

Any man can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a dad.

~ Ann Gedes

*Being a great father is like shaving. No matter how good you shaved today,
you have to do it again tomorrow.*

~ Reed Markham

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.

ORDER OF SERVICE

June 15, 2025 A.D.

Fathers' Day / Pride Sunday

PRELUDE

Thumbnail Sketches of a Day
in the Life of a Washerwoman:
Morning – Spinning Dreams at the Washtub
A Gay Moment – Evening Shadows

Florence B. Price
(1887-1953)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come together this morning seeking a presence
beyond our narrow selves.

All: **We come together to rediscover a presence that binds us in compassion,
love, and understanding to other human beings, and to the
interdependent web of all living things.**

One: May our hearts and minds be opened this day to the power
and the insight that weaves together the scattered threads
of our experiences.

Many: **May we remember and be inspired by the Wholeness –
and the Holiness – of which we are a part.**

All: **We give thanks for the gift of this day.**

*HYMN 504 – “God of Justice, God of Mercy” (vs. 1, 2, and 5)

Minister: The Peace of God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*THE PEACE

WELCOME

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 all life and light, we thank you for your love that never lets us go. Thank you for the privilege of gathering in this space with these your people – our neighbors. We do not come merely to open the doors of the church, but we come that our hearts might be opened to you and to one another. As we gather here at the start of summer, help us to respond to the call of love by being better fathers and mothers, better husbands and wives, better sons and daughters, and better neighbors and friends. This we ask in the name 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 and dismissal to Children's Program

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

READING: MATTHEW 18: 21-25 *On Forgiveness*

SOLO "Marry Me A Little" from *Company*
 TJ Rufo-Curran, tenor

Stephen Sondheim
(1930-2021)

SERMON: The 2025 Question Box Sermon

Rev. Jeff Barz-Snell

MUSIC MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER, followed by music response

OFFERTORY "Being Alive," from *Company*
 TJ Rufo-Curran

Stephen Sondheim

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 – "To Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love" (*see insert*)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Pineapple Rag

Scott Joplin
(1868-1917)

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 to be a part of our 21st century community and church. If you are visiting, we hope you will fill out a Welcome card, put it in the collection plate and then join us in the Parish Hall for fellowship and refreshment (including Lizzie's ice cream with an assortment of toppings).

STAFF

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If You Don't Get Enough Ice Cream Today . . .

Join Weston Friends & Neighbors

for the

Weston Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, June 18, 6:30-7:30 pm

Weston Town Green

**followed by the Concert on the Green featuring
*The Catnip Junkies***

Head to the Town Green for free single-scoop ice cream with dry toppings to be served by Brothers Marketplace and catch up with friends and neighbors while enjoying an early summer treat.

The Ice Cream Social also kicks off the **2025 Summer Concert Series** sponsored by Eastern Bank. This week **The Catnip Junkies** will take you to Bourbon Street with its entertaining selection of New Orleans style jazz. Concert starts at 7:00 pm and will be the first in the series that takes place every Wednesday through July 26

The Ice Cream Social and Summer Concert Series are organized by the Weston Recreation Department. For more info, go to **<https://www.westonma.gov/1748/Weston-Summer-Concert-Series>** or call 781.786.6260.

To Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love

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1. To Mer - cy, Pit - y, Peace, and Love all
 2. For Mer - cy has a hu - man heart, and
 3. Then ev - ery one, of ev - ery clime, that

pray in their dis - tress, and to those vir - tues
 Pit - y a hu - man face; and Love, the hu - man
 prays in deep dis - tress, prays to the hu - man

of de - light re - turn their thank - ful -
 form di - vine, and Peace, the hu - man
 form di - vine — Love, Mer - cy, Pit - y,

ness, re - turn their thank - ful - ness.
 dress, and Peace, the hu - man dress.
 Peace, Love, Mer - cy, Pit - y, Peace.

Words: William Blake, 1757–1827

Music: Nikolaus Herman, 1480–1561, harmony by J. S. Bach, 1685–1750

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

KNITTERS & STITCHERS – meet in-person at noon tomorrow in the Parlor.

LADIES WHO LUNCH, Wednesday, June 18, Noon in the Library. This will be Betsy Gibson's last gathering with this group as she will be transitioning to part-time hours as the church bookkeeper once a new Administrator has settled in. As usual, coffee and tea (and probably something sweet) will be provided.

WEEKLY THURSDAY MORNING MEDITATION at 8:30 am – Join us on Zoom

There will be no meditation in July but we'll gather again on August 7.

FPCW Book Group – Thursday, June 19, 9:30 am in the Library or via Zoom. We'll discuss *Dear Unknown Friend* by historian Alexis Peri. We'll meet on Thursday, July 24, and talk about *The Light Eaters* by Zoe Schlanger. then skip August. See e-Parish Post for info the September read.

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

YOGA FLOW WITH SARAH NAPOLINE – Friday, June 20, at 10:00 am. No yoga in July or August. Watch the *e-Parish Post* this summer for start-up dates in September.

UUA General Assembly Sunday Worship, June 22 – Watch from home at www.uua.org or join others in person at **First Parish in Framingham at 11:00 am**, where it will be live-streamed from Baltimore as part of our new Summer Service Consortium. All other services will begin at 10:30 am. Each church will provide light refreshments, however there will be no childcare available.

BRISTOL LODGE - Our next Bristol Lodge dinner will occur on Wednesday, June 25. See table in the Breezeway for what is needed, recipes, and disposable pans.

DEFENDING DEMOCRACY BOOK & DISCUSSION GROUP, Friday, June 27, 4-5:30 pm, in the Parlor. Focusing on *Democracy Awakening*, by Heather Cox Richardson, Session 6 (go to www.FirstParishWeston.org for details and schedule).

SUMMER WORSHIP CONSORTIUM SCHEDULE

All services except June 22 will be at 10:30 am.

Each church will serve light refreshments but there will be no childcare available.

June 22	First Parish in Framingham, UU (11:00 AM)	UU Framingham.org
June 29	First Parish in Framingham, UU	UU Framingham.org
July 6	<i>No church service</i>	
July 13	UUAC at First Parish Sherborn	UUAC.org
July 20	UUAC at First Parish Sherborn	UUAC.org
July 27	First Parish in Wayland	UU Wayland.org
August 3	First Parish in Wayland	UU Wayland.org
August 10	First Parish Church in Weston, UU	FirstParishWeston.org
August 17	First Parish Church in Weston, UU	FirstParishWeston.org
August 24	First Parish Church in Weston, UU	FirstParishWeston.org
August 31	<i>No church service</i>	
September 7	FPCW Welcome Back Sunday!	