

*Hate has no place in the house of God.
Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness.*
– Bishop Desmond Tutu

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.
ORDER OF SERVICE
January 2, 2022 A.D.
Epiphany Sunday

PRELUDE: “The Old Year Hath Passed Away” (chorale and two settings) Aaron Andrew Hunt
(b. 1972)
Erik-Jan van der Hel
(b. 1967)

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Patrick T. A. O'Neill, adapted)

Minister: Here's to Epiphanies great and small whenever they occur.

People: **A blessing on all Wise Men and Women, East and West.**

Minister: Here's to the stargazers and pilgrims everywhere,
who are still foolish enough and brave enough to follow their stars,

People: **Who travel by night, and who bestow their uncommon gifts on us all.**

OPENING HYMN 525 – “All Beautiful the March of Days” (*see insert*)

Minister: The Peace of God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE PEACE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER (by Ralph Helverson, adapted)

O God, keep us from missing life by small neglects that blind the eyes of the spirit. Keep us from being overly analytical when we need to be understanding; from talking too much when the situation demands listening; from being too orderly when we may need the disorder of insight; from being so involved in the immediate that we miss the long view of the soul; from making such great efforts in life, when the truth that saves is so simple; from plodding along when we could hear celestial music and begin a magnificent journey to the kingdom of heaven which lies close at hand. This we ask in the spirit of your son Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying together:

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.

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE:

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please rise in body or spirit

Minister	Rev. Jeffrey Barz-Snell
Asst. Minister of Families & Community Outreach:	Rev. Sarah Napoline
Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator:	Robert Jones
Choir Director:	William C. Sano
Organist:	Geoffrey Wieting
Choir Section Leaders:	Ben Doyle, Rose Hegele, Connor Lee, TJ Rufo-Curran
Parish Administrator:	Betsy Gibson
Sexton:	Alan Flynn
Fellowship Hour Coordinator	Paula Leger
Video Production Team:	Jacob Barz-Snell, Jonah Barz-Snell, Max Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KNITTERS AND STITCHERS – For January and February, we plan to meet virtually on Mondays at noon via Zoom. All are welcome to join us! <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82093835385>;
Meeting ID: 8209 3835 385

RETIRED MEN'S LUNCH, Tuesday, 12 noon – Pack a lunch and join us in person in the First Parish Library or on Zoom. <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/93692754694>;
Meeting ID: 9369 2754 694

VIGIL FOR DEMOCRACY, Thursday, Jan. 6, at 4:00 pm on the grounds of First Parish – A candlelight Vigil for the One-Year Anniversary of the Capitol Insurrection. January 6 was a violent and deadly attack against all Americans – against our country, our democracy, and our freedom as voters to choose the leaders that represent us so that we have a government of, by, and for the people.

One year later, the same faction that attacked our country on January 6th is hard at work silencing our voices by restricting our freedom to vote, attacking fair voting districts, and quietly preparing future attempts to sabotage free and fair elections and with it our democracy.

So this January 6, exactly one year later, Americans across race, place, party, and background are holding candlelight vigils to say: “In America, the voters decide the outcome of elections.” Coming together, we can prevent another January 6th attack and realize the promise of democracy for all of us - no matter our color, zip code, or income - so we all have an equal say in the decisions that shape our daily lives and futures. Register at:
<https://www.mobilize.us/democracyvigils/event/434467/>

WORSHIP WITH AUTHOR AND DRUMMER MATT MEYER, Sunday, Jan. 9, at 10:30 am. Join us, in person or virtually for a lively and engaging service featuring musician and song leader Matt Meyer. Matt is a musician and worship leader who has led hundreds of services for UU congregations across the country. He has a degree in hand drumming and serves as Director of Community Life for Sanctuary Boston.

The service will be about rivers and streams and what they can teach us about life and movement. This will be a family-friendly intergenerational service and includes a story about a mouse named Desmond.

COVID permitting, the service will be followed by a fellowship hour with soup, bread and crackers, (as well as coffee and tea.)

NEXT PROGRAM FOR OUR ALL PARISH READ, WEDNESDAY, JAN. 26, AT 7:00 PM IN-PERSON AND ON ZOOM – Live Program and Discussion of *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson, featuring the Zebra Friends Podcast hosts Sara Hunter and Kitani Sumner. This is part 2 of our All Parish Read programs for this year. For more information, visit www.FirstParishWeston.org or the article in the recent *e-Post*.

METROWEST CLIMATE SOLUTIONS PROGRAM, Thursday, Jan 27, 7:00 -8:30 pm on Zoom. *Why We Should All Care about International Climate Meetings*: An Update and Explanation of the latest global climate gathering (COP 26) that happened in Glasgow in October. Featured presenter will be Phil Guiduce, who has 45 years' experience in the energy industry as a geologist, consultant, entrepreneur, executive, board director and energy official in state and federal roles. Most recently, Phil served as Special Assistant to the President for Climate Policy during the startup of the Biden- Harris administration. To get the Zoom login information, go to www.metrowestclimatesolutions.org to register.

To watch a recording of engaging “Greening the Holidays” program hosted by Magic 106.7 personality David O’Leary, go to **www.metrowestclimatesolutions.org**

All Beautiful the March of Days

1. All beau - ti - ful the march of days, as sea-sons come and go;
2. O'er white ex - pan-ses spar- kling pure the ra- diant morns un - fold;
3. O God, from whose un - fath-omed law the year in beau- ty flows,

the hand that shaped the rose has formed the crys - tal of the snow,
the sol- emn splen- dors of the night burn bright- ly through the cold.
your- self the splen- did vi - sion seen in crys - tal and in rose,

has sent the sil - very frost of heav'n, the flow- ing wa - ters sealed,
Life mounts in ev - ery puls- ing vein, love deep- ens 'round the hearth,
the pass - ing days with grace de - clare, and pass- ing nights pro - claim,

and laid a si - lent love - li - ness on hill and wood and field.
and clear- er sounds the an - gel hymn, "Good will to all on earth."
in ev - er- chang- ing words of light, the won- der of your name.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff for the piano accompaniment and a single staff for the voice. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into three systems, each corresponding to a stanza of the hymn. The first system contains the first three stanzas. The second system contains the fourth and fifth stanzas. The third system contains the sixth and seventh stanzas. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in both hands, providing a harmonic foundation for the voice.

WORDS: Frances W. Wile, 1910, alt.
MUSIC: Traditional English melody, coll., arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams,
The English Hymnal, 1906

FOREST GREEN
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Written by Unitarian laywoman Frances Whitmarsh Wile, when asked by
her pastor to write a 'winter' hymn. Stanza three is based on Psalm 19:1-4.

NEW YEAR

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

1. O sing a song of Beth-le-hem, of shep-herds watch-ing there,
 2. O sing a song of Naz-a-reth, of days of joy and sun,
 3. O sing a song of Gal-i-lee, of lake and woods and hill,
 4. O sing a song of Cal-va-ry, its glo-ry and dis-may,

and of the news that came to them from an-gels in the air:
 O sing of fra-grant flow-ers' breath, and of the sin-less One:
 of One who walked up-on the sea and bade its waves be still:
 of One who hung up-on the tree, and took our sins a-way:

the light that shone on Beth-le-hem fills all the world to-day;
 for now the flowers of Naz-a-reth in ev-'ry heart may grow;
 for though, like waves on Gal-i-lee, rough seas of trou-ble roll,
 for Christ who died on Cal-va-ry is ris-en from the grave;

of Je-sus' birth and peace on earth the an-gels sing al-way.
 now spreads the fame of Je-sus' name on all the winds that blow.
 when faith has heard the Sav-ior's word, falls peace up-on the soul.
 and Christ, our Lord, by heav'n a-dored, is might-y now to save.

WORDS: Louis F. Benson, 1899; alt.

MUSIC: Traditional English melody; coll. Lucy Broadwood;
 arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, *The English Hymnal*, 1906

KINGSFOLD
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Louis Fitzgerald Benson elevated hymn standards when he
 edited the major 1895 revision of the Presbyterian hymnal.