

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.
Weston, Massachusetts
Gathered in 1698
ORDER OF SERVICE
May 30, 2021 A.D. at 10:30 am
Memorial Day Sunday

With malice toward none; with charity for all; let us strive to finish the work we are in.

– Abraham Lincoln

PRELUDE: “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”
“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

OPENING WORDS

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

*OPENING HYMN: “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies” (verses 1 and 3)
Ben Doyle, hymn leader

**O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed all grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.**

**O Beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE: Chris and Jane Carlson

READING: Psalm 34: 11-22

ANTHEM: “Be thou faithful unto death,” from *St. Paul* by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)
Ben Doyle, tenor

SERMON: “Peace, Service and Truth: Reflections on Memorial 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.

OFFERTORY: "Gloria" and "Sanctus" from *Mass in F Major* by Franz Schubert (1797-1828)
FPCW Virtual Choir

*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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Canzonetta, Op. 167, No. 3 by Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

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, TJ Rufo-Curran
Parish Administrator:	Betsy Gibson
Sexton:	Alan Flynn
Video Production Staff:	Jacob Barz-Snell, Jonah Barz-Snell, Max Hall

Weston CARES Fund Announces Phase 3

The Weston CARES Fund was established in April 2020 to address the needs of families and non-profits who serve them in Weston and neighboring towns who are experiencing housing and food shortages resulting from the COVID 19 pandemic.

To date, the WCF has raised nearly \$195K and has supported 83 families and 32 non-profits with those funds. Originally, the money raised was allocated with 60% going to non-profits and 40% to individuals/families. The Steering Committee has discovered that many more families are in need of assistance so they have decided to allocate 100% of all monies raised beginning May 25 to only families and individuals. During this final phase of the Fund's operation, this will allow the WCF to help more nearby families who often have nowhere else to turn for assistance. Donations to the WCF may be made via PayPal at: <https://westoncaresfund.org>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KNITTERS & STITCHERS – We will not meet on Memorial Day but hope you will join us live and in person on the Memorial Garden patio or in the Parlor, depending on the weather and/or construction noise, on Mondays at noon.

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

SENIOR MEN'S LUNCH – Tuesday, June 1, at noon on Zoom; <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/96329830871>;
Meeting ID: 9632 9830 871

OUTDOOR WORSHIP AND CHURCH PICNIC – On Sunday, June 6, join us for outdoor worship at 10:30 am, followed by the revival of our annual church picnic on the playground. CAMP will provide sandwiches, fresh fruit and beverages; if you'd like, bring your favorite picnic salad (or dessert) to share. Please help us order the right amount of food by RSVP-ing to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/J22W2QS> or by calling the Church Office (781.893.7798) by Wednesday, June 2.

NEW PARISHIONER DIRECTORY – We have almost 100 households that have responded to our Directory survey. If you would like to be included in a new web-accessible PDF directory, please go to tinyurl.com/fpcw-directory or call the Church Office at your earliest convenience. The format will be very similar as in previous directories, with names of children residing at home beneath their parents'. As your information changes, the document can be updated and re-posted in a timely way. You are also welcomed to send digital photos (betsygibson@firstparishweston.org) or to bring hard copy photos to the office for scanning or even to have a quick photo snapped. The sooner we get everyone's responses, the sooner we will be able to make it easier for you to reach other First Parishioners!

PEACE FLAG MOVEMENT COMES TO WESTON – We hope that First Parishioners and friends will pick up a Peace flag from the church and fly it as a symbol of equity and justice – for the earth and every culture, race, spirituality, gender, sexuality, ability, and age. Flags are available 24/7 in the vestibule outside the Church St. entrance to the office or on Sundays when there is a live worship service. First Parish will donate to the Peace Flag Movement; a donation is not required to get your flag but, if you'd like, you can leave a donation to support the future of the Peace Flag Project when you pick up your flag. (If writing a check, please make payable to First Parish Church in Weston.) Let's see what we can do to help spread this important message through Weston and beyond!

FPCW BOOK GROUP – We'll meet next on Thursday, June 10, in person on the patio or in the parlor for a discussion of Nathaniel Philbrick's *In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex*.

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT – Save Friday, June 11, for our next outdoor movie screening on the playground. Movie selection and start time TBA.

THE RINES GALLERY AT FIRST PARISH – Four artists who held virtual exhibits have graciously hung some of their works in the Gallery – we hope you'll take a moment to enjoy the exhibit sometime when you're at the church. And remember – if you have a work of art that is particularly meaningful for you and would like it included in our virtual Parishioner Art Exhibit, please contact Camille Schmidek (schmideks@comcast.net). For inspiration, go to <https://www.firstparishwestonart.org/>

UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2021 – General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Participants worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. Again for 2021, GA will take place virtually from June 23 - June 27. Anyone may "attend," but registration is required; fee is \$200 but financial assistance may be available from the UUA. The church is entitled to "send" eight voting delegates to GA; so far we have three people signed up. Please contact Denominational Affairs Chair Sharyn Lenhart (SALenhart@aol.com) if you would be willing to serve. DAC can help with registration fees if needed.

Jeff Barz-Snell and Sharyn want to draw your attention especially to the **2021 Ware Lecture** at GA, which will take place on Saturday, June 26, at 7:00 pm EDT. *GA registration is required to view the lecture.* Guest speakers this year will be Stacey Abrams and Desmond Meade. **Click here** (<https://firstparishweston.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/2021-GA-Ware-Lecture.pdf>) for biographical backgrounds for Abrams and Meade.

JOIN THE COOPERATIVE METROPOLITAN MINISTRIES (CMM) FOR THEIR ANNUAL FUNDRAISER, "From Trauma to Triumph" – Thursday, June 17, online via Zoom from 6:00-7:30 pm. Keynote speakers will be **Thomas W. Porter, Jr.**, Boston University Lecturer & Co-Director of the Program on Religion and Conflict Transformation, retired; **Rev. Kelly Fasset**, Executive Director of UniteBoston; **Ref. Dr. Walter Earl Fluker**, Boston University Martin Luther King, Jr. Professor Emeritus of Ethical Leadership; and **Kim Janey**, Mayor of Boston. Outgoing CMM Executive Director Rev. Dr. Rodney L. Peterson will also share some comments.

Click here to get tickets (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/from-trauma-to-triumph-cmm-annual-fundraiser-tickets-154095316239>)