

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.  
Weston, Massachusetts  
*Gathered in 1698*  
ORDER OF SERVICE for STREAMED WORSHIP  
April 18, 2021 A.D. at 10:30 am  
Second Sunday after Easter

*Love makes your soul crawl out from its hiding place.*

– Zora Neal Hurston

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: “Adagio in E for violin,” by W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)  
Ben Doyle, violin; Geoffrey Wieting, organ

OPENING WORDS

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

HYMN: “Be Thou My Vision” (verses 1 and 2) – Ben Doyle, hymn leader

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
nought be all else to me save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my Redeemer, my love thou hast won;  
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE: Barbara and Bert Fullerton

TIME FOR ALL AGES: *Madam Modifuss* – Rev. Dr. Susan Frederick-Gray

ANTHEM: “If with all your Hearts you truly love me,” from *Elijah*  
by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)  
Ben Doyle, tenor; Geoffrey Wieting, organ

READING: Psalm 133 *The Blessedness of Unity*

MUSIC MEDITATION

READING: Rev. Mariela Pérez-Simons, reflecting on the words of Bernard Loomer

ANTHEM: “Love’s Divine” by Mark Batson and Sealhenry Samuel (© BMG)  
Rochelle Rice, vocals; Todd Simon, piano; Romeir Mendez, bass; Dante Pope, drums;  
and the Loved Into Being virtual choir, directed by Jen Hayman

SERMON: “Loved into Being” – Rev. Dr. Susan Frederick-Gray

PRAYER AND 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.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE OFFERTORY: Rev. Vail Weller

OFFERTORY: “Rise Up (for Something)” by Andra Day (©ASCAP)  
Nicole Rumeau, lead vocals; youth soloists; Todd Simon, piano; Romeir Mendez, bass;  
Dante Pope, drums; and the Loved Into Being virtual choir, directed by Jen Hayman

INVITATION

BENEDICTION: Sending Forth – Susan Frederick-Gray and company

POSTLUDE: “Cornet Voluntary” by Henry Heron (1738-1795)

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

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, APR. 19, for Patriot's Day.

YOUTH BAKING SESSION – Robert Jones and the Youth Group will meet *in person* in the First Parish Kitchen on Wednesday, Apr. 21, at 10:30 AM to do a little baking for some of our older and homebound parishioners. We will follow all sanitation and COVID safety rules! So, if anyone is interested in participating, or has any questions or concerns, please reach out to Robert at [Rjones@firstparishweston.org](mailto:Rjones@firstparishweston.org).

NEED ASSISTANCE FINDING A VACCINE APPOINTMENT? WE HAVE YOUTH WHO CAN HELP! Many 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 teens 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](mailto:drtirnauer@comcast.net). You can also call the Church Office and we can put you in touch.

APRIL BRISTOL LODGE SUPPER – Our next supper will occur on Wednesday, Apr. 28th. The proposed menu of lasagna, asparagus, garlic bread, salad and bars/cookies offers both cooking and buying options for participation. **Click here** for a lasagna recipe – but feel free to use your own favorite recipe and make it with or without meat and with cook or no-cook pasta. Think of portions that will yield 12-servings. If you are able to help, please **contact Mary Menino** ([mary.menino@gmail.com](mailto:mary.menino@gmail.com) or text 781-718-9464). Disposable aluminum pans and hard copies of the lasagna recipe are available for pick up in the vestibule outside the Church Office.

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. Find the full packet materials for 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. We encourage you to look through the materials and use as much or as little as you would like. We welcome feedback, suggestions, or ideas; email Sarah at [SarahNapoline@FirstParishWeston.org](mailto: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.

To register for this timely forum, **click here**. Registrants will receive login information for this virtual forum.

VIRTUAL LECTURE ON ZOOM BY PROFESSOR ROBERT MARTELLO ON PAUL REVERE – On Thursday, Apr. 29, at 7:30 pm, the Weston Historical Society invites you to attend this talk that will delve into Revere's groundbreaking metal work in silver, iron casting, bronze bell and cannon making, and the rolling of copper sheets for the U.S. Navy. Lecture is free but pre-registration is required to receive the Zoom login info. Email: [info@westonhistory.org](mailto:info@westonhistory.org)

SAVE THE DATE FOR NEXT FIRST PARISH COMMUNITY SPEAKER SERIES EVENT – On Sunday, May 2, at 4:00 pm, P. Takis Metaxas, Professor and Chair of Computer Science at Wellesley College, will give a virtual talk on Zoom about “Misinformation, Social Media, and Democracy,” that will address the effect of social media on society – “how the Web is changing the way we think, decide and act as individuals and members of social communities.” The Zoom login information will be posted at [www.firstparishweston.org](http://www.firstparishweston.org) on that weekend. The lecture is free and open to the public and promises to generate timely and lively conversation.

KNITERS & 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