

*Prayer is not asking. It is a longing of the soul. It is daily admission of one's weakness.
It is better in prayer to have a heart without words than words without a heart.*
~ Mohandas K. Gandhi

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.
Weston, Massachusetts
Gathered in 1698
ORDER OF SERVICE for STREAMED WORSHIP
February 28, 2021 A.D. at 10:30 am
Second Sunday in Lent

Join us for our Sunday Service at 10:30 am on Vimeo.com:
<https://vimeo.com/showcase/8015409>

We invite everyone to join us for:
a time of fellowship at 11:30 am,
<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/98603358957>
Meeting ID: 986 0335 8957

PRELUDE: "Soon and Very Soon" by Andrae Crouch (b. 1942)
"Lift Every Voice and Sing" by J. Rosamond Johnson (1873-1954)

OPENING WORDS

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

HYMN: "Every time I hear the spirit" (vs. 1-3) – Bill & Kathy Rousseau, hymn leaders

Refrain: **Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.**
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart I will pray.

**Upon the mountain, when my Lord spoke,
Out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.
Looked all around me, it looked so fine,
I asked my Lord if all were mine.**

**O Jordan river is chilly and cold,
it chills the body, not the soul.
There's only one train upon this track;
it runs to heaven, then right back.**

**O I have heartache and I have woe,
and I have trouble here below.
But while God leads me, I'll never fear,
for I am sheltered by God's care.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE: Patty Sins

VIRTUAL EXCHANGE OF PEACE

GUEST PRESENTATION: Officer Darryl Owens, Founder, The Boston Teen Police Academy

ANTHEM: "He that shall endure to the end" from *Elijah* by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
Virtual FPCW Choir

READING: Luke 2: 1-8

MUSIC MEDITATION

SERMON: "On Vaccinations and Temptations" – Rev. Jeff Barz-Snell

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER – featuring a different version for each week of Lent. This week's version was written by the Rev. Jacob Trapp

**O Thou, whose kingdom is within, may all thy names be hallowed.
May no one of them be turned against the others to divide those
who address Thee.**

**May thy presence be made known to us in mercy beauty, love and
justice. May thy kingdom come to be in the life of all humankind.
May it come with peace, with sharing, and in a near time.**

**Give us this day our daily bread, free from all envy and alienation,
broken and blessed in the sharing.**

**Keep us from trespass against others, and from the feeling that others
are trespassing against us. Forgive us more than we have forgiven.**

**Deliver us from being tempted by lesser things to be heedless
of the one great thin: the gift of thyself in us. Amen.**

OFFERTORY: "Cast thy burden upon the Lord," from *Elijah* by Felix Mendelssohn
FPCW Virtual Choir

Doxology: With live song leaders Linda Kilburn, soprano; Kathy Rousseau, alto;
Bill Sano, tenor; and Bill Rousseau, bass

**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: "Ezekiel Saw the Wheel" – African American spiritual

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.

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A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUEST PRESENTER, **BOSTON POLICE OFFICER DARRYL OWENS**. We appreciate his taking the time to come and tell us about the **Boston Teen Police Academy** and all the good work that organization is doing with young people to make a difference in their lives.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today at 1:00 pm, the Welcoming Congregation Task Force will meet on Zoom

Today, from 4:30 – 6:00 pm, Robert Jones will host online board games for youth on Zoom.

Contact Robert (rjones@firstparishweston.org) for more information and Zoom login.

Today at 3:00 pm The Art Committee invites you to FPC's first 'Meet the Artist' online

Building on First Parish's new ability to view art exhibits online, the Mary Jo Rines Virtual Gallery invites you to our first official 'Meet the Artist' event, zooming 'live' this afternoon at 3:00.

This is a chance to view an interview with **featured artist Paul Dudek**, followed by a conversation and Q&A. We hope you'll join us to hear the stories behind Paul's wonderful watercolor landscapes and his travels far and wide.

So, grab a cup of tea or your favorite other beverage and spend a few minutes with us as we kick off this program. We invite you to take a look at Paul's exhibit beforehand if you're able, at www.firstparishwestonart.org

The zoom link for the afternoon event is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84295867642>

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

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

SENIOR MEN'S LUNCH GROUP, Tuesday, March 2 at 12 noon on Zoom–

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/96329830871>; Meeting ID: 963 2983 0871

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

DURING NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE, we will welcome **Tony Richards, Sr.**, lifelong Dorchester resident and founder and Program Director of the non-profit *No Books No Ball* (NBNB). This organization provides support to at-risk city kids by connecting them with mentors while also playing basketball. These mentors teach their mentees the importance of academics by holding them accountable academically so that they are eligible to continue to play basketball.

SOCIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE MEETING – Sunday, Mar. 7, at 1:00 pm via Zoom.

SAVE THE DATE FOR ROBERT KUTTNER LECTURE – Sunday, Mar. 14, at 4:00 pm on Zoom. Professor Kuttner will speak on “Pathways Toward a More Just Economy: Can We Join Ethics and Economics?” **Click [here](#)** for more information.

FPCW Book Group – After our February gathering, we decided to switch the order of our March and April book selections. Hope you will be able to join us at 9:30 am on Zoom!

March 18 – *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough

April 15 – *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson