

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Spirit of Life, awaken us to your presence. Here, in our anxious moments, when the good we seek is unattainable, quiet our fidgeting and pensive minds. Let us feel your deeper truth as it arrives on the rhythm of our beating hearts. Let us hear it sing its comforting melody— that all our longings, all our desires, and all our hungers are soaking the seeds of change that will sprout in their own season. Teach us also to rejoice knowing that our unfulfilled longings are, at this very moment, shaping who we are and who we are becoming. We offer this prayer in the spirit of Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying together: Our Father...

CHALICE LIGHTING:

Margie Wiggin

TIME FOR ALL AGES

MUSIC MEDITATION (and dismissal to children's program)

LESSON: Psalm 148

ANTHEM "All Creatures of the Earth and Sky"

attrib. Francis of Assisi
(1182-1226)

SERMON: "Great Creator, Still Creating"

Rev. Sarah Napoline

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER "Earth is Our Homeland"

music: Johannes Brahms
words: Mark Bellini (b. 1949)

PASTORAL PRAYER, followed by silent meditation

OFFERTORY "For the Beauty of the Earth"

John Rutter (b. 1945)

*DOXOLOGY

**Sing loudly till the stars have heard.
In joy, feast on this bounteous word!
Our praises call us to explore
Till suns shall rise and set no more.**

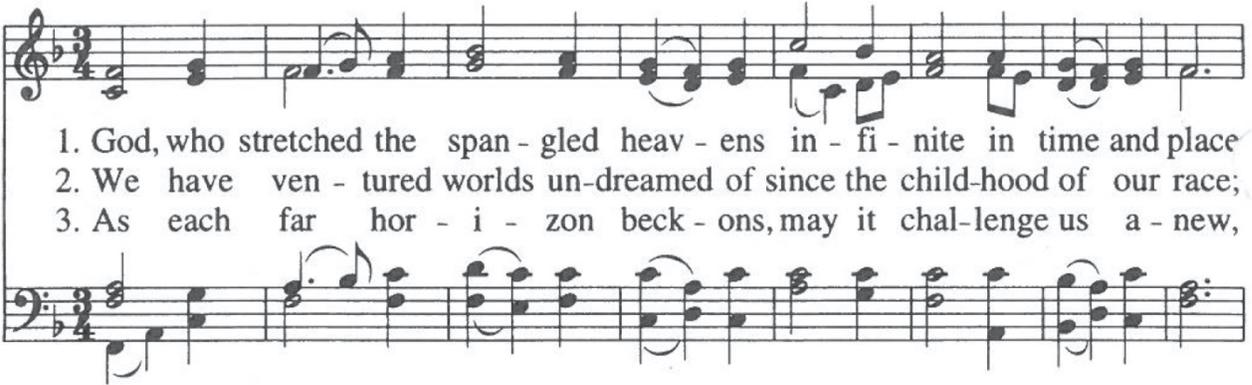
*HYMN 258 – "Morning Has Broken" (*see insert*)

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

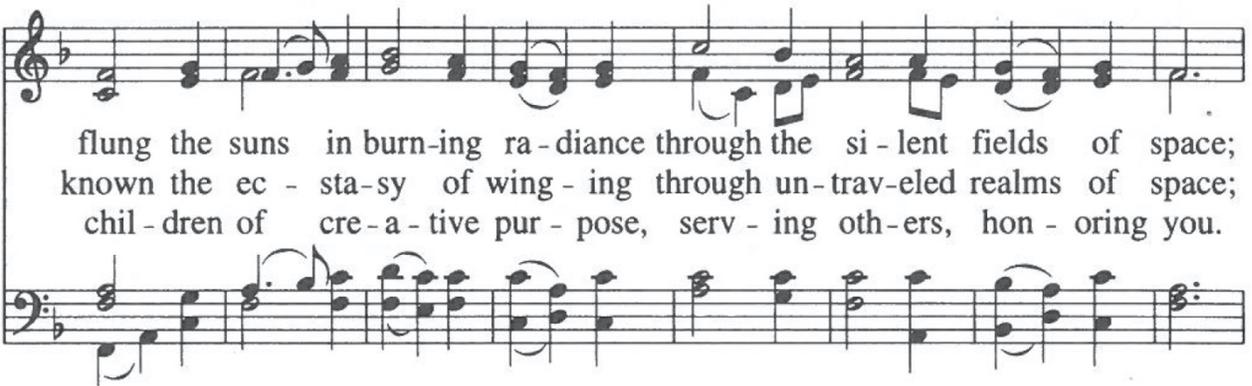
POSTLUDE "Today God's Son Triumphs"
(chorale and variations)

Erik-Jan Van der Hel
(b. 1967)

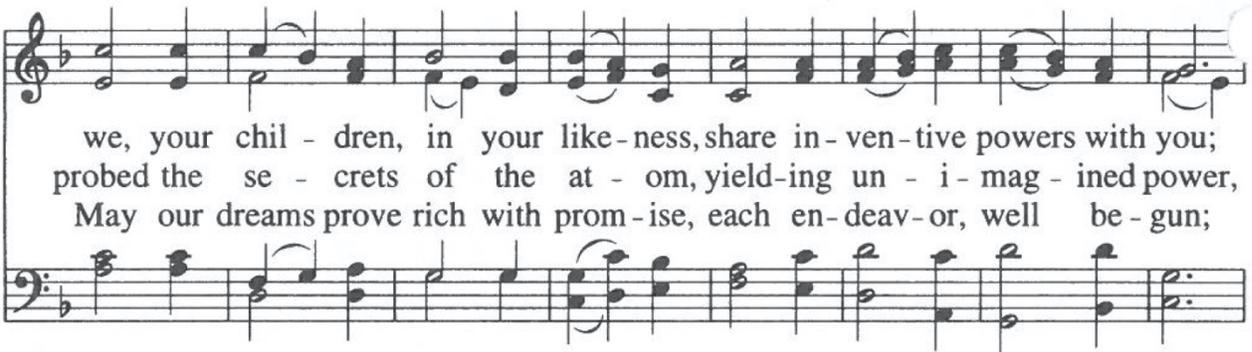
God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens



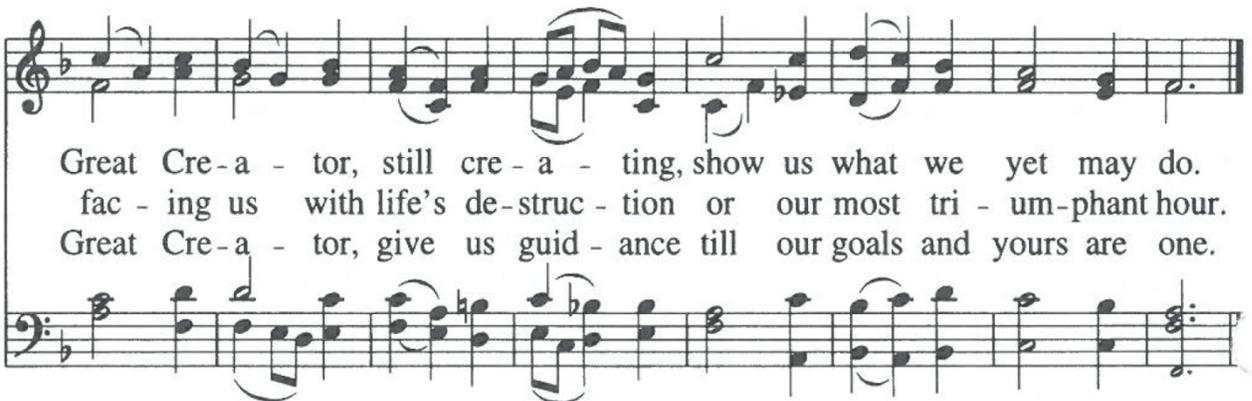
1. God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place
2. We have ven - tured worlds un-dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
3. As each far hor - i - zon beck - ons, may it chal-enge us a - new,



flung the suns in burn-ing ra-diance through the si - lent fields of space;
known the ec - sta-sy of wing - ing through un-trav-eled realms of space;
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - oring you.



we, your chil - dren, in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive powers with you;
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined power,
May our dreams prove rich with prom - ise, each en-deav - or, well be - gun;



Great Cre - a - tor, still cre - a - ting, show us what we yet may do.
fac - ing us with life's de-struc - tion or our most tri - um-phat hour.
Great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

WORDS: Catherine Cameron, 1967

MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard, 1844; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, *The English Hymnal*, 1906

HYFRYDOL

87.87D

Cameron, a Canadian now a professor of social psychology in California, intended this text to be sung to *AUSTRIAN HYMN*. The Welsh tune used here appears in most hymnals. With one exception, the tune lies in the first five notes of the scale.

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Morning Has Broken

1. Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing, black-bird has
 2. Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from heav - en, like the first
 3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing born of the

spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing!
 dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness
 one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion,

Praise for the morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
 of the wet gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass.
 praise ev - ery morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

WORDS: Eleanor Farjeon, *Enlarged Songs of Praise*, 1931

MUSIC: Traditional Gaelic melody, harm. David Evans, *Revised Church Hymnary*, 1927

BUNESSAN

55.54D

Eleanor Farjeon, English Catholic author and poet, wrote this hymn at the request of Percy Dearmer, editor of the 1931 hymnbook *Enlarged Songs of Praise*.

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Our Greeter this morning is Holly Kulow.

Our ushers this morning are Georgia & Tod Foote.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given in loving memory of
Beth and Bob Charpie by Carol McMullen and Sean Rush.

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.

STAFF

Minister	Rev. Jeffrey Barz-Snell
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Video Production Team:	Jonah Barz-Snell, Max Hall

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KNITTERS AND STITCHERS ON MONDAY, APR. 25 – We'll gather in the Parlor at noon. Newcomers welcome!

WEDNESDAY MORNING MEDITATION AT 8:30 AM VIA ZOOM – NEWCOMERS WELCOME.
[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/82932848257](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82932848257); MEETING ID: 8293 2848 257

BRISTOL LODGE SUPPER PREP & DELIVERY, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27. IF YOU CAN HELP PREPARE OUR DINNER OF BEEF CHILI, CORN BREAD, SALAD, FRUIT, AND COOKIES/BARS, EITHER AT HOME OR IN THE FIRST PARISH KITCHEN FROM 1:30-3:30 PM, PLEASE CONTACT MARY MENINO (MARY.MENINO@GMAIL.COM OR 781.894.3165). THERE ARE COPIES OF THE CHILI AND CORN BREAD RECIPES IN THE BREEZEWAY.

“LIVING A ZERO WASTE LIFESTYLE: EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT RECYCLING BUT WERE AFRAID TO ASK! – On Wednesday, Apr. 27, at 7:00 pm, enjoy in person (or on Zoom; advance registration required; see E-Post for info) an entertaining, informative program in the Parish Hall). by presenter Stephanie Miller, former Director of Climate Business at the International Finance Corporation (IFC. Everyone will have an opportunity to ask specific questions related to their own recycling. Sponsored by First Parish and co-sponsored by MetroWest Climate Solutions; funded by a grant from the McMullen-Rush Speaker Fund.

SKYLARK VOCAL ENSEMBLE PRESENTS *SUB ROSE: SECRETS REVEALED* – Thursday, Apr. 28, at 7:00 pm in the FPCW Sanctuary. See E-Post or www.skylarkvocalensemble.org for more info. (Please note: there will be no choir rehearsal on this date.)

PANCAKE BREAKFAST IS BACK! Join us next Sunday, May 1, from 9 – 10:15 am for a DELICIOUS BREAKFAST OF PANCAKES, EGGS, BACON/SAUSAGES, OJ, COFFEE AND TEA, THEN STAY FOR JEFF'S SERMON “THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO TED LASSO” DURING WORSHIP. WE NEED volunteers to assist – please contact Robert Jones (rjones@firstparishweston.org).

ORDINATION OF CHRIS SCHELLER, SUNDAY, MAY 1, AT 3:00 PM – First Parishioners are invited to attend the ordination at the UU Church of Greater Lynn in Swampscott. A reception will follow the service. Reservations for in-person attendance are required: go to: uucgl.org/ordination or call 781.595.8836. Interested in carpooling? Call Betsy Gibson, who is happy to drive.

RETIRED MEN'S LUNCH – Save Tuesday, May 3, for an in-person noontime lunch date for conversation and fellowship in the FPCW Library or virtually via Zoom.

“YOUR LANDSCAPE MATTERS: CHANGING THE CONSERVATION PARADIGM” – On Thursday, May 5, at 7:00 pm on Zoom, join Claudia Thompson, founder of Grow Native Massachusetts, for a presentation on how each of us can treat our home gardens as habitat to nurture the native living things of our continent. For more information, see the latest issue of the E-Post or go to www.metrowestclimatesolutions.org. Pre-registration is required.

COMING IN MAY – A NEW SERIES “VOICES IN 21ST CENTURY CHRISTIANITY – Join us at 3:00 pm on Sunday, May 15, in the Sanctuary for a talk by Rev. Dr. Shively T. J. Smith, Asst. Professor of New Testament at Boston University School of Theology entitled “Interpreting the Story of Jesus's Death: Reading with Howard Thurman & African American Biblical Tradition.”

FAMILY SERVICE & SUPPER, SUNDAY, MAY 15, 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.