

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.
Weston, Massachusetts
Gathered in 1698
ORDER OF SERVICE for STREAMED WORSHIP
May 2, 2021 A.D. at 10:30 am
Fourth Sunday after Easter

*Though justice be thy plea, consider this:
that in the course of justice none of us should see salvation.
We do pray for mercy,
and that same prayer doth teach us all to render the deed of mercy.*
– William Shakespeare, *The Merchant of Venice*, Act IV, Scene 1

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: Two Preludes on Hymn Tunes by Healey Willan (1880-1968)
Dominus Regit Me (“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”)
Carlisle (“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”)

OPENING WORDS

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

HYMN: “Life Is the Greatest Gift of All ” (verses 1-2) – Luellen Best, hymn leader

**Life is the greatest gift of all the riches on this earth;
life and its creatures, great and small, of high and lowly birth;
so treasure it and measure it with deeds of shining worth.**

**Mind is the brightest gift of all, its thought no barrier mars;
it seeks creation’s hidden plan, its quest surmounts all bars;
it reins the wind, it chains the storm, it weighs the outmost stars.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE: Georgia and Tod Foote

VIRTUAL EXCHANGE OF PEACE

TIME FOR ALL AGES

READING: Matthew 18: 21-25

ANTHEM: "Cantique de Jean Racine" by Gabrielle Fauré (1845-1924)

Duet: Luellen and Tom Best

Verb equal to God, the Almighty, our only hope,
Eternal day of the earth and heavens;
We break the silence of the peaceful night,
Divine Saviour, look upon us!

Fan the fire of your powerful grace upon us,
So that all Hell may flee at the sound of your voice;
Shake off the sleep of a languishing soul,
Who has forgotten your laws!

O Christ, be kind to these faithful people
Who have now gathered in thanks.
Listen to the chants they offer to your immortal glory,
And may they come away fulfilled with your gifts!

SERMON: "On Begrudging and Forgiving" – 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: Chorale: "Awake Thou Wintry Earth" by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

First Parish Virtual Choir

INVITATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "We All Believe in One God," BWV 1098 by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
(from *Neumeister Chorales*)

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Ralph and Mark Griffin
from the Griffin family

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:
Choir Soloists:

Rev. Jeffrey Barz-Snell
Rev. Sarah Napoline
William C. Sano
Geoffrey Wieting
Benjamin Doyle
Rose Hegele
Christopher Humbert
TJ Rufo-Curran
Betsy Gibson
Alan Flynn
Jacob Barz-Snell
Jonah Barz-Snell
Max Hall
Laurel Kulow

Parish Administrator:
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Video Production Staff:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST PARISH COMMUNITY SPEAKER SERIES PRESENTATION TODAY – 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. Professor Metaxas’ appearance is made possible by a grant from the Carol McMullen & Sean Rush Guest Speaker Fund at First Parish.

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

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 on April 26th. If you did not receive it, and wish to be included in the directory, you may either go to tinyurl.com/fpcw-directory 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!

SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN ABOUT OFFSHORE WIND – If you weren't able to join the more than 50 participants in the virtual live presentation by Amber Hewett, co-chair of the MA Offshore Wind Committee, this past Wednesday evening, you may watch the recorded session by [clicking here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JNSyhU7IY0) (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JNSyhU7IY0>).

HANDS-ON VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY! – Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries (CMM), to which the FPCW Outreach Committee contributes, is leading the way in creating Black wealth equity through home rehabilitation. For three years, CMM has taken applications to rehab homes in Dorchester and adjacent areas. Using volunteers from faith communities, universities, and leadership programs, they have successfully completed work on 12 homes in three years. Now we can become a part of this exciting movement for change. On the weekend of May 22 and 23, First Parishioners can join CMM Board Member Phillip Jones of WERS FM at Emerson College and CMM's construction manager in Mattapan for outdoor painting on a home. Exact hours TBD but often are 9 am - 3 pm, with lunch provided to volunteers. Safety precautions will include everyone wearing masks and maintaining 6' distances whenever possible. Extra masks and lots of hand sanitizer will be on site.

Anyone who can come will be welcomed! **[Click here](https://tinyurl.com/CLAHvolunteers)** to sign up: **<https://tinyurl.com/CLAHvolunteers>**
[Learn more](http://coopmet.org/) about CMM at <http://coopmet.org/>

BRISTOL LODGE SUPPER "THANK YOU" – We served a dinner of lasagna, oven roasted asparagus, salad, garlic bread and home-made bars at Bristol Lodge on Wednesday, Apr. 28th. These meals are still being served on a grab-n-go basis, with no one actually eating in the shelter, so we can't report on the diners' response. Grab-n-go service also means that food providers such as First Parish need to pre-package items such as salad and dessert in ziplock bags so that cookies and lettuce are not mixed with lasagna.

A big thank-you to the following for donating the food for the meal: Bob Bridges & Cindy Dubois, Cynthia Brisky, Terry Eastman, Georgia Foote, Barbara Fullerton, Sally Jarrett, Lenore Lobel, John McCahan, Carol Mckeen, Alice Moylan, Sue Newbury, Gail Palmer, Pate Pierson and Ellen Touart-Grob. A special thanks to Bill and Kathy Rousseau who helped with the pre work and, of course, Mary Menino.

LGBTQ+ BASICS AND BEYOND ONLINE TRAINING – On Tuesday, May 25, OUT Metrowest, will offer a free 90-minute virtual training from 7:00-8:30 pm that will equip participants with up-to-date vocabulary and answers to FAQs about LGBTQ+ inclusion and etiquette. Geared toward adults, the training doesn't engage with specific religious doctrine; rather it aims to give clergy, staff, and congregants tools to be welcoming and inclusive neighbors, friends and loved ones. We have a few people signed up for this already and there is a limit of 10 per organization unless advance arrangements made with MetroWest Out. So if you would like to attend this training, please **[contact Melissa Greenlaw](mailto:greenlawmelissa5@gmail.com)** (greenlawmelissa5@gmail.com) or **[Betsy Gibson](mailto:admin@firstparishweston.org)** (admin@firstparishweston.org) in the Church Office.