

*The earth remains jagged and broken
only to him or her who remains jagged or broken.*

– Walt Whitman

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.
ORDER OF SERVICE
March 19, 2023 A.D.
Fourth Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE	Our Father Who Art in Heaven	Johann Ulrich Steigleder
	#39 Chorale in soprano	(1593-1635)
	#37 Chorale in soprano	
	#32 Chorale in soprano	
	#36 Chorale in bass	

CALL TO WORSHIP – Rev. Marta Flanagan (adapted)

One: We gather this day coming in search of life's deeper meaning.

Many: **All of us have moments of weakness and times of strength;
all of us sings songs of sorrow and love.**

One: May our worship bring us strength and courage this day.

Many: **In the presence of the sacred, may we come to know our true selves, and
find fresh resolve to love kindness and do good.**

* HYMN – “For All That Is Our Live” (*see insert*)

Minister: The Peace of God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE PEACE

WELCOME

CHURCH COVENANT

**In the love of truth and the spirit of Jesus Christ
We join for the worship of God and service to humankind.**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

**God of surprises, we know that we rarely perceive the world as you do. We look to the flashy fame, the grand gestures, optimal achievements, and unreachable standards. Yet, in spite of our misguided reach towards perfection, you give us glimpses of your grandeur and grace. Surprise us yet again this day, O God, that in our complacency which allows us to drift towards the same old ways of faith that we may be transformed anew. Provide us with a new cup of oil that we may be anointed by your grace so that we may set out into your world to bless and anoint others. This we ask in the spirit of your son Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying together,
Our Father....**

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Sarah Napoline

MUSIC MEDITATION

READING: Luke 6: 12-19

ANTHEM *Schaffe in mir, Gott, ein rein Herz, Op 29, No. 2* Johannes Brahms
Movements 1 & 2 (1833-1897)

1. Make Thou in me, God, a pure heart and grant me Thy spirit of holiness.
2. Turn not away Thy gracious countenance, and take not Thy holy spirit from me.
(English translation by Jean Lunn)

SERMON: "On Solitude and Awareness" Rev. Jeff Barz-Snell

MUSIC MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Schaffe in mir, Gott, ein rein Herz, Op 29, No. 2* J. Brahms
3. Give me the comfort of Thy salvation; let Thy spirit of joy come over me.

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

**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 514 – "O God of Love, O Power of Peace" (*see insert*)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *My Jesus Leadeth Me, Op. 122 No. 1* Johannes Brahms
(1833-1897)

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of her husband, Chick, and parents,
Mary and Len Philipps, by Pam Swain.

Our Greeter this morning is Holly Kulow.

First Parish Church has long welcomed people with different
perspectives, backgrounds, and orientations. As a Welcoming Congregation,
we happily invite all people as part of our 21st century community and church.
If you are visiting, we hope you will check in at our welcome table,
introduce yourself to the Ministers and join us
in the Parish Hall for some light refreshment.

STAFF

Minister:	Rev. Jeffrey Barz-Snell
Asst. Minister of Families & Community Outreach:	Rev. Sarah Napoline
Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator:	Robert Jones
Interim Choir Director:	TJ Rufo Curran
Organist:	Geoffrey Wieting
Choir Soloists:	Nathaniel Bear, Benjamin Doyle, Rose Hegele
Parish Administrator:	Betsy Gibson
Sexton:	Alan Flynn
Fellowship Coordinator:	Paula Leger
Video Production Staff:	Hussein Al-Massarani, Jonah Barz-Snell

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WE INVITE EVERYONE TO FELLOWSHIP HOUR for light refreshment and conversation. Join us in the Parish Hall after the service.

TWO EASTER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Lynn Taff is taking orders for plants to remember/honor loved ones and beautify the Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 9th! Please send your dedication and donation (payable to FPCW with Flower Fund in memo) to Lynn at 370 Glen Rd, Weston, MA 02493. Plants may be taken home after the service.
- We're looking for Easter Bunny helpers to fill empty plastic eggs with *wrapped* treats for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 9, after worship. Bags of eggs will be available for pick-up starting today; filled eggs should be returned by Thursday, April 6.

EARTHQUAKE SUPPORT – The Outreach Committee voted to donate \$250 each to *Doctors Without Borders* and *White Helmets*, which are providing life-saving responses to the devastating earthquakes in Syria and Turkey. Today's offering will be shared with those groups, and we invite you to consider making personal donations to them or other well-vetted groups that were listed in the latest issue of the e-Parish Post.

MARCH BRISTOL LODGE SUPPER – We are almost set for our menu planned for Wednesday, March 22. We are looking for 1 more meatloaf, 10 lbs. of mashed potatoes, and 65 pieces of fruit (e.g. apples, clementines, pears, bananas). Please let Betsy Gibson or Ellen Touart-Grob know if you can contribute food or help prep in the kitchen.

FAMILY SERVICE & SUPPER, SUNDAY, MARCH 26 – Join Sarah Napoline and guitarist Michael Johnson for this all-ages service at 5:00 pm in Sears Chapel that includes readings, fun music, and stories to uplift your spirits. Afterwards, we share a simple meal of soup and bread/crackers and cookies, and you'll be home in time to prep for a fresh start to the week ahead.

COMING UP AT FIRST PARISH:

- Weekly Knitters & Stitchers will meet tomorrow on March 20; join us at noon in the Parlor for an hour or so of creative endeavors and companionship.
- Ladies Who Lunch – Tuesday, March 21, at noon in the Library. Pack a lunch and come for friendly conversation! Coffee and tea will be provided.
- Standing Committee – Tuesday, March 21, at 7:30 pm in the Parlor or on Zoom;
<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/93420900113>; Meeting ID: 9342 0900 113
- Weekly Wednesday Morning Virtual Meditation, 8:30 am.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89584018041> / Meeting ID: 895 8401 8041
- All-Music Sunday, March 26, in the Sanctuary at 10:30 am
- Palm Sunday Worship, April 2, in the Sanctuary at 10:30 am
- Good Friday, April 7 – Sears Chapel will be open for quiet prayer and reflection from Noon – 6:00 pm.
- Easter Sunday Worship at 10:30 am, followed by the annual Easter Egg Hunt
- Save the Date – MetroWest Climate Solutions Program, April 11, 7:00 pm – “What’s Dinner Got to Do With It? Food, Farming & Climate Change” (more info in the *e-Parish Post*).

For All That Is Our Life

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1. For
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all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise; for
needs which oth - ers serve, for ser - vic - es we give, for
sor - row we must bear, for fail - ures, pain, and loss, for
all that is our life we sing our thanks and praise; for

all life is a gift which we are called to use to
work and its re - wards, for hours of rest and love; we
each new thing we learn, for fear - ful hours that pass: we
all life is a gift which we are called to use to

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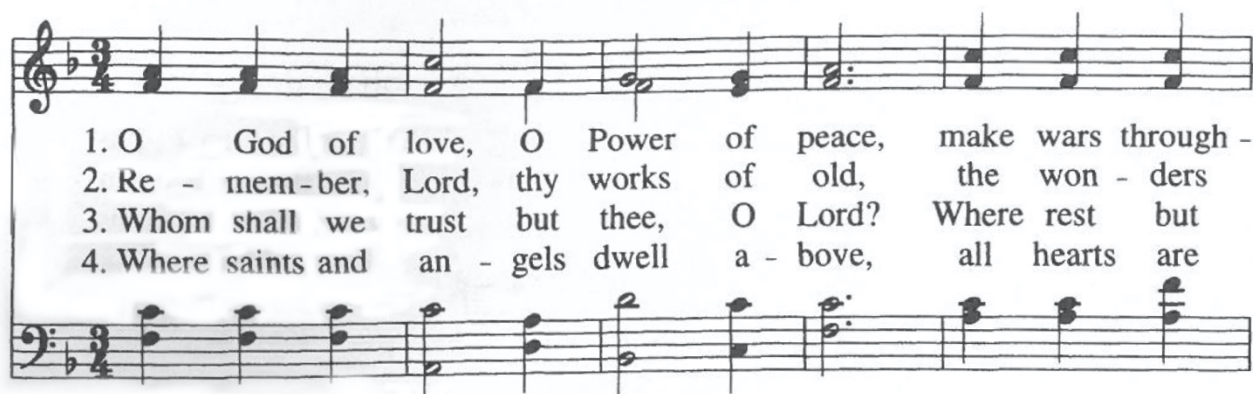
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 all that is our life.
 all that is our life.
 make our own days

1.-3.

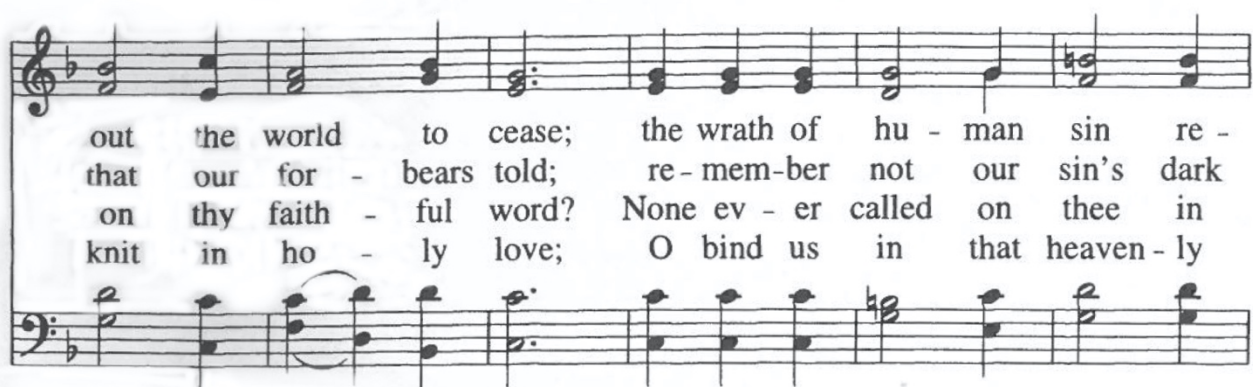
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O God of Love, O Power of Peace 514



1. O God of love, O Power of peace, make wars through -
 2. Re - mem - ber, Lord, thy works of old, the won - ders
 3. Whom shall we trust but thee, O Lord? Where rest but
 4. Where saints and an - gels dwell a - bove, all hearts are



out the world to cease; the wrath of hu - man sin re -
 that our for - bears told; re - mem - ber not our sin's dark
 on thy faith - ful word? None ev - er called on thee in
 knit in ho - ly love; O bind us in that heaven - ly



strain;
 stain;
 vain;
 chain;
 give peace, O God, give peace a - gain!

WORDS: Henry W. Baker, 1861, alt.
 MUSIC: Henry W. Baker, 1854

HESPERUS (QUEBEC)
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Henry Baker was chair of the committee
 that assembled the great English hymnbook
Hymns Ancient and Modern in 1861.