

CHALICE LIGHTING:

Mary Menino

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Sarah Napoline

MUSIC MEDITATION (and dismissal to children's program)

READING – excerpt from *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson

LESSON: Luke 13: 31-35

ANTHEM

“Be not afraid!”
from *Elijah*

Felix Mendelssohn

SERMON: “Making Space for the Spirit”

Rev. Anita Farber-Robertson

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

“He that shall endure”
from *Elijah*

Felix Mendelssohn

PASTORAL PRAYER, followed by silent meditation

OFFERTORY

“He watching over Israel”
from *Elijah*

Felix Mendelssohn

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

**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 445 – “Be Thou My Vision” (see insert)

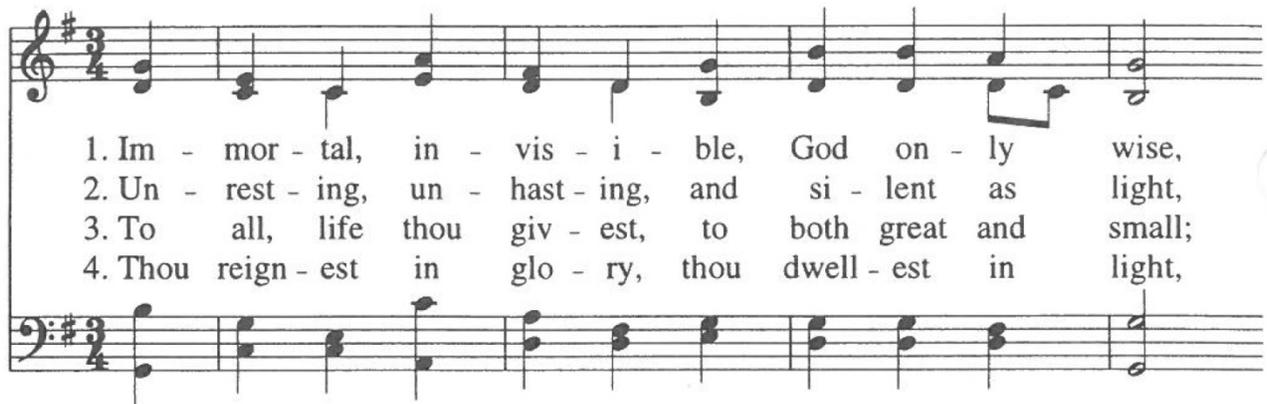
BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

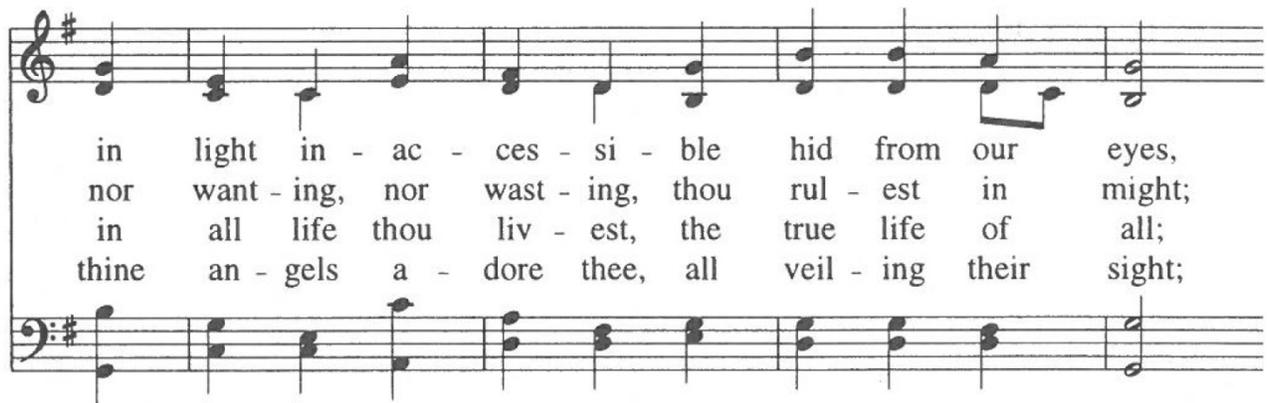
"Ukraine's Glory and Freedom Have Not Yet Perished"
Ukrainian National Anthem

Our Greeter this morning is Sue Newbury

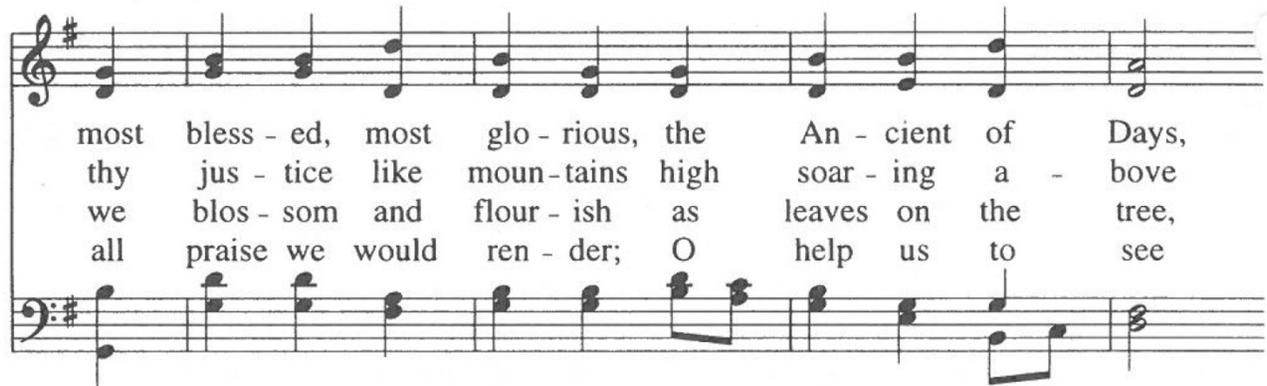
Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



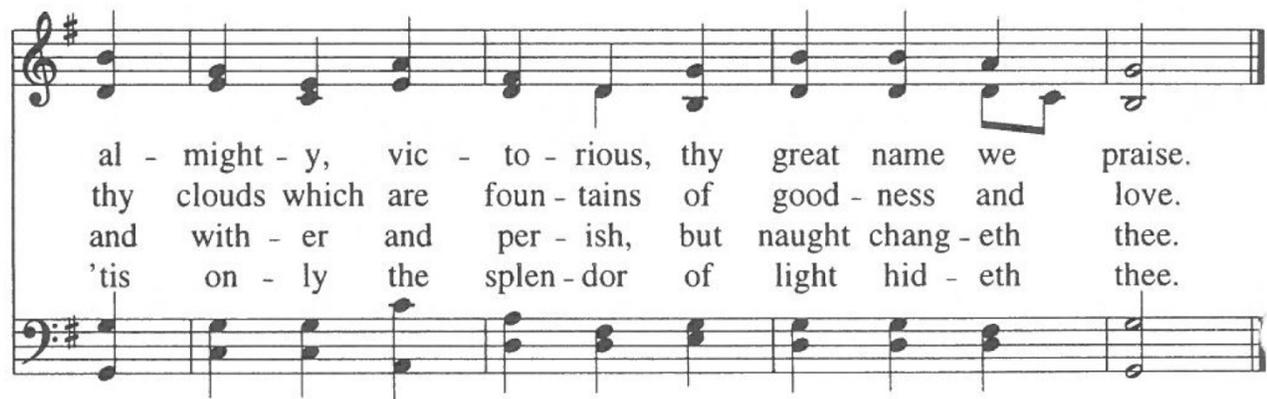
1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3. To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou dwell - est in light,



in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;



most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,
all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see



al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

WORDS: Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867, alt.
MUSIC: Welsh melody from John Roberts' *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839

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Minister and scholar Walter Smith also became Moderator of the Assembly of the Free Church of Scotland. The opening phrases are based on Timothy 1:17.

Be Thou My Vision

Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

nought be all else to me save that thou art.
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - it - ance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my Re - deem - er, my love thou hast won;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
 Rul - er of heav - en, my treas - ure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

WORDS: Ancient Irish, tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.
 MUSIC: Traditional Irish melody, harm. David Evans, *Revised Church Hymnary*, 1927

SLANE
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The original Irish text dates from c. A.D. 700. SLANE is an ancient ballad tune named for the hill where St. Patrick lit Easter fires.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS: First Parish Church has long welcomed people with different perspectives, backgrounds, and orientations. As a newly approved Welcoming Congregation, we happily welcome all people as part of our 21st century community and church. We hope you will introduce yourself to the Minister and join us for some refreshment and fellowship in the Parish Hall after worship.

WE WELCOME THE REV. DR. ANITA FARBER-ROBERTSON AS GUEST PREACHER. Rev. Anita retired in August after forty years of active ministry, serving congregations in New England as a settled minister and as an Accredited Interim Minister. She taught at Andover Newton Theological School as the adjunct Professor of Communication, is past president and long-time board member of the UU Christian Fellowship and chaired the UUA's Racial and Cultural Diversity Task Force with Leon Spencer from 1992 until 1997, when the new Journey Toward Wholeness Transformation Team was formed. She is the author of two books: *Learning While Leading, Increasing Your Effectiveness in Ministry*, for clergy and lay leaders, and *Called to Community: New Directions in Unitarian Universalist Ministry*. Rev. Anita has a consulting practice, *Learning Edge Consulting*, to clergy and congregations. She is the mother of two and stepmother of two, all adult children, grandmother of their combined eight children. She lives by the sea in Swampscott, Massachusetts, with her dog Tinker. We thank her for her ministry with us today.

REEL ETHICS: AN EXPLORATION OF ETHICS AND MORALITY THROUGH FILM AND TELEVISION, SUNDAY, MAR. 13, AT 12:30 PM – This youth program with Robert Jones uses films/TV episodes to explore moral and life questions and how we respond to them. We'll start with lunch, stream a thought-provoking film, or show, and follow up with discussion.

KNITTERS AND STITCHERS ON MONDAY, MAR. 14. We'll gather again via Zoom. Newcomers welcome!
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82093835385>; Meeting ID: 8209 3835 385

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

MOZART & YOU! – For All Music Sunday on March 27th, the Choir began rehearsing Mozart's Requiem on March 3rd. We invite you to join in; scores will be provided. A minimum of two rehearsals is required to participate. We are socially distanced and wearing singers' masks in the Sanctuary from 8:00-9:30 pm on Thursdays, March 17, and 24. Questions? Please contact Bill Sano (978.744.4787 or wcsano@verizon.net)

CLIMATE LEGISLATION UPDATE, WEDNESDAY, TUESDAY, MAR. 15, AT 7:00 PM. Sponsored by MetroWest Climate Solutions, of which First Parish is a member, this session will feature the Mass. House with Rep. Alice Peisch and Rep. Jeffrey Roy. Session is free but individual pre-registration required. For more information and to sign up, go to: **<https://www.metrowestclimatesolutions.org>**

YOGA FLOW WITH REV. SARAH ON FRIDAY, MAR. 18 AT 10:00 AM – Gather up your mat and water bottle (and any other yoga equipment you prefer) and come to the Parish Hall for an hour of stretching, strengthening, balance, and relaxation/meditation.

FPCW BOOK GROUP – Upcoming: Thursday, Apr. 21, at 9:30 am. We'll discuss *Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr

FAMILY SERVICE & SUPPER, SUNDAY, MARCH 27, AT 5:00 PM – Join us in Sears Chapel for a lively intergenerational service with varied music, stories, prayer and meditation and then stay for a simple Soup & Bread supper in the Parish Hall. Head home by 6:30 pm, hopefully renewed and refreshed for the coming week.