

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.
Weston, Massachusetts
Gathered in 1698
ORDER OF SERVICE for STREAMED WORSHIP
June 20, 2021 A.D. at 10:30 am
Summer Solstice and Flower Communion

*The world is full of magic things,
patiently waiting for our senses to grow sharper.*

~ W.B. Yeats

PRELUDE: To A Wild Rose," Op. 51, No. 1 Edward MacDowell
Bluette, Op. 7, No. 5 (1860-1908)
To a Water-lily, Op. 51, No. 6

CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

*OPENING HYMN: "Spring has now Unwrapp'd Her Flow'rs" (see insert)

Minister: The Peace of God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER FOLLOWED BY THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, you are like a wild flower. You spring up in places where we least expect you. The bright color of your grace dazzles us. When we reach down to pluck you, hoping to possess you for our own, you blow away in the wind. And if we tried to destroy you, by stomping on you and kicking you, you would come back to life. Lord, may we come to expect you anywhere and everywhere. May we rejoice in your beauty. Far from trying to possess you, may you possess us. And may you forgive us for all the times when we have sinned against you. This we ask in the spirit of your son Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying together: Our Father . . .

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE: Don and Pate Pierson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR ALL AGES Rev. Sarah Napoline

ANTHEM: "Go, Lovely Rose" Robert Quilter
Rose Hegele, soprano; Geoffrey Wieting, piano (1877-1953)

*Please rise in body or in spirit

READING: Luke 17: 20-21

*HYMN – “Mother Spirit, Father Spirit” (v. 1-3; *see insert*)

HOMILY AND INTRODUCTION TO THE FLOWER COMMUNION

Rev. Jeff Barz-Snell

PROCESSION AND PRESENTATION OF THE FLOWERS

At this time, all in attendance are invited to come forward with a flower
and place it in the vase on the communion table.

DUET “The Flower Song” from the opera *Lakme* (1883) Leo Delibes
 Rose Hegele, soprano; Emerald Barbour, mezzo-soprano (1836-1881)

Under Dome canopy sweet jasmine, all the roses forever;
Flowers in the morn freshly born call us to come together.

Look, Mallika! Lianes are in bloom casting downward their shadows.
All the roses forever.
Flowers in the morn freshly born call us to come together
Under dome canopy where is the white jasmine.

All the roses forever.
The River flowers in the morn freshly born;
Let us both go down together.

Oh yes, let’s go where white swans are swimming
and let us pick the lotus blue.

(translation courtesy of William Sano)

*CONSECRATION OF THE FLOWERS, written by the Rev. Norbert Capek,

Infinite Spirit of Life, we ask thy blessing on these thy messengers of fellowship and love. May they remind us that amid diversities of knowledge and of gifts, to be one in desire and affection, and devotion to good and beauty. May they also remind us of the value of comradeship, of doing and sharing with one another... May we be strengthened by the knowledge that one spirit, the spirit of love, unites us, and may we endeavor together for a more joyful life for all. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

*BLESSING OF THE FLOWERS, written by the Rev. Norbert Capek (revised)

Leader: In the name of Providence, which implants in the seed the future of the flower and in our hearts the longing for people to live in harmony;

People: In the name of the highest, in whom we move and who makes the mother and father, the brother and sister, lover and loner what they are;

Leader: In the name of sages and great religious leaders, who sacrificed their lives to hasten the coming of the age of mutual respect –

People: Let us renew our resolution – sincerely to be real brothers and sisters regardless of any kind of bar which estranges us from each other.

Leader: In this holy resolve may we be strengthened knowing that we are God's family;

All: That one spirit, the spirit of love, unites us; may we endeavor for a more perfect and more joyful life. Amen

*CLOSING HYMN – “Lord Dismiss Us” (v. 1 and 2)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Blumenstück, Op. 19 (Blossom Piece) Robert Schumann
(1810-1856)

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINDER OF JUNE:

JUNE 27 – UUA General Assembly Virtual Sunday Worship will stream at 10:30 am (watch for the link to follow) and then we will gather afterwards for a virtual Zoom Fellowship Hour. **<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/98603358957>; Meeting ID: 9860 3358 957**

There will be no worship services in July;
we look forward to resuming worship services in August.
Watch for an e-Parish Post in late July with scheduling information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATE THE SUMMER SOLSTICE and join us for Sunday Sundaes during Fellowship Hour today.

A WARM WELCOME TO EMERALD BARBOUR, a Boston-based mezzo-soprano who sings opera, concert and chamber works, and choral music. She has an M.M. in Voice Performance from the Boston Conservatory at Berklee, and sings at All Saints Brookline as an alto soloist and section leader.

BETSY GIBSON will be taking vacation days Wednesday, June 23 – Friday, June 25. Please call 781.893.7798 before making a special trip to the church to make sure someone is here.

KNITTERS & STITCHERS – Meet at noon tomorrow in person on patio or in Parlor.

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
Please note: The Meditation group will not meet in July. Join us again starting August 4th.

BRISTOL LODGE - Our next Bristol Lodge dinner will occur on Wednesday, June 23. Our menu will be pineapple-marinated chicken breast served over rice with a pineapple salsa topping, broccoli, green salad and cookies or bars. Volunteers are needed to make the pineapple-marinated chicken breasts, salads, and cookies and/or bars as well as help with preparations from 1:30 to 3:15 on the June 23. The chicken recipe is easy and relatively quick and Mary Menino's picky husband gave the recipe 4 1/2 stars. Rice and broccoli will be prepared at the church. Please contact Mary Menino if you would like to donate food or help with preparations (mary.menino@gmail.com or by text 781-894-3165 or by phone 781-894-3165). Copies of the chicken recipe and disposable pans are available to pick up in the Breezeway after worship today or in the vestibule outside the Church Office next week.

PEACE FLAG MOVEMENT COMES TO WESTON – We hope that First Parishioners and friends will pick up a 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. There are flags available today or from the vestibule outside the Church St. entrance to the Church Office. (Outer door is never locked.) A donation is not required to take a flag but, if you'd like, you can leave a donation to support the future of the Peace Flag Project when you pick it up. (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!

FELLOWSHIP THROUGH ART: THE ART WE LIVE WITH – If you're here for outdoor worship today, we hope you'll take a few minutes to enjoy works by our four virtual exhibitors that are now hanging in the Rines Gallery. We thank Chris Pullman, Paul Dudek, Katherine Richmond, and Katharine Langenberg who kindly agreed to exhibit some of their pieces for the enjoyment of the congregation.

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 or from Denominational Affairs if you would like to represent First Parish as a delegate. If so, contact Sharyn Lenhart (SALenhart@aol.com).

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.

"Spring Has now un-wrapp'd flow'rs"

Piæ Cantiones, 1582
Trans. in *O. B. C.*, 1928

Melody from *Piæ Cantiones*, 1582

1. Spring has now un-wrapp'd the flow'rs, Day is fast re - viv - ing,
2. Herb and plant that, win - ter long, Slum - ber'd at their lei - sure,

Life in all her grow - ing pow'rs Towards the light is striv - ing:
Now be - stir - ring, green and strong, Find in growth their pleas - ure:

Gone the i - ron touch of cold, Win - ter time and frost time,
All the world with beau - ty fills, Gold the green en - hanc - ing;

Seed - lings, work - ing thro' the mold, Now make up for lost time.
Flow'rs make mer - ry on the hills, Set the mead - ows danc - ing. A - MEN.

Music from *Concord Series*, No. 2. Rev. and Enlarged. E. C. Schirmer Music Co.

Words from the *Oxford Book of Carols*: By permission of the Oxford University Press.

3 Earth puts on her dress of glee,
Flowers and grasses hide her;
We go forth in charity —
Brothers all beside her;
For, as man this glory sees
In th' awakening season,
Reason learns the heart's decrees,
Hearts are led by reason.

4 Through each wonder of fair days
God himself expresses;
Beauty follows all his ways,
As the world he blesses:
So, as he renews the earth,
Artist without rival,
In his grace of glad new birth
We must seek revival.

Mother Spirit, Father Spirit

♩ = 72 Unison

1. Moth-er Spir - it, Fa - ther Spir - it, where are you?
 2. Man - y drops are in the o - cean, deep and wide.
 3. I am emp - ty, time flies from me; what is time?
 4. Moth-er Spir - it, Fa - ther Spir - it, take our hearts.

In the sky song, in the for-est, sounds your cry.
 Sun - light bounc - es off the rip - ples to the sky.
 Dreams e - ter - nal, fears in - fer - nal haunt my heart.
 Take our breath and let our voic - es sing our parts.

What to give you, what to call you, what am I?
 What to give you, what to call you, who am I?
 What to give you, what to call you, O, my God?
 Take our hands and let us work to shape our art.

- ⊕ Words: Norbert F. Čápek, 1870–1942,
- ⊕ trans. by Paul and Anita Munk, © 1992 Unitarian Universalist Association,
- ⊕ English version by Richard Frederick Boeke, 1931–
- ⊕ Music: Norbert F. Čápek, 1870–1942,
- ⊕ harmony by David Dawson, 1939–

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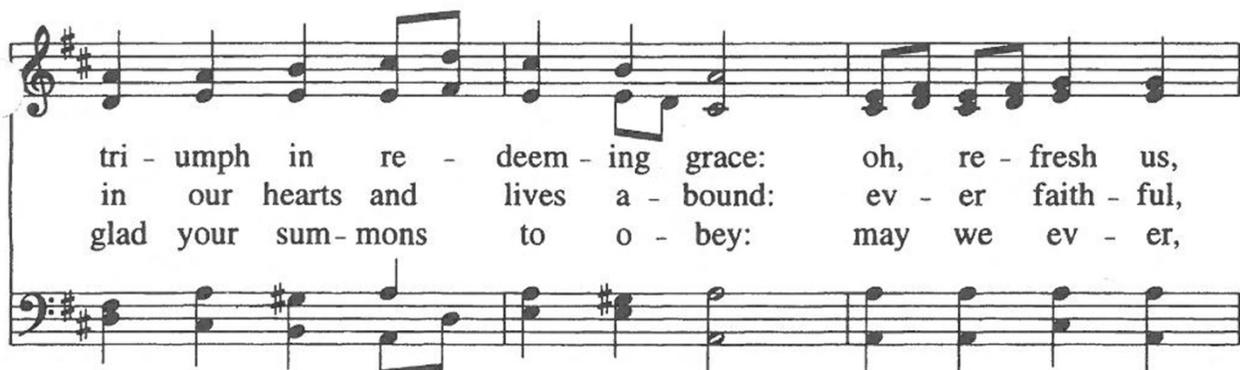
Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



1. Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2. Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for the gos - pel's
3. So that when your love shall call us, Sav - ior, from the



joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: oh, re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
glad your sum - mons to o - bey: may we ev - er,



oh, re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to the truth may we be found.
may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

WORDS: Attr. John Fawcett, 1773, alt.

MUSIC: Sicilian melody, 18th century; *The European Magazine and Review*, 1792

SICILIAN MARINERS

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Moved to commitment by a sermon of English evangelist George Whitefield, John Fawcett became a Baptist minister. He wrote over 160 hymns, including 'Blest Be the Tie That Binds.'