

*OPENING HYMN: “Precious Lord, Take My Hand” (*see insert*)

Minister: The Peace of God be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

THE PEACE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

**Great Spirit of our hearts and lives, we gather once again to remember a fallen friend and nourish ourselves from the fountain of reflections. Open our hearts to the anguish of our pain, to the tired taste of swallowed tears, and to our unrealized vision. In this place, we bring our scattered lives together, searching for meaning and truth. Be with us as we search for new insights and understanding. Stay with us as we wander through our memories, seeking pathways to the future. Move with us as we consider anew our world, not just as it is but as it could be. Inspire us as we find new resolve to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you. And be with us as we remember the dream that still lives within us. This we ask in the name of your son Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying together:
Our Father . . .**

CHALICE LIGHTING: Ginnie & Steve Hibbard

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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MUSIC MEDITATION

TIME FOR ALL AGES:

LESSON: Amos 5: 15-17, 18-24

ANTHEM “When the Song of the Angels is Stilled” words: Howard Thurman
music: Afton Cyrus

Theologian Dr. Howard Thurman composed these words in 1935. He taught religion at Boston University and was a mentor to MLK, Jr. when he was a doctoral student there 1951-1955. The music was composed by Afton Cyrus in 2010 when she sang in the First Parish choir and directed the Junior and Youth Choirs.

SERMON: "On Playing Fields, Democracy and Dreams of a Better Nation:
Musings on Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday" Rev. Jeff Barz-Snell

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER "Amazing Grace" American gospel

PASTORAL PRAYER, followed by silent meditation

CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER

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OFFERTORY "He's Calling My Name" Patsy Ford Blevins (1908-1996)

DOXOLOGY

**From all that dwell below the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue!**

**Praise God, the Love we all may share;
Praise God, the beauty everywhere;
Praise God, the Hope of Good to be;
Praise God, the Truth that makes us free.**

*HYMN – "Love Will Guide Us" (*see insert*)

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Fix Me, Jesus African American spiritual
His Name So Sweet African American spiritual

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

$\text{♩} = 72$ *Unison*

The musical score is written for a unison voice part. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 72. The lyrics are: 'Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light, take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.' The bass line provides a simple harmonic accompaniment, often using sustained notes and simple chords.

Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me

stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the

storm, through the night, lead me on to the light, take my

hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

1. When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin-ger
 2. When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws

near, when my life is al - most gone, hear my
 near, and the day is past and gone, at the

cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall; take my
 riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand; take my

hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.
 hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

Love Will Guide Us

$\text{♩} = 60$

1. Love will guide us, peace has tried us, hope in-
2. If you can - not sing like an - gels, if you
3. Love will guide us, peace has tried us, hope in-

side us will lead the way on the
can - not speak be - fore thou - sands, you can
side us will lead the way on the

road from greed to giv - ing. Love will
give from deep with - in you. You can
road from greed to giv - ing. Love will

guide us through the hard night.
change the world with your love.
guide us through the hard night.

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WELCOME VISITORS: 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. We hope you will introduce yourself to the Ministers and join us for a time of light refreshment and fellowship after the service.

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

LADIES WHO LUNCH – Pack a lunch and join us on Tuesday, Jan. 18, at noon in the Parish Hall or on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85147507977>; **Meeting ID: 8514 7507 977**

WEDNESDAY MORNING MEDITATION AT 8:30 AM VIA ZOOM –
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82932848257>; **Meeting ID: 8293 2848 257**

TWO OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN ABOUT WAYS TO HELP WITH AFGHAN RESETTLEMENT: On Wednesday, Jan. 19, at noon, there will be a Zoom session with Taylor Donaldson of the International Institute of New England (IINE) and other First Parishioners who have expressed an interest in helping with this endeavor. To join in, go to: <https://uuma.zoom.us/j/98125088188>;
Meeting ID: 9812 5088 188.

Later, at 5:00 pm, the IINE is holding an information session on Zoom for the public at large. Pre-registration is required; go to:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SyxSyR2LTAqYhNRK0bj0fw?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=cf4f0ce8-6105-4596-a4c2-09fa1d685b3e

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*.

NEXT BRISTOL LODGE SUPPER – WEDNESDAY, JAN. 26 – The menu for a cold winter night will be pork tenderloin, crispy garlic potatoes, broccoli, cookie bars, and fruit. If you can help purchase and/or cook or come to the FPCW kitchen from 1:30-3:30 pm that day to prep, please contact Mary Menino (mary.menino@gmail.com, text:781-718-9464; or phone: 781-894-3165). Disposable pans and recipes for pork and potatoes are in the Breezeway.

METROWEST CLIMATE SOLUTIONS PROGRAM, Thursday, Jan 27, 7:00 -8:30 pm. *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.

ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING – Sunday, Jan. 30, following worship, in the Sanctuary and via Zoom

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – Sunday, Feb. 6, following worship, in the Sanctuary and via Zoom

FPCW BOOK GROUP – We next will meet via Zoom on Thursday, Feb. 3, at 9:30 am, to discuss *Black Walden* by Elise Lemire. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89594620028>;
Meeting ID: 8954 4620 028