion of the unique collection of American Stained Glass Windows in our sanctuary on **Saturday, March 27**, 2010 at 2 p.m.

Virginia Raguin, Professor of Art History: Brooks Chair in the Humanities at the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester and our own Francis G. Hutchins, historian, will guide us through the collection installed between 1895 and 1945. The studios of Louis Comfort Tiffany, Charles Connick, Heinigke and Bowen, Reynolds, Francis and Rohnstock, and Redding, Baird & Company, all represented, were the best of the time.

Our most important window, designed and built by Sarah Wyman Whitman is described as a national treasure. The Lowell Window is one of Whitman's three major commissions and reflects the style seen in her Harvard commissions. As noted in a report by Professor Raguin this window shows a complex use of techniques of the opalescent era, with plating of several layers of glass that refract the light, and skillful use of leading as structure and design.

Our mission is to make better known the history and beauty of our collection as we plan how it should be restored and maintained. We hope you will join us for the tour and light refreshments and conversation with our stained glass experts to follow.

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