

*Faith is not the clinging to a shrine but an endless pilgrimage of the heart.*  
— Abraham Joshua Heschel

*The longest journey is the journey inwards.*  
~ Dag Hammarskjöld

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.  
Weston, Massachusetts  
*Gathered in 1698*  
ORDER OF SERVICE  
In-Person and Streamed Worship  
October 6, 2024 A.D. at 10:30 am  
20th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE: Adagio (Sonata I) Felix Mendelssohn  
Andante religioso (Sonata IV) (1809-1847)

CALL TO WORSHIP, inspired by Psalm 90

One: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God,  
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Many: **The Sacred meets us in the stillness of our thoughts,  
in the joy of our laughter,  
in the spontaneity of our encounters,  
in the hope of our presence.**

One: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God,  
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Many: **The Spirit sustains us with mercy, reassures us with compassion, and  
challenges us with grace.**

One: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God,  
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Many: **Let us worship the Sacred in spirit and in truth,  
through pain and despair, knowing that our gathering  
brings joy and peace.**

\*HYMN S-9 (*front of hymnal*)– “O Life That Maketh All Things New”

Minister: The Peace of God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

EXCHANGE OF PEACE AND 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.**



PASTORAL PRAYER AND CHORAL RESPONSE

OFFERTORY excerpt from Sanctification, from *Sacred Service* Ernest Bloch

\*DOXOLOGY

**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 (*see insert*) – “God of the Earth, the Sky, the Sea”

\*BENEDICTION and CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE: Sonata II – Allegro maestoso; Fuga Felix Mendelssohn

Our Greeter this morning is Beanie Marvel.

First Parish Church has long welcomed people with different perspectives, backgrounds, and orientations. As a Welcoming Congregation, we happily invite all people to be a part of our 21st century community and church. If you are visiting, we hope you will fill out a welcome card and put it in the collection plate and then join us for a time of fellowship and light refreshment

STAFF

Minister:

Asst. Minister of Families & Community Outreach:

Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator:

Music Director:

Organist:

Choir Soloists:

Rev. Jeffrey Barz-Snell

Rev. Sarah Napoline

Robert Jones

TJ Rufo-Curran

Geoffrey Wieting

Nathaniel Bear

Benjamin Doyle

Rose Hegele

Nathan Savant

Betsy Gibson

Alan Flynn

Paula Leger

Parish Administrator:

Sexton:

Fellowship Hour Coordinator:

# O Life that Maketh All Things New

1. O Life that mak - eth all things new, The  
 2. From hand to hand the greet - ing flows, From  
 3. One in the free - dom of the truth, One  
 4. The fre - er step, the ful - ler breath, The

bloom - ing earth, our thoughts with - in, Our  
 eye to eye the sig - nals run, From  
 in the joy of paths un - trod, One  
 wide hor - i - zon's grand - er view, The

pil - grim feet, wet with thy dew, In  
 heart to heart the bright hope glows; The  
 in the soul's per - en - nial youth, One  
 sense of life that knows no death, The

glad - ness hith - er turn a - gain.  
 seek - ers of the light are one.  
 in the larg - er thought of God;  
 life that mak - eth all things new. A - MEN

WORDS: Samuel Longfellow, 1874  
 MUSIC: Thomas Williams' 'Psalmodia Evangelica', 1789

TRURO  
 L.M.

# God of the Earth, the Sky, the Sea

$\text{♩} = 84$

The musical score is written in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 2/2 time signature. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

1. God of the earth, the sky, the sea,  
2. Your love is in the sun - shine's glow,  
3. We feel your calm at eve - ning's hour,  
4. But high - er far, and far more clear,

mak - er of all a - bove, be - low,  
your life is in the quick - 'ning air;  
your gran - deur in the march of night;  
you in our spir - it we be - hold;

cre - a - tion lives and moves in you;  
when light - nings flash and storm - winds blow,  
and when the morn - ing breaks in power,  
your im - age and your - self are there —

your pres - ent life through all does flow.  
there is your power, your law is there.  
we hear your word, "Let there be light."  
in - dwell - ing God, pro - claimed of old.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13  
World Communion Service at 10:30 am

FALL PANCAKE BREAKFAST  
Sunday, Oct. 20  
9:30 – 10:30 am

Come early and bring your appetite to enjoy a hearty, hot breakfast prepared by our youth and others under the guidance of Robert Jones. Pancakes with maple syrup will be served up with bacon/sausage, and fruit.

HARVEST FEST & PRE HALLOWEEN TRUNK OR TREAT CELEBRATION  
Sunday, Oct. 27, after worship

Save the date for this annual celebration of fall and the magical fun of costumes and make-believe. First Parishioners will fill the trunks of their cars with festive decorations, provide candy or prizes, and kids (and kids at heart) will go from car to car to trick or treat around the parking lot.

Costumes for everyone are encouraged!

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: AMY DAIN ON HOUSING IN MASSACHUSETTS  
TUESDAY, OCT. 29, 7:00 PM in the First Parish Parlor

We are excited to welcome Amy Dain, author of *Exclusionary by Design*, to First Parish. Amy is a leading expert on housing policy in the state and has researched extensively zoning by-laws. She will provide valuable insights into how these policies shape communities and what they mean for the future of housing in our state's communities. All are welcome to come for this engaging and informative event.

ANNUAL ALL SOULS DAY MEMORIAL CANDLE LIGHTING SERVICE  
SUNDAY, NOV. 3, AT 10:30 AM.

We will remember First Parishioners who died this past year and other family and friends with the lighting of candles in their memory.

BOSTON HEALTH CARE for  
the HOMELESS PROGRAM

**COSTUME DRIVE**

Help BHCHP's Family Team collect new and gently used costumes for ages 1 month – 5 years old!

**Drop your costume off by Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>!**

For more information please email  
Christina Binney at [cbinney@bhchp.org](mailto:cbinney@bhchp.org)

There are collection bins for costume donations in the main Breezeway and in the vestibule outside the Church Office entrance on Church St. The latter is open 24/7 for drop-offs at your convenience.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO THE REV. MARY MARGARET EARL, Executive Director and Senior Minister of the UU Urban Ministry, and our guest preacher. We thank her for her ministry with us today.

COZY BONFIRE TONIGHT, 6:00-7:30 PM – Bring your family or come solo for a relaxing evening around the fire in the upper parking lot at First Parish. Bring your own seat and be sure to dress for the weather (or bring a blanket!) We'll have wine and snacks to enjoy as we gather under the autumn sky. All are welcome! ??s Contact **[rjones@FirstParishWeston.org](mailto:rjones@FirstParishWeston.org)**.

KNITTERS & STITCHERS meet most Mondays at noon in the Parlor. If you'd like to be on the mail list for any schedule changes, please contact the Church Office.

RETIRED MEN'S LUNCH will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 8, in the Library (or via Zoom) at noon. Bring your lunch and join Jeff Barz-Snell and others for conversation and camaraderie in the Library or participate via Zoom.

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81040760383> / Meeting ID: 8104 0760 383**

FPCW BEREAVEMENT GROUP will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 8, at 4:00 pm in the Parlor and then resume meeting on the first Tuesday of the month. Anyone grieving the loss of a loved one, no matter what stage of grief is being experienced, is welcome to come share supportive conversation, facilitated by Rev. Jeff Barz-Snell.

METROWEST CLIMATE SOLUTIONS VIRTUAL WEBINAR: "CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY FOR MASSACHUSETTS." Tuesday, Oct. 9, 7-8:00 pm. Sen. Michael J. Barrett will present an update on the State's climate policy. Register for this free event: **<https://www.metrowestclimatesolutions.org/events>**

WEEKLY THURSDAY MORNING MEDITATION AT 8:30 AM – Join us on Zoom; go to: **<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87938995674> / Meeting ID: 8793 8995 674**

CHOIR REHEARSAL – Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Loft. Newcomers always welcome. Questions? Reach out to Music Director TJ Rufo-Curran.

CALLING ALL YOGIS – Our All-Levels hatha/vinyasa yoga flow classes, led by Rev. Sarah Napoline will meet next on Friday, Oct. 18, in the Parish Hall from 10:00-11:00 am (and subsequently on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month). This free class is open to all and includes stretching, strengthening, balance, and relaxation. Bring a mat, water bottle and a friend! Injuries or other questions or concerns? Contact **[SarahNapoline@FirstParishWeston.org](mailto:SarahNapoline@FirstParishWeston.org)**.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP will meet on Sunday, Oct. 20, for Pancake Breakfast prep.

STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20 – A service where we celebrate the gift that is the congregation of First Parish and look to insuring the ability to grow our ministries, providing support to people in need locally and globally.

FPCW BOOK GROUP, THURSDAY, OCT. 24 AT 9:30 AM – Come to the Parlor or join via Zoom for a discussion of *James* by Percival Everett, A brilliant, action-packed reimagining *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, both harrowing and darkly humorous, told from the enslaved Jim's point of view.

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83268162066> / Meeting ID: 8326 8162 066**

### ONE OF MY FAVORITE HYMNS

Do you have a favorite hymn that you love to sing or hear? This fall we are continuing with an occasional element in our Service on Sundays. People are invited to sign up to introduce one of their favorite hymns. Each volunteer has 3-5 minutes to share a favorite hymn and why it is meaningful to them. It could be the music, or the lyrics, or that it was sung at an important moment in their lives. What's your favorite hymn? To sign up, speak with the Minister or call the Church Office (781.893.7798).