

Care, not carelessness, is the way.
~ The Buddha

Nothing can make injustice just but mercy.
- Robert Frost

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.
ORDER OF SERVICE
November 16, 2025 A.D.
The 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE:

Deck Thyself, Beloved Soul, With Gladness

Op. 122 No. 5

Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Deck Thyself, Beloved Soul, With Gladness

Op. 65 No. 51

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

*CALL TO WORSHIP: adapted from Rebecca Parker

One: Choose to bless the world!

Many: **The choice to bless the world
is more than an act of will;
it is a moving forward
with the intention to do good.**

One: It is an act of recognition, a confession of surprise,
a grateful acknowledgment that in the midst of a broken
world unspeakable beauty, grace and mystery abide.

Many: **There is an embrace of kindness
that encompasses all life, even ours.**

One: None of us alone can save the world.

Many: **Together—that is another possibility, waiting.**

*OPENING HYMN 526 – “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

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

Loving God, you have called us by name and we are ready to follow in the footsteps of the prophets. We shall speak your word to the people and be repairers of the breach, the restorers of streets to live on. With your help we will remove the yoke of oppression, offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted. Then your light shall rise in the darkness and through you shall raise up a just and peaceful people, the foundations of many generations. This we ask in the name of your servant Jesus who taught us to pray, saying together: Our Father...

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE

Jill and Jim Metcalf

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.**

ANTHEM:

When Rooks Fly Homeward

Arthur Baynon (1889-1954)

READING: Matthew 7:24-27 "On hearers and doers"

HYMN – "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"

♩ = 92

1. We are climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der, we are
2. Ev - 'ry round goes high - er, high - er, ev - 'ry
3. If I stum - ble, will you help me? If I
4. Though the road is steep and rug - ged, though the

climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der, we are climb - ing
round goes high - er, high - er, ev - 'ry round goes
stum - ble, will you help me? If I stum - ble,
road is steep and rug - ged, though the road is

Ja - cob's lad - der, we are climb - ing on.
high - er, high - er, we are climb - ing on.
will you help me? We are climb - ing on.
steep and rug - ged, we are climb - ing on.

SERMON: “Breaking Good”

Rev. Jeff Barz-Snell

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY:

If I Take The Wings of the Morning

Marie Pooler(1928-2013)

*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 386 – “We Are One in the Spirit”

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

Sonata II in C minor

IV *Fugue* (Allegro moderato)

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy
(1809-1847)

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.

STAFF

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Organist:
Choir Section Leaders

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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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RENEWAL HOUSE SHELTER SUPPLY DRIVE– November 1-30 the Outreach Committee is collecting NEW twin-sized 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 or hand them to the ministers on Sunday, along with your full name, address and a copy of the purchase receipt.

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.

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING – Tuesday, November 18 at 7:30pm in the Parlor or on Zoom. To join on Zoom go to: **Zoom.us/join** and enter Meeting ID: **965 9504 7535**

METROWEST CLIMATE SOLUTIONS – Tuesday, November 18 webinar: Offshore Wind Energy – Overcoming Federal Headwinds. Guest speaker Zach Fuerst, Commercial Director at Vineyard Wind. Register for free at metrowestclimatesolutions.org

OUTREACH COMMITTEE MEETING – Wednesday, November 19 at 7:00pm in the Library or on Zoom. To join on Zoom go to: **Zoom.us/join** and enter Meeting ID: **847 8023 2765**

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

BOOK GROUP – Thursday, November 20 at 2:00pm in the Parish Library or on Zoom. To join on Zoom; go to: **Zoom.us/join** and enter Meeting ID: **8326 8162 066** password: **BOOKS**

NEXT SUNDAY! 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 to volunteer.