

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.
ORDER OF SERVICE
January 23, 2022 A.D.
The Third Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE: Trumpet Voluntary

John Bennett
(1735-1784)

CALL TO WORSHIP – ISAIAH 2

Leader: In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

People: **Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'**

Leader: He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;

People: **nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.**

* HYMN S-1: "Unto Thy Temple Lord We Come (verses 1-4)

Minister: The Peace of God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

O God, from arrogance, pompousness, and from thinking ourselves more important than we are, may some saving sense of humor liberate us. For allowing ourselves to ridicule the faith of others, may we be forgiven. From making war and calling it peace, special privilege and calling it justice, indifference and calling it tolerance, pollution and calling it progress, may we be cured. For telling ourselves and others that evil is inevitable while good is impossible, may we stand corrected. God of our mixed up, tragic, aspiring, doubting, and insurgent lives, help us to be as good as in our hearts we have always wanted to be. This we ask in the name of your son Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying together: Our Father . . .

CHALICE LIGHTING:

Bob and Maggie Gill

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PEACE

PULPIT EDITORIAL:

Christine Bishop
Christine is a member of the First Parish Welcoming Congregation Task Force

MUSIC MEDITATION

LESSON: Luke 6:27-38

ANTHEM "The Beatitudes" Clif Hardin (b. 1956)

SERMON: "A Cross-Pollination History of Non-Violence" Jeff Barz-Snell

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER "What Wondrous Love is This?" Clif Hardin

PASTORAL PRAYER, followed by silent meditation

CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER

OFFERTORY "All Creatures of the Earth and Sky" Clif Hardin

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 – "Years Are Coming" (*see insert*)

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Lord Christ, the Only Son of God Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Our Greeter this morning is Georgia Foote.

STAFF

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

Years Are Coming

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1. Years are com - ing, speed them on - ward when the
2. Years are com - ing when for - ev - er war's dread

sword shall gath - er rust, and the hel - met, lance, and
ban - ner shall be furled, and the an - gel Peace be

fal - chion sleep at last in si - lent dust.
wel - comed, re - gent of a hap - py world.

Earth has heard too long of bat - tle, heard the
Hail with song that glo - rious e - ra, when the

trum - pet's voice too long. But an - oth - er
sword shall gath - er rust, and the hel - met,

age ad - vanc - es, seers fore - told in an - cient song.
lance, and fal - chion sleep at last in si - lent dust.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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 Guiducci, 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

REEL ETHICS: AN EXPLORATION OF ETHICS AND MORALITY THROUGH FILM AND TELEVISION – We invite local youth to join Robert Jones for a program that uses film and television episodes to explore various responses to moral and life questions. Each gathering will start with a meal and then stream a thought-provoking film or show that explores some moral issue or predicament. Programs will be offered 2x per month this winter and spring. First meeting will be Sunday, Jan. 30, at 12:30 pm; second meeting will be Sunday, Feb. 13. Some films and shows to be watched and discussed include: *The Good Place* (TV), *The Truman Show* (Film), *John Q* (Film), and *Black Mirror* (TV).

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

RETIRED MEN'S LUNCH – On Tuesday, Feb. 1, at noon, make a lunch and join us in-person in the FPCW Library or virtually on Zoom for an hour or so of conversation and fellowship.
<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/93692754694>; **Meeting Id: 9369 2754 694**

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

SUPPORTING AFGHAN RESETTLEMENT

The United States Government will welcome over 50,000 Afghans fleeing violence and persecution in their homeland. Local organizations are resettling Afghan families in the Greater Boston area, but many people arrive with no possessions and no financial resources – they need our help to build a new life here in the United States. First Parish hopes to offer our support for those people caught in this urgent and ongoing humanitarian crisis.

We know there are many people who want to help, but don't know where to start. Additionally, people have varied capacities for offering assistance, with very different resources (e.g., time, physical capabilities, financial donations). First Parish has some volunteer leaders who are serving as point persons with local organizations, and we are hoping to cultivate a larger network of volunteers that can mobilize for different projects. These projects will encompass a wide range of involvement, from financial support and donations to hands-on volunteering to direct support, assistance, or tutoring.

We have been in communication with the International Institute of New England (IINE), an organization that has been doing extraordinary work in Massachusetts and New Hampshire. IINE was founded in 1910, and its mission is to create opportunities for refugees and immigrants to succeed through resettlement, education, career advancement, and pathways to citizenship. Their central office is located in Boston, with three regional field offices in Boston, Lowell, and Manchester, NH. IINE has resettled over 300 Afghan evacuees over the past 12 weeks and is working to resettle 200+ more.

First Parish's first initiative to help is a **Gift Card Drive**. Our goal is 300 cards and the deadline is Monday, Feb. 28. Cards in any amount are greatly appreciated but there is great need for cards in the amount of \$50. The IINE recommends cards for food and groceries from MarketBasket (the closest store being Waltham). In addition, families setting up homes are happy to receive cards from Amazon, Walmart, and Target. Deliver cards to First Parish in the vestibule outside the Church Street entrance to the Church Office OR mail them to First Parish Church in Weston, 349 Boston Post Road, Weston, MA 02493, OR bring them to Sunday worship. If getting physical cards is difficult, you may also make a tax-deductible donation to First Parish Church in Weston. We will then purchase gift cards that meet the immediate need based on input from the staff at IINE.

To learn more about our efforts and how you might get involved, go to:

<https://firstparishweston.org/afghan-resettlement/> or to <https://iine.org>

