

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.
Weston, Massachusetts
Gathered in 1698
ORDER OF SERVICE
August 8, 2021 / the 11th Sunday after Pentecost

Not until we are lost do we begin to understand ourselves.
— Henry David Thoreau

Join us for our Sunday Service at 10:30 AM —

Live-streaming on Zoom

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/99215583704>

Meeting ID: 992 1558 3704

View a recording later this week:

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/FPCW-Services>

or visit the Online Worship page of our website:

www.FirstParishWeston.org/Online-Worship

PRELUDE:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Jeff Barz-Snell

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

HYMN: 26, VERSES 1-3 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (Lobe Den Herren)

Leader: The Peace of God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

VIRTUAL AND IN-PERSON EXCHANGE OF PEACE

WORDS OF CONFESSION (BY VAN OGDEN VOGT, ADAPTED)

**Before the wonders of life, we acknowledge
our occasional failures to see and to revere;**

**Before the sanctities of life, we are ashamed
of our disrespects and indignities;**

**Before the gifts of life, we own that we have made the choice
of lesser gods, and here today seek the gifts of the spirit;**

**Before the mystery and inspiration of life,
we would be enlarged to new devotion.**

**We pray that we will strive to make a difference, and be made whole.
Amen.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE

Jeff Barz-Snell

READING: "The House of Belonging" by David Whyte

ANTHEM

SERMON: "Am I Ok"

Rev. Claire Donaldson

MUSIC MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER, FOLLOWED BY THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY

**From all that dwell below the skies
Let songs of hope and faith arise;
Let peace, goodwill on earth be sung
Through every land by every tongue.**

INVITATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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 for Families & Outreach:

Rev. Sarah Napoline

Organist:

Geoffrey Wieting

Senior Choir Director:

William C. Sano

Parish Administrator:

Betsy Gibson

Sexton:

Alan Flynn

Video Technicians & Editors:

Laurel Kulow, Max Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WARM WELCOME TO CLAIRE DONALDSON – Claire is a long time member and Deacon of the First Church in Salem, UU. She is a former member of the Standing Committee and Pastoral Care Committee. Claire has worked as a chaplain and recreation therapist in a variety of healthcare settings. She is a graduate of Boston University School of Theology.

KNITTERS & STITCHERS will meet on Monday, Aug. 9 @ 12 noon.

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY MORNING MEDITATION WILL RESUME in August, AT 8:30 AM – Join us on Zoom; go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81222401643>; Meeting ID: 8122 2401 643 — (Please note this is new login information.)

NEXT SUNDAY, AUG. 15- OUR AUGUST SUMMER SERVICES continue with guest preacher Ethan Loewi, a recent graduate of Yale Divinity School.

AUGUST BRISTOL LODGE SUPPER – WEDNESDAY, AUG. 25. If you would be able to donate an entrée, or help with preparations, contact Mary Menino (mary.menino@gmail.com or text 781-718-9464). If you would like copies of the entrée recipes e-mailed to you, please contact Betsy Gibson (betsygibson@firstparishweston.org) in the Church Office.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PAUL PENFIELD will be held outdoors at First Parish on Saturday, **Aug. 21, at 1:00 pm**. An ice cream social reception in the Parish Hall will follow the service and then at 4:00 pm, there will be a group walk down to the Weston Rail Trail for all those who wish to participate.

THE FPCW BOOK GROUP will not meet in August due to many people being away. The Plague by Albert Camus will be discussed in October instead. The group will meet next on **Thursday, Sept. 30, at 9:30 in the Parlor to talk about The Code Breaker by Walter Isaacson**. (If you are going to be away from Weston but would like to participate in the discussion, please contact Betsy Gibson in the Church Office in advance so a Zoom session can be set up.)