

If you think the world is all wrong, remember that it contains people like you.

~ Henry H. Saunderson

*Accepting that the chaos is normal and natural
will help us claim our creative potential in it.*

~ Adrienne Maree Brown

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.
ORDER OF SERVICE
May 4, 2025 A.D.
Second Sunday after Easter

PRELUDE

Pastorella – Movements 1 & 2

Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

CALL TO WORSHIP, by Maureen Killoran

One: As we are confronted by chaos,.

Many: **may we have the wisdom to believe in peace.**

One: Surrounded by voices of disagreement,

Many: **may we have the audacity to speak for peace.**

One: Lured by the seduction of despair,

Many: **may we have the courage to maintain
a vision of possibility and peace.**

* HYMN – “For the Earth Forever Turning” (*see insert*)

Minister: The Peace of God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE PEACE

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

Source of Life and Peace, we are journeying through the wilderness of a difficult and challenging world. In these times of darkness, may your light sustain us. May the questions that fill our minds with doubt drift away into the sands of the journey. May we dig within our souls to remove the prejudices deep within us. May your subtle but pervasive presence refocus our attention on our relationship with you and the ways we can reach out a loving hand to all our neighbors, both nearby and around the world. This we pray in the name of your son Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying together: Our Father...

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE

Jean Masland, Chair, Social Justice Task Force

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR ALL AGES

MUSIC MEDITATION AND DISMISSAL TO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

**Go now in Peace, go now in Peace.
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.**

READING: Reading from the *Book of Genesis*
For Nothing is Fixed, James Baldwin

ANTHEM My Spirit Sang All Day Gerald Finzi
(1901-1956)

SERMON: "Finding the Possibility and Beauty in Chaos" Rev. Jo Murphy,
Executive Director, UU Mass Action

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY Cantate Domino, SWV 81 Heinrich Schutz
(1585-1672)

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 68 – "Though I May Speak"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Pastorella – Movement 4 Johann Sebastian Bach

The flowers on the altar this morning are given by *In Choro Novo*, a local choral group that performed a concert here last evening in celebration of thirty years of singing.

Our Greeter this morning is Caroline Marple.

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. We hope you'll join us in the Parish Hall after worship for some light refreshment and fellowship.

For the Earth Forever Turning

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1. For the
2. For the
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4. For the

earth for - ev - er turn - ing; for the
moun - tains, hills, and pas - tures in their
sun, for rain and thun - der, for the
world we raise our voic - es, for the

skies, for ev - 'ry sea; for our
si - lent maj - es - ty; for the
sea - sons' har - mo - ny, for our
home that gives us birth; in our

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Music: Kim Oler,

⊕ arr. by Nick Page, 1952- , © 1990 Boosey & Hawkes, Inc.

BLUE-GREEN HILLS OF EARTH
8.7.8.8.

lives, for all we cher - ish, sing we our
 stars, for all the heav - ens, sing we our
 lives, for all cre - a - tion, sing we our
 joy we sing re - turn - ing home to our

1.-3. 4.
 joy - ful song of peace.
 joy - ful song of peace.
 joy - ful praise to Thee.
 blue - green hills of earth.

STAFF

Minister:	Rev. Jeffrey Barz-Snell
Asst. Minister of Families & Community Outreach:	Rev. Sarah Napoline
Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator:	Robert Jones
Music Director:	TJ Rufo Curran
Organist:	Geoffrey Wieting
Choir Soloists:	Nathaniel Bear, Benjamin Doyle, Rose Hegele, Nathan Savant
Parish Administrator:	Betsy Gibson
Sextons:	Gary Lubin, Joe Perriello
Fellowship Coordinator:	Paula Leger
Video Production Staff:	Peter Constable

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THIS MORNING WE WELCOME BACK the Rev. Jo Murphy, Executive Director of UU Mass Action and a per diem chaplain at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Boston. Rev. Murphy is busy organizing, mobilizing, and advocating for the many UU Mass Action Justice Campaigns, especially growing the Decarceration Campaign. She loves adventuring with her 2-year-old daughter, and has a deep love for the ocean, liberation, and a fine roast chicken dinner. We thank her for her ministry here this morning.

COMING UP THIS WEEK:

- Knitters & Stitchers, Monday at Noon in the Parlor
- Retired Men's Lunch, Tuesday at Noon in the Library or on Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81040760383> / Meeting ID: 8104 0760 383
- FPCW Bereavement Group, Tuesday at 4:00 pm in the Parlor
- Outreach Committee, Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the Library
- Thursday Morning Virtual Meditation, 8:30 am,
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87938995674>
- Choir Rehearsal, Thursday, 7:00 pm in "The Loft"
- Roxbury Weston Preschool 60th Anniversary Celebration Carnival, Saturday,
on the FPCW playground from Noon - 6:00 pm
- Bridges of Understanding, Saturday, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at the UU Urban Ministry,
10 Putnam St, Roxbury. This program offers the opportunity to explore our racial
biases, their impact, and what we can do to promote equity for all. Lunch at the
Nubian Market or bring your own. Please RSVP (www.uuum.org) if you plan to attend.
- Mother's Day Worship & Louis D. Brown Peace Walk in Dorchester, Sunday, May 11. This
beloved Boston tradition honors the lives of loved ones who have been murdered. It is
the Brown Peace Institute's largest fundraising event to sustain and grow services,
advocacy and training. We have a FPCW team set up with a goal of raising \$1500. If
you'd like to walk or make a donation, go to
<https://www.mothersdaywalk4peace.org/Team/View/208228/First-Parish-Weston>.
If you have any questions, please contact Jean Masland.

COMING UP LATER THIS MONTH:

- Wednesday, May 14, 7:00 pm in the FPCW Parish Hall and on Zoom – MetroWest
Climate Solutions Program: "Responding to Climate Change in a Changed and
Charged Political Environment," featuring Dr. William Moomaw, one of the lead
authors of the 4th Climate Assessment by the IPCC, which won a Nobel Prize.
Register at **www.metrowestclimatesolutions.org** to get Zoom sign-on.
- Saturday, May 17 – *Celebrate Weston* on the Town Green and at First Parish, where we
will have the bell tower open for climbing up to a lovely scenic view and the Revere bell
- Sunday, May 18 – Special Intergenerational Service with folk singing group, *Two of a Kind*,
followed by Grilled Cheese Fellowship Hour and an after-church forum on Weston's
upcoming *Habitat for Humanity* project.