

Man must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love.
Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.
– The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.
Weston, Massachusetts
Gathered in 1698
ORDER OF SERVICE for STREAMED WORSHIP
January 17, 2021 A.D.
The Second Sunday after Epiphany

Join us for our Sunday Service on Vimeo.com:
<https://vimeo.com/user/113463486/folder/1903672>

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

PRELUDE: “Wade in the Water”

OPENING WORDS

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

HYMN: “Precious Lord, Take my Hand” (*verses 1 & 2*)

**Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall;
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE: Jennie Tirnauer with daughters Emma and Luisa

TIME FOR ALL AGES – Rev. Sarah Napoline

READING: Amos 5: 18-24

PIANO RESPONSE

READING: Excerpt from “Strength to Love” by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

MUSIC MEDITATION: “Balm in Gilead”

SERMON: "On Lying, Dreaming, and Loving" – Rev. 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: "We shall Overcome" – African-American spiritual c. 1750-1875.

arr. William Farley Smith (1941–)

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: Improvisation on "Amen"

We welcome back our guest pianist, Steve Sussman. Steve is a well-known local pianist and teacher. He has taught at the Rivers School Conservatory for many years. He lives with his family in Needham.

First Parish Church has long welcomed people with different perspectives, backgrounds and orientations. While we currently pursue formally becoming a Welcoming Congregation, we happily welcome all people as part of our 21st century community and church.

STAFF

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Benjamin Doyle
Rose Hegele
Christopher Humbert
TJ Rufo-Curran

Choir Soloists:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WEEKEND BONFIRE FOR YOUTH – Robert Jones has tentatively scheduled a bonfire for this afternoon from 4:00-5:30 pm. Please refer to the most recent e-Parish Post for other suggested youth gatherings and provide feedback via Doodle.

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86829200151>; Meeting ID: 8682 9200 151

CCYM Meeting on Zoom – Tuesday, Jan. 19, at 7:00 pm (Sarah will send login information.)

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83090765817>; Meeting ID: 8309 0765 817

(PLEASE NOTE: This is a new login that should remain in effect until the end of June.)

PASTOR'S CHAT & PODCAST DISCUSSION – Thursday, Jan. 21, at 4:00 pm. Join Jeff on Zoom:

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/95816202845>; Meeting ID: 9581 6202 845

FPCW BOOK GROUP – Join us on Zoom on **Thursday, Jan. 21, at 9:30 am** for a discussion of *Widows of Malabar Hill* by Sujata Massey.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82187096546>; Meeting ID: 8218 7096 546

JANUARY BRISTOL LODGE SUPPER – Please contact Mary Menino (mary.menino@gmail.com) if you can provide baked pork tenderloin, smashed red potatoes, frozen peas, or cookies/bars for our next supper on Wednesday, Jan. 27, or help with preparations in the FPCW kitchen from 1:30-3:15 pm). Recipe links are in this week's e-Parish Post or contact Betsy Gibson in the Church Office.

Save the Date for a
**A Zoom-based presentation with MA Senator Michael Barrett,
followed by moderated Q & A
Sunday, Jan. 24, 2021 – 4:00 - 5:00 pm**

Sponsored by the MetroWest Climate Solutions Group
Senator Barrett will provide an update on recent climate legislation

Register at:

<https://tinyurl.com/MassClimateUpdate>

or copy/paste into your browser:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/climate-update-with-sen-michael-barrett-tickets-136200101169?aff=affiliate>