

## THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U. Weston, Massachusetts Gathered in 1698 ORDER OF SERVICE for STREAMED WORSHIP April 4, 2021 A.D. at 10:30 am Easter Sunday

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 live, in-person fellowship at 11:45 am, in the upper driveway of First Parish, with an Egg Hunt for young children on the playground!

PRELUDE: Double Fugue by William Boyce (1710-1779)

Toccata (Homage to Widor) by Gordon Young (1919-1998)

OPENING WORDS (by the Rev. Dianne Arakawa, adapted)

Minister: O God of Easter: We gather together this day to celebrate the return of spring

after a long hard winter.

People: We gather this day to celebrate the resurgence of hope

after an arduous time of illness and despair;

we gather to celebrate the resurrection of life after death.

Minister: We gather this day to celebrate the revival in our hearts

of confidence, trust and hope.

People: Come into our presence during this hour.

Minister: Teach us to attend to that which springs afresh in our lives.

People: Inspire us that we may continually be open to the new, the revitalizing,

the transforming, which is the real miracle in our midst.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

\*HYMN: "Christ the Lord is Risen Today" (verses 1-3)

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Mortal tongues and angels say: Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply: Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious Kind, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Dying once, he all doth save, Alleluia!

Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!

Led by Rose Hegele, soprano; Kathy Rousseau, alto; Dirk Coburn, tenor; and Bill Rousseau, bass

<sup>\*</sup>Please rise in body or spirit.

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE: Russell Brackett and Cristy Ballou

VIRTUAL EXCHANGE OF PEACE

TIME FOR ALL AGES – Rev. Sarah Napoline

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

FPCW Virtual Choir

CONGREGATIONAL UPDATE ON OUR RACIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE - Bruce Peterson, Janie Plank

READING: Matthew 28: 1-10 The resurrection of Jesus

MUSIC MEDITATION

SERMON: "Plotting the Resurrection" – Rev. Jeff Barz-Snell

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

\*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: Allegro vivace assai (from Sonata I) by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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:

Asst. Minister of Families & Community Outreach:

Choir Director: Organist:

Sexton:

Choir Soloists: Parish Administrator: Benjamin Doyle, Rose Hegele, Christopher Humbert, TJ Rufo-Curran

Betsy Gibson

Rev. Jeffrey Barz-Snell Rev. Sarah Napoline

William C. Sano

Geoffrey Wieting

Alan Flynn

Video Production Staff: Jacob Barz-Snell, Jonah Barz-Snell, Max Hall, Laurel Kulow

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN THE UU VIRTUAL EASTER EGG HUNT now through May 1st! First Parish is participating in this year's UU Virtual Easter Egg Hunt! Can you track down the Easter Bunny's prize? Last year, congregations collaborated to create a virtual Easter egg hunt where each congregation hid an Easter Egg somewhere on their website, and then the egg was hyperlinked to another congregation's website. Participants followed the eggs, until they found 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 (which will have the very first link once the hunt begins). 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.

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.

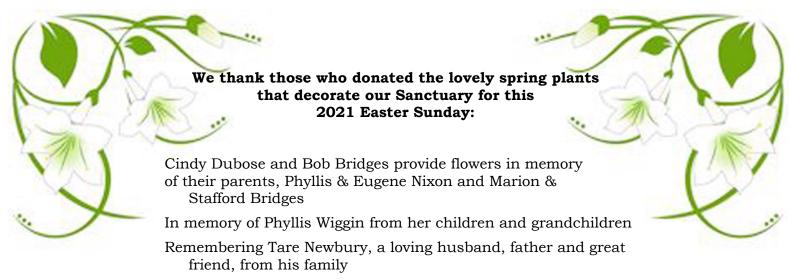
KNITTERS & STITCHERS - Join us virtually on Zoom on Mondays at noon.

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

FPCW BOOK GROUP -Hope you will be able to join us at 9:30 am on Zoom as we discuss Caste by Isabel Wilkerson (https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82082768882)



Given anonymously in honor of violinist Inge Thorne Engler on the occasion of her 29th birthday In loving memory of Ruth & D. Bernard Pierson and Ellenora & John S. O'Brien, Sr. and John S. O'Brien, Jr. from the Pierson family

In loving memory and appreciation for their family from Mary & David Thielscher

In loving memory of Dr. Daniel L. Nozik from his wife Gail and his son Andrew and family

With loving Easter remembrances of Tom Eastman, Louisa & George Eastman, and Jan & Ernie Beckley from Terry, Tim and Dave Eastman

In loving memory of Tom, Gerry and Charles McKeen and Ed & Suzy Dunton from Carol McKeen and John Dunton

In loving memory of Charlene Lynch from her family.

In loving memory of those we have lost from Barbara & Peter Gibb

From Mary Parker in loving memory of her husband, Rienzi, and their siblings

In memory of Charles F. Elmes from his family

In memory of our dearly missed uncle and brother-in-law Randy, lost in 2020, and dear cousin Richard and grandparents Catherine, Helen, and Vincent, from Susan Perrine and Isabelle, Aidan, & Douglas Faller

Given in loving memory of our devoted parents from Linda & Barry Davidson

Given In loving memory of Margaret & Bill Rousseau from the Rousseau Family

In celebration of our newest little bunny, Caroline Elizabeth Taff, and in memory of the Colonel, Mimi & Pop and Conrad from Lynn & Ed Taff

Remembering Deborah Knight...Betsy Nichols...and Elizabeth Wolf, from their friends at First Parish

