

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.
Weston, Massachusetts
Gathered in 1698

ORDER OF SERVICE for HYBRID WORSHIP
August 29, 2021 A.D. at 10:30 am

*I have noticed that as soon as you have soldiers, the story is called history.
Before their arrival it is called myth, folktale, legend, fairy tale, oral poetry,
ethnography. After the soldiers arrive, it is called history.*

– Paula Gunn Allen

PRELUDE: Apollo's Hexachord: 2nd Aria (+ 5 variations) Johann Pachelbel
(1653-1706)

CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION Rev. Jeff Barz-Snell

*HYMN #54: "For the Beauty of the Earth" (verses 1-3)

**For the beauty of the earth, for the splendor of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light.
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.**

IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Leader: The Peace of God be with you.

People: **And also with you**

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE

STORIES OF CREATION: The Hebrew Story in Genesis I, II and
the Cherokee Story as told by the Elders

*Please rise in body or in spirit

MUSIC INTERLUDE

Voluntary

Samuel Priestly Taylor
(1779-1875)

SERMON: "Indigenous Wisdom"

Rev. Dr. Clyde Grubbs

MUSIC MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER, FOLLOWED BY THE LORD'S PRAYER

O Thou!

**Creator, The Breathing Life of all, Nurturer, Sustainer.
Help us breathe one holy breath feeling only you –
creating a wholeness.**

**Desire with and through us the rule of universal fruitfulness
onto the earth.**

**Create in me a divine cooperation-from many selves,
one voice, one action.**

**Grant what we need each day in bread and insight;
substance for the call of growing life.**

**Erase the inner marks our failures make,
just as we scrub our hearts of others' faults.**

**Deceived not by distraction and falsehood –
free us to walk your path with joy.**

**From you is born all ruling will, the power and life to do,
the song that beautifies all-from age to age it renews.**

OFFERTORY:

Lyrical Piece

Gustav Adolph Merkel
(1827-1885)

*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

POSTLUDE: Fantasia in C Major (BWV 570)

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

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 REV. DR. CLYDE GRUBBS – The Rev. Dr. Clyde Grubbs is a Unitarian Universalist minister who has served congregations in California, Florida, Indiana, Massachusetts, and Texas, as well as Quebec. He currently is serving as a Minister-At-Large for Tuckerman Creative Ministries for Justice & Healing. Clyde honors his Native American heritage (Texas Cherokee), which informs his spiritual understanding and practice, as well as his anti-racist and anti-oppressive commitment. He holds a Doctor of Ministry from Andover Newton Theological School and is a certified spiritual director through the Still Harbor training program in MA. He enjoys preaching, lecturing, and consulting on a regular basis in the areas of worldview transformation and congregational governance and development for ARAOMC visioning.

KNITTERS & STITCHERS will not meet tomorrow, Sept. 30, or on Monday, Sept. 5. Join us again on Sept. 13 at noon in the Parlor.

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY MORNING MEDITATION ON SEPT. 1, AT 8:30 AM – Join us on Zoom; go to: **<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81222401643>; Meeting ID: 8122 2401 643**

UPCOMING WORSHIP AT FPCW – There will be no in-person or virtual service on Sunday, Sept. 5. We will gather next on Sunday, Sept. 12, at 10:30 am for in-person worship outdoors, weather permitting. We hope to have a lunch on the playground to welcome friends old and new to celebrate the start of what we hope will be a more normal church year.

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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.

CALLING ALL YOGIS!

This fall Rev. Sarah will become a certified yoga instructor (Yoga Alliance CYT-200) and is offering to teach yoga to the First Parish community! Her training is in Vinyasa yoga, and she is open to teaching Beginners, Intermediate/All Levels classes, or Slow Flow or Yin (seated/reclined stretches and longer holds) classes. But first, we wanted to gauge interest before we schedule any classes!

Let us know...

- When would you be most likely to attend a yoga class?
 - *(Weekday mornings/afternoons/ or evenings, Saturday morning/afternoon)*
- What kind of yoga would you be interested in?
 - *(Beginner's Yoga; Yoga for Fitness, all-levels Vinyasa flow; "Slow Flow" or more calming yoga; Yin Yoga, mostly on the mat/floor, with stretches held for longer periods of time; another type of yoga)*
- What is your experience level?
 - *(Complete Novice/Newcomer, Beginner, Experienced/Intermedia, Advanced)*

You can fill out a quick survey (<https://forms.gle/xv72Lw54UNCJm4LM9>) or send your answers to Sarah in an email.

