

Seek what is true, not what is desirable.
– Albert Camus

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.
Weston, Massachusetts
Gathered in 1698
ORDER OF SERVICE for STREAMED WORSHIP
November 15, 2020
24th Sunday after Pentecost / Diwali

PRELUDE: “Moderato in C” by Adolf Kehrler (1841-1899)
“Andante” by Adolf Kehrler
“Blessed Ye who Live in Faith Unswerving” by Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

HYMN: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

**Come, ye thankful people, come, raise a song of harvest home;
fruit and crops are gathered in, safe before the storms begin;
God, our Maker, will provide for our needs to be supplied;
come to God’s own temple, come, raise a song of harvest home.**

**All the world is but a field, given for a fruitful yield;
Wheat and tares together sown, here for joy or sorrow grown:
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
God of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE: Chris and Jane Carlson

VIRTUAL EXCHANGE OF PEACE

TIME FOR ALL AGES: Jeff Barz-Snell

READING: Luke 16:19-31 *Lazarus and the Rich Man*

ANTHEM: “On Mighty Pens” from *The Creation* by Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)
Carol McKeen, soprano, and Geoffrey Wieting, organ

"On Mighty Pens" describes God's creation of birds on the fifth day of the Creation. Haydn's text features the eagle with its "mighty pens," which are the strong wing feathers of a bird, as well as doves, and nightingales with their "enchancing lays," which are songs or melodies. However, in this particular moment, we could also attach an additional meaning to the text, which is that the great American eagle of democracy has not only soared, but brings peace, symbolized by him "calling the tender dove his mate."

SERMON: *On Selfishness and the Common Good*

Jeff Barz-Snell

PASTORAL PRAYER, FOLLOWED BY 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

OFFERTORY: "For All the Saints" by Ralph Vaughan Williams, arr. Robert Shaw
First Parish Virtual Choir

DOXOLOGY

**From all that dwell below the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue!**

**Eternal are thy mercies Lord:
Eternal truth attends thy word;
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.**

INVITATION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Veni Creator" by Russell Schulz-Widmar (b. 1944)

We invite you to join us on Zoom
for a time of fellowship following the service.
<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/91505972231>
Meeting ID: 915 0597 2231

Minister:

Asst. Minister of Families & Community Outreach:

Organist:

Choir Director:

Parish Administrator:

Sexton:

AV Interns:

Rev. Jeffrey Barz-Snell

Rev. Sarah Napoline

Geoffrey Wieting

William C. Sano

Betsy Gibson

Alan Flynn

Max Hall

Jacob Barz-Snell

Jonah Barz-Snell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLING FOR READERS FOR THANKSGIVING SUNDAY – We are looking for six different people or families to record themselves reading a section of the Governor’s Thanksgiving Day Proclamation for our service on Sunday, Nov. 22. Scripts are provided and interested groups can even borrow/check out the church’s lavalier microphone that works great with iPhones and iPads. The Proclamation includes a section in which one person gets to say the words “Now I, Charlie Baker ...” – an opportunity that often appeals to certain folks. If interested in recording a section, please email or call Betsy or Jeff in the Church Office.

KNITTERS & STITCHERS – Join us virtually on Zoom on Mondays at noon.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86829200151>; Meeting ID: 868 2920 0151

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY MORNING MEDITATION AT 8:30 AM – Join us on Zoom; go to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82332140993>; Meeting ID: 823 3214 0993

PASTOR’S CHAT & PODCAST DISCUSSION – Thursday, Nov. 19, at 4:00 pm

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/92640534044>; Meeting ID: 926 4053 4044

Join Jeff Barz-Snell on Thursdays at 4 pm. Meeting each week at “tea-time,” he will host a Zoom-based chat to check-in and discuss an episode of the award-winning podcast, “Seeing White.” Listening to the podcast in advance is an invitation, not a requirement. Jeff will be always be prepared to discuss the series if people would like. For more information on the schedule of episodes, see “What’s Happening” on the church website.

To listen to the podcast, copy/paste into your browser:

<http://www.sceneonradio.org/seeing-white/>

FPCW BOOK GROUP – Join us on Zoom on Thursday, Nov. 19, at 9:30 am for a discussion of Robert Reich’s book *The Common Good*. The Zoom login info will be sent to Book Group members the week of Nov. 16; contact Betsy in the Church Office if you’d like to be added to that list.

ANNUAL INGATHERING FOR WESTON COA FOOD PANTRY – We hope you’ll add some extra items to your grocery list for the Food Pantry at the Weston Council on Aging. There is a list of needed items in the e-Parish Post and the church website. Small-size packaging, rather than jumbo, is preferred. Donations may be left in the vestibule on Church Street outside the office area (outer door is never locked) or you may bring them to the Breezeway entrance during office hours and call Betsy Gibson (781.893.7798) to come let you in. We will use some of the donations as an altar centerpiece on Sunday, Nov. 22, before delivering everything to the COA.

NOVEMBER BRISTOL LODGE SUPPER – Per our long-standing tradition, we will provide dinner for clients of Bristol Lodge on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, Nov. 25. The menu will feature comfort food: meatloaf, roasted potatoes, with carrots on the side and pumpkin barst. If you would like to help, you could make meatloaf (for 12) using your own favorite recipe (or double the Quaker Oats version), make roasted potatoes for 12 using your regular method or Ina Garten’s version, carrots for 20 or make a double recipe of pumpkin bars. A few people to help with prep and/or transportation to Waltham at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, November 25t are also needed. If you can help, please contact Mary Menino (mary.menino@gmail.com).

Quaker Oats Meatloaf recipe:

<https://firstparishweston.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Quaker-Meatloaf-Recipe.pdf>

Garten garlic roasted potato recipe:

<https://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/ina-garten/garlic-roasted-potatoes-recipe-1913067>

Pumpkin bar recipe:

<https://firstparishweston.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/PumkinBarRecipe-1.pdf>