

*Those of us who have in our history the commonality of suffering from hate,
we know that those who won the day are those who chose love in the midst of hate.*
– the Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.
Weston, Massachusetts
Gathered in 1698
ORDER OF SERVICE for STREAMED WORSHIP
February 14, 2021 A.D. at 10:30 am
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

Join us for our Sunday Service at 10:30 am on Vimeo.com:

<https://vimeo.com/showcase/8015409>

We invite everyone to join us for:
a time of fellowship at 11:30 am,

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/98603358957>

Meeting ID: 986 0335 8957

PRELUDE: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation” – Gustav Merkel (1827-1885)

OPENING WORDS

WELCOME AND GREETING

HYMN: “Though I May Speak” (Dirk Coburn, hymn leader)

**Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.**

**Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.**

**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship and are freed.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE: Carol and Chet Cekala

TIME FOR ALL AGES – Rev. Jeff Barz-Snell

READING: James 2: 14-26 *Faith without works*

MUSIC: “Sonata for Violin & Basso Continuo in G minor”
– Tomaso Giovanni Albinoni (1671-1751)
Inge Thorn Engler, violin; Geoffrey Wieting, organ

SERMON: “By Our Works: Welcoming Justice, Sharing Tenderness” – Rev. Sarah Napoline

MUSIC MEDITATION

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: "Answering the Call of Love" – tune: Sinkford; composer: Jason Shelton (1972)
FPCW Virtual Choir

DOXOLOGY

**From all that dwell below the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue!**

**Eternal are thy mercies Lord:
Eternal truth attends thy word;
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,
Till suns shall rise and set no more.**

INVITATION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Postludium" – Arthur Piechler (1896-1974)

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.

STAFF

Minister:	Rev. Jeffrey Barz-Snell
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed tomorrow, February 15.

KNITTERS & STITCHERS – Join us virtually on Zoom on Mondays at noon.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86829200151>; Meeting ID: 8682 9200 151

FAMILY TRAIL WALK – CCYM (Committee for Children & Youth Ministries) has organized a **Family Trail Walk** (lead by our very own Gail Palmer!) for **Monday, Feb. 15th** (Presidents' Day, and the Monday of February school vacation week for many folks). The hike will leave from Burchard Park tennis courts at 2:00 PM; due to COVID gathering limitations, registration is required. For more information, visit the **[event page on the First Parish website](https://firstparishweston.org/event/family-trail-walk/)** (<https://firstparishweston.org/event/family-trail-walk/>), or go straight to the **[registration page on EventBrite](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/first-parish-family-trail-walk-tickets-139706336413)** (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/first-parish-family-trail-walk-tickets-139706336413>).

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

FPCW BOOK GROUP – Our next gathering on Zoom will be Thursday, Feb. 18, at 9:30 am.

We'll be discussing *Infidel* by Ayaan Hirsi Ali. Join us on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82082768882>; Meeting ID: 8208 2768 882

PASTOR'S CHAT & PODCAST DISCUSSION – Thursday, Feb. 11, at 4:00 pm. Join Jeff on Zoom:

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/95816202845>; Meeting ID: 9581 6202 845

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES FOR MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH –

Youth Bonfires

- Sunday, February 21st — 4:00 to 5:30pm
- Sunday, March 21st — 4:30 to 6:00pm

First Parish middle & high school youth groups are gathering this winter for outdoor, socially distanced bonfires! Please note that this event is weather dependent and that the times may vary month to month to follow the sunlight! **[Contact Robert Jones](mailto:rjones@firstparishweston.org)** (rjones@firstparishweston.org) for more information.

Online Board Games

- Sunday, February 28th – 4:30 - 6:00 pm
- March 28th – 4:30 - 6:00 pm

This winter our middle & high school youth groups are resuming their popular online game nights! For now we are starting with one night per month but game nights will become more frequent as interest/participation allows. **[Contact Robert Jones](mailto:rjones@firstparishweston.org)** at rjones@firstparishweston.org for more information and Zoom information.