

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.
Weston, Massachusetts
Gathered in 1698
ORDER OF SERVICE for STREAMED WORSHIP
May 9, 2021 A.D. at 10:30 am
Fifth Sunday after Easter
Mothers' Day

*The greatest challenge of the day is:
How to bring about a revolution of the heart,
a revolution which has to start with each one of us.*

– Dorothy Day

Join us for our Sunday Service at 10:30 am at our
online worship page of our website:

<https://firstparishweston.org/online-worship/>

or 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: Sonata No. 6 – II Fuga by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

OPENING WORDS

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

HYMN: “Come Down, O Love Divine” (verses 1-3) – Jane Carlson, hymn leader

**Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor glowing;
O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.**

**And so the glory strong, for which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace, till we become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE: Ray LaFrance and Gail Nozik

COMMUNITY PRESENTATION – Maggie Sky, of the Rainbow Peace Flag Project

SCRIPTURE: Excerpts from the Book of Wisdom

READING: “The Mothers’ Day Proclamation”– by Julia Ward Howe;
read by Melissa Greenlaw

ANTHEM: "My Lord, What a Mornin'" – an American Spiritual, arr. by R. Lee Gillam
Saengerfest Quartet:
Tingey Sewall, tenor
Tim Borchers, lead
Dick Floyd, baritone
Andrew Thain, bass

SERMON: "Parenting Peace" – Rev. Sarah Napoline

MUSIC MEDITATION

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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. Amen.

OFFERTORY: "Here I Am, Lord" – words/music by Dan Schutte, arr. Bob Dowma
Saengerfest Quartet

INVITATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Prelude in G Major, BWV 541 by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Dr. Daniel L. Nozik from his wife Gail and his son Andrew and family

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:
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING – Tuesday, May 11, at 7:30 pm on Zoom

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/95027452186>; Meeting ID: 952 7452 186

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

NEW PARISHIONER DIRECTORY – We are working to create a contact information directory in PDF format that will be password-protected but accessible on our website by parishioners. The format will be very similar as in previous directories, with children's names beneath their parents'. As your information changes, the document can be updated and re-posted in a timely way. A special email, with the link to our easy-to-complete Google form, was sent out via Constant Contact on April 26th. If you did not receive it, and wish to be included in the directory, you may either go to tinyurl.com/fpcw-directory or contact Betsy Gibson in the Church Office (betsygibson@firstparishweston.org/781.893.7798). The sooner we get everyone's responses, the sooner we will be able to make it easier for you to reach other First Parishioners!

PEACE FLAG MOVEMENT COMES TO WESTON – The First Parish Welcoming Task Force is bringing the Peace Flag Movement to Weston. We hope that First Parishioners and friends will pick up a flag from the church and fly it as a symbol of equity and justice – for the earth and every culture, race, spirituality, gender, sexuality, ability, and age. Starting tomorrow, May 10, pick up your flag from the vestibule outside the Church St. entrance to the Church Office. (Outer door is never locked.) First Parish will make a donation to the Peace Flag Movement; a donation is not required to get your flag but, if you'd like, you can leave a donation to support the future of the Peace Flag Project when you pick up your flag. (If writing a check, please make payable to First Parish Church in Weston.) Let's see what we can do to help spread this important message through Weston and beyond!

FPCW BOOK GROUP – Join us on Zoom on Thursday, May 13, at 9:30 am for our discussion about *American Dirt*, a novel by Jeanine Cummins. This Amazon Best Book of January 2020 will give you much to reflect upon when reading the headlines about people trying to reach safe haven in the U.S.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83260859660>; Meeting ID: 8326 0859 660

FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH BONFIRE – Join Robert Jones and friends on Friday, May 14, at 6:30 pm for a bonfire around the FPCW fire pit (adjacent to the playground). Questions? **Contact Robert** (rjones@firstparishweston.org).

HANDS-ON VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY! – Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries (CMM), to which the FPCW Outreach Committee contributes, is leading the way in creating Black wealth equity through home rehabilitation. For three years, CMM has taken applications to rehab homes in Dorchester and adjacent areas. Using volunteers from faith communities, universities, and leadership programs, they have successfully completed work on 12 homes in three years. Now we can become a part of this exciting movement for change. On the weekend of May 22 and 23, First Parishioners can join CMM Board Member Phillip Jones of WERS FM at Emerson College and CMM's construction manager in Mattapan for outdoor painting on a home. Exact hours TBD but often are 9 am - 3 pm, with lunch provided to volunteers. Safety precautions will include everyone wearing masks and maintaining 6' distances whenever possible. Extra masks and lots of hand sanitizer will be on site. Anyone who can come will be welcomed! **Click here** to sign up: (<https://tinyurl.com/CLAHvolunteers>) or **click here** to learn more about CMM (<http://coopmet.org/>).

FELLOWSHIP THROUGH ART: THE ART WE LIVE WITH – Art is connection, and to celebrate the power of creative expression to bring us closer to ourselves, one another, and our surroundings, the Art Committee has launched a new virtual exhibit on the Rines Gallery website:

<https://www.firstparishwestonart.org/special-shows>. This show features treasured art from the collections of members of our community as well as stories about its personal significance. This exhibit includes a broad range of work from watercolor, oil, and acrylic painting to drawing, mixed media, and woodcarving. This exhibit will be ongoing, and if you would like to join the fun, send a JPEG of your art along with a brief statement about the piece and its meaning to you, to Camille Schmidek (schmideks@comcast.net). We hope you will be inspired to share something from *your* collection.

LGBTQ+ BASICS AND BEYOND ONLINE TRAINING – On Tuesday, May 25, OUT Metrowest, will offer a free 90-minute virtual training from 7:00-8:30 pm that will equip participants with up-to-date vocabulary and answers to FAQs about LGBTQ+ inclusion and etiquette. Geared toward adults, the training doesn't engage with specific religious doctrine; rather it aims to give clergy, staff, and congregants tools to be welcoming and inclusive neighbors, friends and loved ones. We have a few people signed up for this already and there is a limit of 10 per organization unless advance arrangements made with MetroWest Out. So if you would like to attend this training, please **contact Melissa Greenlaw** (greenlawmelissa5@gmail.com) or **Betsy Gibson** (admin@firstparishweston.org) in the Church Office.

UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2021 – General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Participants worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. Again for 2021, GA will take place virtually from June 23 - June 27. Anyone may "attend," but registration is required; fee is \$200 but financial assistance may be available from the UUA or from Denominational Affairs if you would like to represent First Parish as a delegate. If so, **contact Sharyn Lenhart** (SALenhart@aol.com).

Jeff Barz-Snell and Sharyn want to draw your attention especially to the **2021 Ware Lecture** at GA, which will take place on Saturday, June 26, at 7:00 pm EDT. *GA registration is required to view the lecture.* Guest speakers this year will be Stacey Abrams and Desmond Meade. **Click here** for biographical backgrounds for Abrams and Meade.