

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.
Weston, Massachusetts
Gathered in 1698
ORDER OF SERVICE for STREAMED WORSHIP
April 25, 2021 A.D. at 10:30 am
Third Sunday after Easter
Earth Day Sunday

*The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;
for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.*

– Psalm 24: 1-2

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: “Blue Boat Home” (based on Hyfrydol), by Peter Meyer (b.1968)

OPENING WORDS

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

HYMN: “For the Earth Forever Turning ” (verses 1-3) – Rose Hegele, hymn leader
 (“Blue Green Hills of Earth”)

**For the earth forever turning; for the skies, for ev’ry sea;
for our lives, for all we cherish, sing we our joyful song of peace.**

**For the mountains, hills, and pastures in their silent majesty;
for the stars, for all the heavens, sing we our joyful song of peace.**

**For the sun, for rain and thunder, for the seasons’ harmony,
for our lives, for all creation, sing we our joyful praise to Thee.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE: Holly & Rob Kulow

VIRTUAL EXCHANGE OF PEACE

TIME FOR ALL AGES:

READING: Leviticus 25: 18-24

ANTHEM: "For the Beauty of the Earth" by John Rutter (b. 1945)
Rose Hegele and Mary Shaw, soprano duet

READING: Excerpt from "The Good Hill," an essay by Wendell Berry

MUSIC MEDITATION

SERMON: "Upstream and Downstream – Musings for Earth Day" – Rev. Jeff Barz-Snell

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

OFFERTORY: "Earth Was Given as a Garden" – tune: Hyfrydol; words by Roberta Bard (1992)
First Parish Virtual Choir

INVITATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "March in C" by Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

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
	Betsy Gibson
Parish Administrator:	Alan Flynn
Sexton:	Jacob Barz-Snell
Video Production Staff:	Jonah Barz-Snell
	Max Hall
	Laurel Kulow

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL GUEST DURING FELLOWSHIP HOUR TODAY – Rev. Michael Crumpler, LGBTQ and Multicultural Programs Director of the NE Region of the UUA, will join us with a short presentation about his work in the Region office, with some time allotted for Q & A. This program is part of an occasional speaker series sponsored by the Denominational Affairs Committee, featuring staff from the UUA and our New England regional district speaking on issues of interest to our congregation.

NEW PARISHIONER DIRECTORY – We are working to create a contact information directory in PDF format that will be password-protected but accessible on our website by parishioners. The format will be very similar as in previous directories, with children's names beneath their parents'. As your information changes, the document can be updated and re-posted in a timely way. A special email, with the link to our easy-to-complete Google form, was sent out via Constant Contact this past Friday. If you did not receive it, and wish to be included in the directory, you may either go to <https://www.FirstParishWeston.org/for-members> or contact Betsy Gibson in the Church Office (betsygibson@firstparishweston.org/781.893.7798). The sooner we get everyone's responses, the sooner we will be able to make it easier for you to reach other First Parishioners.

APRIL BRISTOL LODGE SUPPER – Our next supper will be on Wednesday, Apr. 28th. The proposed menu (lasagna, asparagus, garlic bread, salad, and bars/cookies) offers both cooking and buying options for participation. **Click here** for a lasagna recipe – or use your own favorite, 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 or text 781-718-9464). Disposable aluminum pans and hard copies of the lasagna recipe can be picked up outside the Church Office.

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

NEXT FIRST PARISH COMMUNITY SPEAKER SERIES EVENT COMING UP – 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 on that weekend. The lecture is free and open to the public and promises to generate timely and lively conversation.

SENIOR MEN'S LUNCH – On Tuesday, May 4, make your lunch and join us virtually on Zoom at noon for our monthly gathering for great conversation and important social interaction.
<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/96329830871>; Meeting ID: 9632 9830 871

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR CORNELIA GRANT – Friday, May 7, at 3:00 pm in the Sanctuary. Seating in the Sanctuary will be limited to 100, with contact tracing and masks required. We will also have the ability to accommodate additional socially-distanced seating in the Parish Hall and/or Sears Chapel with audio piped in from the Sanctuary.

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