

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.
Weston, Massachusetts
Gathered in 1698
ORDER OF SERVICE for STREAMED WORSHIP
April 11, 2021 A.D. at 10:30 am
First Sunday after Easter

*Stay away from anything that obscures the place it is in.
There are no unsacred places; there are only sacred places and desecrated places.*

– Wendell Berry

Join us for our Sunday Service at 10:30 am at our
online worship page of our website:

<https://firstparishweston.org/online-worship/>

or 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: “Minuet” (from *Berenice*) by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND GREETING

HYMN: “We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky” (verses 1 and 3) – Rose Hegele, hymn leader

**We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wild-flowers growing,
for we are part of all that is within life’s river flowing.
With open hands receive and share the gifts of God’s creation,
that all may have abundant life in every earthly nation.**

**God calls humanity to join as partners in creating
a future free from want or fear, life’s goodness celebrating.
That new world beckons from afar, invites our shared endeavor,
that all may have abundant life and peace endure forever.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE: Andy and Beanie Marvel

STORY: *The Lorax* (abridged), Part 1

READING: excerpts from Psalm 104

STORY: *The Lorax* (abridged), Part 2

ANTHEM: "Since by man came death" from *Messiah* by G. F. Handel (1685-1759)
FPCW Virtual Choir

SERMON: "You're In Charge" – Rev. Sarah Napoline

MUSIC MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER, FOLLOWED BY THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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. Amen.

OFFERTORY: Recitative – "*Behold I tell you a mystery*" from *Messiah* by G. F. Handel
Christopher M. Humbert, Jr., baritone soloist

INVITATION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "*Lord God, Now Be Glorified*" (BWV 601) by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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

Minister:	Rev. Jeffrey Barz-Snell
Asst. Minister of Families & Community Outreach:	Rev. Sarah Napoline
Choir Director:	William C. Sano
Organist:	Geoffrey Wieting
Choir Soloists:	Benjamin Doyle, Rose Hegele, Christopher Humbert, TJ Rufo-Curran
Parish Administrator:	Betsy Gibson
Sexton:	Alan Flynn
Video Production Staff:	Jacob Barz-Snell, Jonah Barz-Snell, Max Hall, Laurel Kulow

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH BONFIRE TODAY AT 5:00 PM – Middle and high school youth are invited to meet at the First Parish fire pit for outdoor fun and snacks. For more info, contact Robert Jones (rjones@firstparishweston.org).

JOIN THE UU VIRTUAL EASTER EGG HUNT through May 1st! We are participating in this year's UU Virtual Easter Egg Hunt! Can you track down the Easter Bunny's prize? Participants follow the eggs, until they find a 'prize page,' full of Easter fun! The hunt starts on Saturday, April 3rd (and is available through May 1st). Click below for more information, including the link to the main landing page. **Click here** for more about this year's Virtual Easter Egg Hunt. (<https://firstparishweston.org/news/2021-virtual-easter-egg-hunt>)

NEED ASSISTANCE FINDING A VACCINE APPOINTMENT? WE HAVE YOUTH WHO CAN HELP! Many of us have been frustrated by the difficulties in finding and scheduling an appointment for a vaccination, especially since it requires a certain amount of technical literacy. If this is you, we have several teenage members (aka "digital natives") in the congregation who have developed expertise in helping people find appointments for "the jab" (as they call it in the UK). Emma Jorgensen and her sister Luisa are both available by phone and Zoom to assist anyone connected to First Parish Church. To reach them, please email their mother, Jennie Tirnauer, and she will put you all in touch. Jennie's email is drtirnauer@comcast.net. You can also call the Church Office and we can put you in touch.

FELLOWSHIP THROUGH ART – Do you own a piece of art - a painting, poster, sculpture, photograph, or other - that has special meaning to you? If so, the First Parish Art Gallery Committee invites you, our parishioners, to display a favorite piece of art from your personal collection in an exhibition to be posted in the Rines virtual gallery during May and June. The virtual nature of the exhibit will allow for the inclusion of any medium, from painting and photography to textiles, ceramics, and sculpture. We ask participants to provide a hi-res photograph of the piece and a brief statement describing why the piece is meaningful to them. If you are interested, please contact Camille Schmidek (Schmideks@comcast.net) by April 9th. We look forward to getting to know one another better through art.

FPCW SOCIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE WILL MEET ON ZOOM on Wednesday, Apr. 14, at 7:00 pm to discuss support for the Boston Teen Police Academy and No Books, No Ball, as well as suggestions on how to keep parishioners and the wider community informed about the activities of the Task Force.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87291376179>; Meeting ID: 872 9137 6179

FPCW BOOK GROUP –Hope you will be able to join us on Thursday, Apr. 15, at 9:30 am on Zoom as we discuss *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson. **<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82082768882>; Meeting ID 8208 2768 882**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PACKETS FOR CHILDREN & FAMILIES! – The pandemic has forced us all to get creative about how we "do church," including our children's program. Our Religious Education team (Sarah Napoline & CCYM) has created digital packets of materials – stories, crafts, activities – to help families independently/remotely explore spiritual topics, themes, and holidays. You can find the full packet materials for March and April in this public Google Drive folder: <https://tinyurl.com/FPCW-RE-Spring2021> (bookmark the link for easy access!). These were shared with our church school email list in March & April — if you have children who participate in our program and have not received these packets by email, let us know and we will add you to the list! Our next packet will be shared just before the start of May. Families are encouraged to look through the materials and use as much or as little as you would like— take what you like and leave the rest. We welcome feedback, suggestions, or ideas; email Sarah at SarahNapoline@FirstParishWeston.org.

SAVE THE DATE FOR METROWEST CLIMATE SOLUTIONS GROUP COMMUNITY FORUM: "The Future of Offshore Wind Power in New England . . . and Why Massachusetts Residents Should Support It." Wednesday, Apr. 28, 7:00-8:15 pm on Zoom. Amber Hewett, newly appointed co-chair of the MA Offshore Wind Committee, will present on the future of offshore wind for New England and Massachusetts. She will discuss:

- Legislative developments for Offshore Wind in Massachusetts and surrounding states;
- New hope for Vineyard Wind in Nantucket Sound: fewer turbines, a new configuration, and the project's possibilities for approval at the Board of Ocean Energy Management;
- Offshore wind in the Gulf of Maine including the latest updates on projected developments;
- Why all of us who live in New England should support Offshore Wind as one of the main ways to decarbonize our region and economy.

Watch for more information and the login for this virtual presentation.

KNITTERS & STITCHERS – Join us virtually on Zoom on Mondays at noon.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86829200151>; Meeting ID: 8682 9200 151

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