

*Peace is a blessing, and like all blessings, it must be earned.*  
~ Dwight D. Eisenhower

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.  
ORDER OF SERVICE

November 9, 2025 A.D.

The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost / Anniversary of Krystallnacht

PRELUDE:

Three settings of “*Our Father who art in Heaven*”

*Chorale in soprano*

Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

No. 14 *Chorale in bass*

Johann Ulrich Steigleder (1593-1635)

No. 31 *Chorale in bass*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP: *We Raise Our Voices* ~ Jim Scott (adapted)

One: For all of life and the gifts we hold sacred,

Many: **For all of our relations we meet  
with compassion and grace,**

One: For justice and peace and the health of the cycle of life,

Many: **For the celebration of all  
who themselves cannot, or may not,**

One: For the remembrance of those who have  
defended, led, or inspired us,

Many: **For this moment in time that we are granted  
to share the gift of each other’s presence.**

One: For the power of our collective voice and concerned action,  
with vision and love,

**All: *We raise our voices in gratitude and praise this day.***

\*OPENING HYMN 260 – “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”

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

**Great mystery at the center of our lives, fill our hearts with awareness of your subtle presence which has inspired the best of the traditions and the teachings passed down to us. Fill our minds with questions so that we can challenge the ways of the world, think differently, and follow you with full hearts. Help us to think differently, to love deeply, and to foster peace with one another and with your Creation. This we ask in the spirit of your son Jesus, saying: Our Father...**

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR ALL AGES

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: Philippians 4:1, 4-9

ANTHEM:  
*Hallelujah*

Leonard Cohen (1934-2016)

SERMON: “Silencing the Critics”

Rev. Jeff Barz-Snell

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY:

*Let Us Now Praise Famous Ones*

Vaughan Williams (1934-2016)

\*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 407 – “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

*Voluntary*

Anonymous (late 18th century)

I *Diapasons*

II *Horns*

Flowers today are given in loving memory of Ashley Kilburn-Peterson  
by her parents.

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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY – Meet Mary Jo Rines Gallery artist Diane Charyk Norris after worship in the gallery where her exhibit Drawn to Water is currently on view. This will be Diane's final visit before the **exhibit ends on November 17.**

RENEWAL HOUSE SHELTER SUPPLY DRIVE– November 1-30 the Outreach Committee is collecting NEW twin comforters and sheet sets, & personal hygiene products for **Renewal House Shelter.**

COUNCIL ON AGING FOOD PANTRY DRIVE– November 1-30: Visit the **blue shelf** in the Breezeway for a list of requested supplies or to drop off a donation.

GROCERY CARD DRIVE – This month we are collecting **\$25 Market Basket gift cards** for the International Institute of New England (IINE), the Renewal House Shelter, and Bristol Lodge. You may bring cards to the office along with your full name, address and a copy of the purchase receipt.

OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK – Mon. Nov 10, the office will be open 10am-3pm; the office is **closed for Veteran's Day** Tues. Nov 11. Regular 9:30am-4:30pm office hours resume Wed. Nov 12.

ALL MUSIC SUNDAY: CALLING ALL SINGERS! – Perform this **All Music Sunday**, Dec 7. Rehearsals are Thursdays from 8:30-9:00 and Saturday 12/6 from 10:00-12:00 noon. Please see TJ Rufo-Curran with questions.

BRISTOL LODGE – **Nov 26 12-2:30pm** November's menu will include purchased Spiral Hams, Mac and Cheese and a yummy Braised Red Cabbage. Contact Betsy Gibson at 781-893-7798 or [betsygibson@firstparishweston.org](mailto:betsygibson@firstparishweston.org) for details or to volunteer.

WEEKLY MORNING MEDITATION, THURSDAYS AT 8:30 AM – Join us on Zoom; go to: **Zoom.us/join** and enter Meeting ID: **8840 8862 130**

PANCAKE BREAKFAST –Sunday, November 23 at 9:30am in the Hall: Join us before worship for **pancakes**, eggs, bacon, and sausages served by our youth group. Email [admin@FirstParishWeston.org](mailto:admin@FirstParishWeston.org) to volunteer.

NEWCOMERS RECEPTION – **Sunday, Dec 7 after worship** in the Parlor. Thinking about becoming a member of First Parish Church? Join us for this brief reception and orientation with the ministers and current leaders of the church. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our community and history. A light lunch will be served.