

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.
Weston, Massachusetts
Gathered in 1698
ORDER OF SERVICE for STREAMED WORSHIP
August 22, 2021 A.D. at 10:30 am

*When I give food to the poor, they call me a saint.
When I ask why they are poor, they call me a communist.”*
– Hélder Pessoa Câmara

CALL TO WORSHIP – “With Love As My Guide” by Cindy Terlazzo

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

*HYMN #515: "This is My Song"

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE: "A communion of Heart and Soul," by Bruce Southworth

IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Leader: The Peace of God be with you.

People: **And also with you**

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 20

MUSIC INTERLUDE

Air

Jonathan Battishill (1738-1801)

SERMON: “Building a New Way”

Laura Wagner

*Please rise in body or in spirit

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 for ever and ever. Amen.**

*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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION: "Be True, Be Well, Be Loving" by Rev. Dr. Cynthia Landrum

POSTLUDE: Cortège Flor Peeters
(1903-1986)

The flowers on the altar this morning are given in loving memory
of Paul Penfield by his 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:	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:	Jonah Barz-Snell, Max Hall, Laurel Kulow

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WARM WELCOME TO LAURA WAGNER – Laura has been a Unitarian Universalist for more than 20 years. She has held many lay leader positions but her primary focus has always been social justice. She began as a volunteer with UU Mass Action working on the immigrant rights campaign. In the spring of 2014 Laura accepted the role of Executive Director. U Mass Action currently has four core campaigns, Ending Mass Incarceration, Immigrant Rights, Economic Rights and Climate Change. We thank her for her ministry with us today.

KNITTERS & STITCHERS are invited to meet in the Parlor tomorrow, Aug. 23, at noon. If you'd like to Zoom in, please call Betsy Gibson in the office first thing in the morning (781.893.7798)

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY MORNING MEDITATION ON AUG. 25, AT 8:30 AM – Join us on Zoom; go to: **<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81222401643>**; **Meeting ID: 8122 2401 643**

THE FPCW BOOK GROUP will meet next on Thursday, Sept. 30, at 9:30 in the Parlor to talk about *The Code Breaker* by Walter Isaacson. (Going to be away from Weston but would like to participate in the discussion? Contact Betsy Gibson in the Church Office in advance so we can Zoom you in.)

Originally planned to be the subject of our conversation in August, Albert Camus' *The Plague* will be our October selection.

AUGUST BRISTOL LODGE SUPPER – Wednesday, Aug. 25 – Our current heatwave influenced the menu for our dinner on Aug. 25th. Chicken salad, cold green beans vinaigrette, rolls and blueberry cake (or bars or cookies of your choice) sounds good for weather like we've had this week! Recipes for chicken salad (or use your own) and a blueberry cake are on the church website and in the Breezeway. Mary Menino will purchase gift cards for ice cream at Lizzy's on Main St. in Waltham for each diner. We did this in August 2019 and it was a big hit. Please contact Mary Menino (mary.menino@gmail.com) if you can contribute chicken salad, dessert, or fresh green beans (need 20 lbs. in total - just volunteer a certain number of pounds and bring them clean /trimmed to FPCW kitchen by 1:30 on Wednesday, Aug. 25; we will blanch them and add a vinaigrette dressing). Disposable pans and recipes are in the Breezeway.

OUTDOOR NIGHT AT THE MOVIES – Thursday, Aug. 26, at 7:30 pm. Join us to see THE GREATEST SHOWMAN, a captivating film about P.T. Barnum and his magical adventures on the way to creating the greatest show on Earth. Bring your own blanket, lawn chair, or other lounging apparatus; we'll start the movie at 7:30 PM (it's hard to rush the sunset!), but you may come early to get settled and have some snacks. Chips, cookies, soft drinks and water will be available, but you are welcome to BYOD — Bring Your Own Dinner, whether from home, a snack from Brother's, or a Door Dash delivery! Some people might order pizza or other food to be delivered; if you're interested, come to church a little early (with cash or Venmo!) if you'd like to join a group order.

We continue to update our Covid-19 and public health policies using guidelines from our local government and the CDC. Anyone who has been fully vaccinated may attend without a mask (if you are comfortable); if you have not yet been vaccinated, we ask that you wear a mask for your safety and the safety of others. Contact tracing will be required and masks will be available.

LAWN & CROQUET PARTY AT THE PARSONAGE – Sunday, Aug. 29, from 3:00-5:00 pm. We invite you to spend a late summer afternoon on the lawn of the Parsonage at 335 Boston Post Road in Weston, with hosts Jeff and Jennifer Barz-Snell, for croquet, badminton, and outdoor refreshments. Other special guests include folks from the UU Urban Ministry, including The Rev. Mary Margaret Earl. Parking available in the First Parish lot. Please **RSVP** by Wednesday, Aug. 25th, to 781.893.7798 or betsygibson@firstparishweston.org