

*When I was young, I admired clever people.
Now that I am old, I admire kind people.
Just to be is a blessing. Just to live is holy.*
~ Rabbi Abraham Heschel

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.
ORDER OF SERVICE
September 21, 2025 A.D.

PRELUDE:

Settings of *“When we are in direst need”*

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come into this place of peace
and let its silence heal your spirit;

Many: **Come into this place of memory
and let its history warm your soul;**

One: Come into this place of rest
and let its tranquility ease your mind;

Many: **Come into this place of prophecy and power
and let its vision change your heart.**

*OPENING HYMN 26 – “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

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.**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Gracious Mystery both beyond and within our lives, we enter your presence with thanksgiving and hope. You have called us to be your people. You beckon us on the journey of life through valleys, upon mountains, and on the plains. We set our attention and seek your wisdom, encouragement, and grace. Reveal your will and help us find our center as we strive to find ways to mend the Creation and serve you in this life. This we ask in the name of your servant Jesus, who taught us to pray saying: Our Father...

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE

Jim Dana

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUSIC MEDITATION

Spirit of Life

CANDLES OF JOY & CONCERN

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: Psalm 139:1-14

ANTHEM:

Sicut cervus

Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (ca. 1525-1594)

“As the deer pants for streams of water,
so my soul pants for you, my God.” (Psalm 42:1)

SERMON: “Resolving to Rest – Thoughts on the Sabbath”

Rev. Jeff Barz-Snell

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

MUSIC RESPONSE

OFFERTORY:
Judge Me, O God

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

*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 – “Believe Not Those Who Say” (*see insert*)

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

Prelude and Fugue in F Major

Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713-1780)

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The flowers on the altar are dedicated to Kathy Floyd, a longtime member of our church choir, on the occasion of her birthday this weekend.

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

STAFF

Minister	Rev. Jeffrey Barz-Snell
Minister of Families & Community Outreach:	Rev. Sarah Napoline
Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator:	Robert Jones
Music Director:	TJ Rufo-Curran
Organist:	Geoffrey Wieting
Choir Section Leaders	Ben Doyle, Rose Hegele, Nathan Savant
Parish Administrator:	Sara DeLong
Bookkeeper:	Betsy Gibson
Sexton:	Gary Lubin
Fellowship Hour Coordinator:	Paula Leger
AV Production Assistant:	Peter Constable

SAVE THE DATE



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

Annual Blessing of the Animals Service
Bring your pet to church or afterwards for a blessing.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

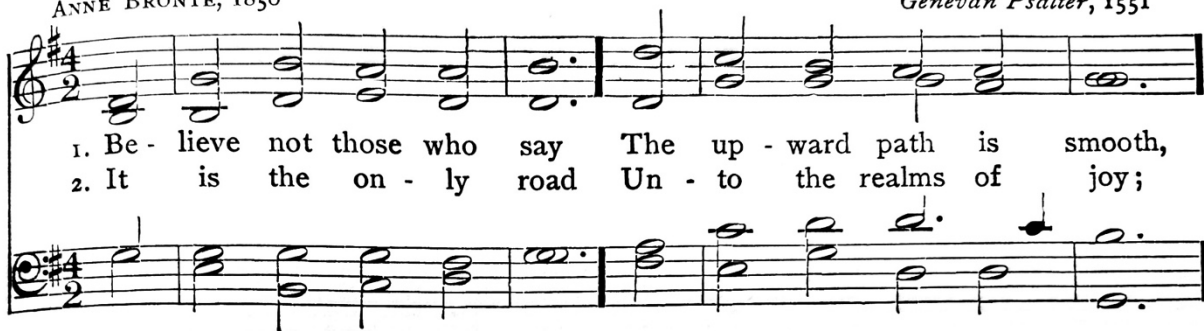
*Reception to honor Betsy Gibson
as she steps down as Parish Administrator*

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

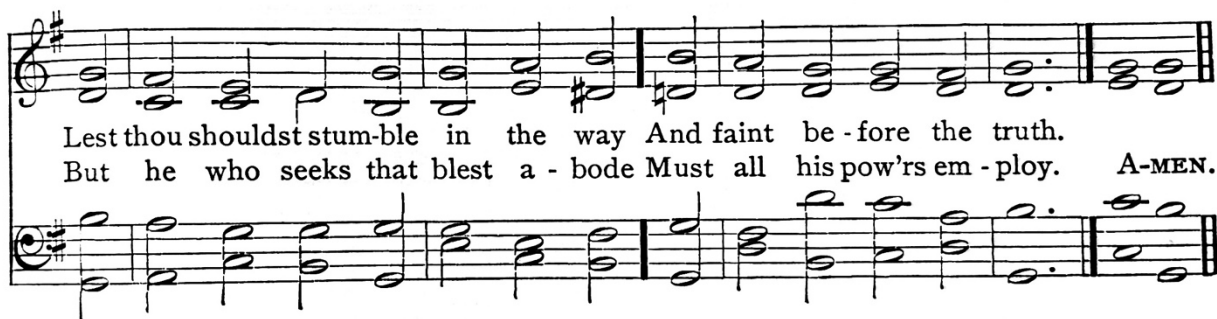
The First Parish building and grounds are located on the ancestral and unceded lands of the Massachusett and Pawtucket people. We honor the history of this land and her people, and we recognize the privilege of being the present caretakers of this sacred place.

CONNECT WITH FIRST PARISH

On the back of the pew in front of you is a guest card. If you would like to receive our weekly email “Parish Post” newsletter, fill out this card and drop it in the collection plate during the Offertory. You can also be added to our mailing list by contacting the Church Office at 781-893-7798 or admin@firstparishweston.org. After the service we have a welcome table in the breezeway. Please stop by, meet our greeter and pick up a name tag.



1. Be - lieve not those who say The up - ward path is smooth,
2. It is the on - ly road Un - to the realms of joy;



Lest thou shouldst stum-ble in the way And faint be - fore the truth.
But he who seeks that blest a - bode Must all his pow'rs em - ploy. A-MEN.

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| 3 Arm, arm thee for the fight;
Cast useless loads away;
Watch through the darkest hours of night;
Toil through the hottest day. | 5 Be this thy constant aim,
Thy hope, thy chief delight;
What matter who should whisper blame
Or who should scorn or slight, |
| 4 To labor and to love,
To pardon and endure,
To lift thy heart to God above,
And keep thy conscience pure,— | 6 If but thy God approve,
And if, within thy breast,
Thou feel the comfort of his love,
The earnest of his rest? |