

It is our lives, and not our words that our religion must be read.

~ Thomas Jefferson

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.
ORDER OF SERVICE
May 15, 2022 A.D.
Fourth Sunday after Easter

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP – inspired by Psalm 148

One: Celebrate the Mystery at the heart of our lives,
From the plains to the mountains!

Many: **Celebrate the mystery around us,
from the waters to the hills.**

One: Sing to the Mystery who is behind the creation.

Many: **Fill the air with song to the Mystery
who painted the world with love.**

One: Let us praise our God, the author of grace.

Many: **Let us worship our God, the composer of joy.**

*HYMN 111 – “When Morning Gilds the Skies (verses 1-3, & 6)

Minister: The Peace of God be with you.

People: And also with you.

*THE PEACE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

**Gracious God, you have called us together to worship just as we are. We cannot pretend to be what we are not, for you have had a hand in making us and know us through and through. In our weakness, we come with prayers of strength. In our strength, we come with prayers of gratitude and appreciation. Open our hearts this day that we might pray with honesty and be able to see your answers in our lives and the lives of those around us. This we ask in the name of your son Jesus who taught us to pray, saying together:
Our Father . . .**

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE

Pam Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

BAPTISM OF CHRISTOPHER EDWIN MIGEL, born June 13, 2020
son of Allison Taff Migel and Alexander Migel,
and grandson of Edwin & Lynn Taff and
Christopher & Cassandra Migel

MUSIC MEDITATION – “My Life Flows on in Endless Song”
(and dismissal to children’s program)

READING: Matthew 6: 38-48

ANTHEM “One Voice” Ruth Moody (2004)
Women’s Trio: Rose Hegele, Mary Shaw, Sharon Brown

SERMON: “Be Good, Often” Rev. Jeff Barz-Snell

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER “God be in My Head” John Rutter
(b. 1945)

PASTORAL PRAYER, followed by a moment of silence

OFFERTORY “Ride the Chariot” African American spiritual
arr. Moses Hogan (2001)

*HYMN – “Life is the Greatest Gift of All” (*see insert*)

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

The flowers on the altar are given in celebration of the baptism of
Christopher Edwin Migel by his grandparents
Christopher & Cassandra Migel and Edwin & Lynn Taff.

Our Greeter today is Trish Mordas
and ushers are Don Pierson and Pam Swain.

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 Ministers and join us for some refreshment and
fellowship in the Parish Hall after worship.

STAFF

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

Life Is the Greatest Gift of All

$\text{♩} = 96$ Unison

The musical score is written for a unison voice part. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The time signature is 3/2. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The tempo is marked as quarter note = 96. The lyrics are arranged in three verses. The first system contains the first three lines of the first verse. The second system contains the first three lines of the second verse. The third system contains the first three lines of the third verse. The fourth system contains the first three lines of the fourth verse. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and single notes, providing harmonic support for the vocal line.

1. Life is the great - est gift of all the rich - es on this
2. Mind is the bright - est gift of all, its thought no bar - rier
3. We are of life, its shin - ing gift, the meas - ure of all

earth; life and its crea - tures, great and small, of
mars; it seeks cre - a - tion's hid - den plan, its
things; up from the dust our tem - ples lift, our

high and low - ly birth: so trea - sure it and
quest sur - mounts all bars; it reins the wind, it
vi - sion soars on wings; for seed and root, for

mea - sure it with deeds of shin - ing worth.
chains the storm, it weighs the out - most stars.
flower and fruit, our grate - ful spir - it sings.

Words: From William E. Oliver,

⊕ adapt. by Waldemar Hille, 1908- , used by perm. of Hodgin Press

Music: James Leith McBeth Bain, c. 1840-1925,

⊕ arr. by David Dawson, 1939-

BROTHER JAMES' AIR
8.6.8.6.8.6.

WESTON TOWN CENTER CELEBRATION SATURDAY – MAY 21, 2022

To celebrate the completion of the largest “Downtown” project ever undertaken by the Town, a major celebration is planned for Saturday, May 21st, here in our brand-new Town Center.

As part of this event, First Parish will be throwing open our doors to welcome townspeople for various activities, including tours to climb the tower to view our Paul Revere bell, a marimba concert, a gratitude wall, a refreshment stand, and tours of our facility.

You can find a brochure about the celebration in the Breezeway and more information at Weston.org

There are several volunteer opportunities to help out for a few hours at the church. Sign up to volunteer here:

**[https://www.signupgenius.com/
go/9040b44aea62ca13-town](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040b44aea62ca13-town)**



**CELEBRATE
WESTON!**
Saturday, May 21, 2022
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



- Music & Entertainment
- Local Food
- Festivities
- Historical Exhibits
- Games & Activities
- Fun for All Ages

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TONIGHT! 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.

KNITTERS AND STITCHERS ON MONDAY, MAY 16 – 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>;
Meeting ID: 8293 2848 257

LADIES WHO LUNCH, WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, AT NOON IN THE LIBRARY. Pack a lunch and join us for catching up and conversation. Coffee/tea will be ready on your arrival!

YOGA FLOW WITH SARAH NAPOLINE, FRIDAY, MAY 20, AT 10:00 AM IN THE PARISH HALL & VIA ZOOM. This is an ALL LEVELS hatha/vinyasa yoga flow class that covers the basics, with options to modify toward an advanced practice. The class will be about an hour long and include stretching, strengthening, balance, and relaxation/meditation.

WESTON TOWN CENTER CELEBRATION, SATURDAY, MAY 21 – *see insert*

SAVE THE DATE – SUNDAY, JUNE 5, for Church Picnic, Bill Sano Retirement Party, and Lawn Games & Lemonade, all after worship.
Sign up for the Picnic in the Breezeway or contact Betsy in the Church Office (781.893.7798/betsygibson@firstparishweston.org).

ALSO IN JUNE:

June 12 – Flower Communion Sunday
June 19 – Question Box Sunday
June 26 – GA Sunday