

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.
Weston, Massachusetts
Gathered in 1698
ORDER OF SERVICE for STREAMED WORSHIP
June 6, 2021 A.D. at 10:30 am
Picnic Sunday

Church is the place where you get to practice what it means to be human.

~ Rev. Dr. James Luther Adams

PRELUDE: Invention in E Major, BWV 777 Johann Sebastian Bach
 Prelude in C Major (Well-Tempered Clavier I), BWV 846 (1685-1750)

CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

*OPENING HYMN: "Gather the Spirit" (see insert)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER FOLLOWED BY THE LORD'S PRAYER

O God, grant us Your vision in our time. Help us to write it so large that even a runner can see it. Make it so compelling that even a cynic will pause, so convincing that a skeptic will risk trying to bring hope to others. And so inspiring that those who are open to your presence will stand courageously in faith, leaving the results to you. This we ask in the spirit of your son Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying together: 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.

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE: Paul and Olga Nolan and Family

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

READING

TIME FOR ALL AGES: *Feeding the Good Wolf*

ANTHEM:

SERMON: "Responding, Caring, Celebrating" Rev. Jeff Barz-Snell

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF AV STAFF AND WESTON CARES STEERING COMMITTEE

OFFERTORY

*Please rise in body or in spirit

DOXOLOGY:

**Praise God for love we all may share.
Praise God for beauty everywhere.
Praise God for hope of good to be.
Praise God for truth that makes us free. Amen.**

INVITATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN: "Life is the Greatest Gift of All" (see insert)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Fantasia in G Major, H. 223 Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach
(1714-1788)

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 13 – PRIDE SUNDAY – Outdoor worship at 10:30 am, followed by Fellowship Time and Lawn Games & Lemonade from Noon to 3:30 pm. We will celebrate Pride month and the rainbow of our community! In support of our Welcoming Congregation program, we will honor the LGBTQIA+ community, and enjoy the diverse gifts we offer our loving community.

JUNE 20 – FLOWER COMMUNION – Outdoor worship at 10:30 am, followed by Fellowship Time and Sunday Sundaes. Bring a flower, take a flower!

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 services in August.

HAPPY SUMMER!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KNITTERS & STITCHERS – We will meet tomorrow in person on the Memorial Garden patio or in the Parlor at noon

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING – Tuesday, June 8, at 7:30 pm on Zoom
<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/95027452186>; Meeting ID: 952 7452 186

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 – There's still time to respond to our directory survey at www.tinyurl.com/fpcw-directory and to send a digital photo in if you would like. Questions? Please contact Betsy Gibson at 781.893.7798 or betsygibson@firstparishweston.org

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 in the Breezeway or from the vestibule outside the Church St. entrance to the Church Office. (Outer door is never locked.) First Parish will donate to the Peace Flag Movement; 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!

FPCW BOOK GROUP – Join us in person on Thursday, June 10, at 9:30 am for our discussion about Nathaniel Philbrick's *In the Heart of the Sea: The Tragedy of the Whaleship Essex*. We plan to meet in the Parlor and attempt to connect with some of our out-of-town group members via Zoom.

FELLOWSHIP THROUGH ART: THE ART WE LIVE WITH – First Parish's Art Committee Co-Chair Larry Grob recently had the opportunity to interview photographer Katherine Richmond. They spoke about the range of her work – from abstracts, to waves, to documentary – and what drives her to shoot in oftentimes difficult situations. Go to: <https://tinyurl.com/2wb3kaup> to view the interview (<https://tinyurl.com/2wb3kaup>).

Then on Wednesday, June 16, at 7:30 pm, there will be a live Zoom session with Larry and Katherine and the opportunity to chat with the artist about her work. Join the conversation at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81157605476>

If you're here for outdoor worship on June 6, 13, or 20, 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.

Lastly, we invite you to join our virtual parishioner exhibit, "Fellowship Through Art", by submitting a photo of a piece (or two) from your own art collection, along with a brief statement about why the work is meaningful for you - send them to: Camille Schmidek (schmideks@comcast.net). For inspiration, go to: <https://www.firstparishwestonart.org/special-shows>

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.



*Friday Family Flicks
at
First Parish Church in
Weston*

Join us in the First Parish playground for a screening of *Earth to Echo*, a sci-fi movie about four friends who find a robotic alien life form.

Friday, June 11th, 2021
7:45 PM
Movie starts 8pm-8:15pm (depending on sunset)
349 Boston Post Road, Weston, MA



Bring your own blanket, lawn chair, or other lounging apparatus!



Anyone who has been fully vaccinated may attend without a mask.



Snacks will be available, or BYOD — Bring Your Own Dinner.



JOIN US FOR A CASUAL AFTERNOON OF GAMES AND REFRESHMENTS.

LAWN GAMES & LEMONADE

Sunday, June 13th
12:00
First Parish Church in Weston
349 Boston Post Road, Weston, MA

Activities: *Combo*, *Badminton*, *Extra-large Jenga*, *Ping Pong*, *Basketball*, *Xbox*, *Our big playground*

To mix it up, we will also have video games set up inside our cool, well-ventilated chapel (doors will remain open, with fans & air purifiers going for safety). Sip some lemonade, snack on some popcorn, and enjoy a relaxing afternoon of fun and games!



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