

The immediate reward of noble action is that it lifts people above themselves.
– Ernest Dimmet

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.
Weston, Massachusetts
Gathered in 1698
ORDER OF SERVICE for STREAMED WORSHIP
January 10, 2021 A.D.
The First Sunday after Epiphany

Join us for our Sunday Service on Vimeo.com:
<https://vimeo.com/user/113463486/folder/1903672>

We invite you to join us on Zoom
for a time of fellowship following the service.
<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/91505972231>
Meeting ID: 915 0597 2231

The Social Justice Task Force will meet on Zoom at 1:00 pm today;
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88993886827](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88993886827?pwd=aFNMRFYxd3lRT3h4UVMwSXRORVINDz09)
?pwd=aFNMRFYxd3lRT3h4UVMwSXRORVINDz09
Meeting ID: 889 9388 6827
Passcode: 125458

PRELUDE: Schübler Chorale Prelude:
"Kommst du nun, Jesu, vom Himmel herunter" by J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

OPENING WORDS

WELCOME AND GREETING

HYMN: "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" (*verses 1, 3, and 4*)

**My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;
land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,
from every mountain side let freedom ring.**

**Let music swell the breeze,
and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song;
let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake;
'let rocks their silence break; the sound prolong.**

**Our gracious God, to thee, author of liberty, to thee we sing;
long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light;
protect us by thy might, great God, our King.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE: Dirk Coburn

VIRTUAL EXCHANGE OF PEACE

TIME FOR ALL AGES – Rev. Sarah Napoline

READINGS: Amos 5: 18-24
"When Death Comes," a poem by Mary Oliver

MUSIC MEDITATION

SERMON: "Tips for Allies" – Rev. Mary Margaret Earl
Rev. Earl is the Executive Director and Senior Minister of the UU Urban Ministry and we thank her for her presence and ministry with us this morning.

ANTHEM: "Let all mortal flesh keep Silence," 17th century French carol
Christopher Humbert, baritone soloist

PASTORAL PRAYER, FOLLOWED BY THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY: "Jerusalem"

music by Sir Hubert Parry (1848-1918); text by William Blake (1757-1827)
First Parish Virtual Choir

INVITATION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Toccatà" by Joseph J. McGrath (1889-1968)

First Parish Church has long welcomed people with different perspectives, backgrounds and orientations. While we currently pursue formally becoming a Welcoming Congregation, we happily welcome all people as part of our 21st century community and church.

Minister:
Asst. Minister of Families & Community Outreach:
Organist:
Choir Director:
Parish Administrator:
Sexton:
Video Production Staff:

Rev. Jeffrey Barz-Snell
Rev. Sarah Napoline
Geoffrey Wieting
William C. Sano
Betsy Gibson
Alan Flynn
Jacob Barz-Snell
Jonah Barz-Snell
Max Hall
Laurel Kulow
Benjamin Doyle
Rose Hegele
Christopher Humbert
TJ Rufo-Curran

Choir Soloists:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WARM WELCOME TO MARY JANE RUPERT for stepping in as a last-minute substitute for organist Geoff Wieting who was unable to be here. We thank her for her ministry of music with us today.

KNITTERS & STITCHERS – Join us virtually on Zoom on Mondays at noon. On January 11, Kathy Rousseau will host the gathering, sending out the Zoom login information to our Knitters mailing list.

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING – **Tuesday, Jan. 12, 7:30 pm** on Zoom:
<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/95027452186>; Meeting ID: 950 2745 2186

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY MORNING MEDITATION AT 8:30 AM – Join us on Zoom; go to:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83090765817>; Meeting ID: 8309 0765 817
(PLEASE NOTE: This is a new login that should remain in effect until the end of June.)

PASTOR'S CHAT & PODCAST DISCUSSION – Thursday, Jan. 14, at 4:00 pm. Join Jeff on Zoom:
<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/95816202845>; Meeting ID: 9581 6202 845

WEEKEND BONFIRE FOR YOUTH – Robert Jones invites our youth to respond to a Doodle poll (https://doodle.com/poll/zrt6z5qy6pimf8au?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link) about availability next weekend (Jan. 15-17) for another evening bonfire. He plans to offer a bonfire evening once a month during the 2nd or 3rd weekend of every month (weather dependent).

FPCW BOOK GROUP – Join us on Zoom on **Thursday, Jan. 21, at 9:30 am** for a discussion of *Widows of Malabar Hill* by Sujata Massey.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82187096546>; Meeting ID: 8218 7096 546

Coming up later this winter/spring:

February 18 – *Infidel* by Ayaan Hirsi Ali

March 18 – *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson

April 15 – *The Wright Brothers* by David McCollough

ART COMMITTEE LAUNCHES VIRTUAL MARY JO RINES GALLERY WEBSITE – With live exhibitions on hold during the pandemic, artists and arts organizations around the globe have pivoted swiftly to virtual platforms to help us experience art even if it can't be in person. We are thrilled to join this effort, marking the new year with a new website offering online exhibits. We invite you to visit **firstparishwestonart.org** for the gallery's first virtual show of 2021: *Reflections on Nature*, featuring watercolors by Newton artist, Paul Dudek. Many of Dudek's paintings are available for purchase, and if you would like to make an inquiry, please contact Larry Grob at: 617.817.3123 or lagrob@mac.com. We may not be able to come together in our beautiful stone church right now, but we can enjoy art together online!

Save the Date for a
Community Forum with MA Senator Michael Barrett
Sunday, Jan. 24,
4 - 5:00 pm

Sponsored by the
MetroWest Climate Solutions Group

Senator Barrett will provide an update on recent climate legislation

Zoom login details to follow