

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.
Weston, Massachusetts
Gathered in 1698
ORDER OF SERVICE for STREAMED WORSHIP
June 13, 2021 A.D. at 10:30 am
Pride Sunday

Love lights more fires than hate extinguishes.

~ Ella Wheeler Wilcox

PRELUDE: "The Man I Love" from *Strike Up the Band* George Gershwin (1898-1937)
"This Is Me" from *The Greatest Showman* Benj Pasek (b. 1985)
Justin Paul (b. 1985)

CALL TO WORSHIP

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

*OPENING HYMN: "The Sweet June Days" (see insert)

RESPONSIVE READING: excerpt from the *Metta Sutta*

Minister: Let us cultivate boundless goodwill.

People: **Let none deceive another or despise any being in any state.**

Minister: Let none in anger or ill-will wish another harm.

People: **Even as a mother watches over her child,
so with boundless compassion should one cherish all living beings,**

Minister: radiating friendliness over the whole world,

People: **above, below, and all around without limit.**

Minister: The Peace of God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER FOLLOWED BY THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gracious God, remind us of your vision of when the earth shall be fair and all her people one. Inspire us to welcome those who are seen as "other," to be kind to those in need, and be brave as we strive to create your kingdom in this world. Help us to see diversity and human goodness as virtues to be celebrated, and discourage us from drawing lines too clearly between ourselves and your other children. This we ask in the spirit of your son Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying together: Our Father . . .

*Please rise in body or in spirit

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE:

Larry & Mary Shaw

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Sarah Napoline

READING: I John 4 *God is Love*

ANTHEM: “Summertime,” from *Porgy and Bess*
Mary Shaw, soprano

music: George Gershwin
lyrics: Ira Gershwin and
DuBose Heyward

SERMON: “Hospitality, Truth and Rainbows”

Rev. Jeff Barz-Snell

MUSICAL MEDITATION

OFFERTORY “Everything Possible”
Mary Shaw, soprano, and TJ Rufo, tenor

Rev. Fred Small

DOXOLOGY:

**Praise God for love we all may share.
Praise God for beauty everywhere.
Praise God for hope of good to be.
Praise God for truth that makes us free. Amen.**

INVITATION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN: “Love Will Guide Us” (see insert)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “I Am What I Am” from *La Cage aux Folles* Jerry Herman (1931-2019)

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

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| Minister: | Rev. Jeffrey Barz-Snell |
| Asst. Minister of Families & Community Outreach: | Rev. Sarah Napoline |
| Choir Director: | William C. Sano |
| Organist: | Geoffrey Wieting |
| Choir Soloists: | Benjamin Doyle, Rose Hegele, TJ Rufo-Curran |
| Parish Administrator: | Betsy Gibson |
| Sexton: | Alan Flynn |
| Video Production Staff: | Jacob Barz-Snell, Jonah Barz-Snell, Max Hall |

WORSHIP SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINDER OF JUNE:

JUNE 20 – FLOWER COMMUNION – Outdoor worship at 10:30 am. Bring a flower, take a flower! Afterwards, join us for a time of fellowship and Sunday Sundaes!

JUNE 27 – UUA General Assembly Virtual Sunday Worship will stream at 10:30 am (watch for the link to follow) and then we will gather afterwards for a virtual Zoom Fellowship Hour. **<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/98603358957>; Meeting ID: 9860 3358 957**

There will be no worship services in July;
we look forward to resuming services in August.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOIN US TODAY FOR LAWN GAMES & LEMONADE – From noon until 3:30 pm, we'll enjoy a casual afternoon of games, including some indoor video games in the air-conditioned chapel, and refreshments. Giant Jenga, ping pong, badminton, corn hole, and basketball, as well as the playground equipment will be available.

KNITTERS & STITCHERS – Meet at noon tomorrow in person on patio or in Parlor.

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

BRISTOL LODGE - Our next Bristol Lodge dinner will occur on Wednesday, June 23. Our menu will be pineapple-marinated chicken breast served over rice with a pineapple salsa topping, broccoli, green salad and cookies or bars. Volunteers are needed to make the pineapple-marinated chicken breasts, salads, and cookies and/or bars as well as help with preparations from 1:30 to 3:15 on the June 23. The chicken recipe is easy and relatively quick and Mary Menino's picky husband gave the recipe 4 1/2 stars. Rice and broccoli will be prepared at the church. Please contact Mary Menino if you would like to donate food or help with preparations (mary.menino@gmail.com or by text 781-894-3165 or by phone 781-894-3165). Copies of the chicken recipe and disposable pans are available to pick up in the Breezeway after worship today or in the vestibule outside the Church Office next week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Cont.)

PEACE FLAG MOVEMENT COMES 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. There are flags available today or from the vestibule outside the Church St. entrance to the Church Office. (Outer door is never locked.) First Parish will donate to the Peace Flag Movement; a donation is not required to take a flag but, if you'd like, you can leave a donation to support the future of the Peace Flag Project when you pick it up. (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!

FELLOWSHIP THROUGH ART: THE ART WE LIVE WITH – First Parish's Art Committee Co-Chair Larry Grob recently had the opportunity to interview photographer Katherine Richmond. They spoke about the range of her work – from abstracts, to waves, to documentary – and what drives her to shoot in oftentimes difficult situations. Go to: <https://tinyurl.com/2wb3kaup> to view the interview.

Then on **Wednesday, June 16**, at 7:30 pm, there will be a live Zoom session with Larry and Katherine and the opportunity to chat with the artist about her work. Join the conversation at: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81157605476>

If you're here for outdoor worship today or on June 20, we hope you'll take a few minutes to enjoy works by our four virtual exhibitors that are now hanging in the Rines Gallery. We thank Chris Pullman, Paul Dudek, Katherine Richmond, and Katharine Langenberg who kindly agreed to exhibit some of their pieces for the enjoyment of the congregation.

Lastly, we invite you to join our virtual parishioner exhibit, "Fellowship Through Art", by submitting a photo of a piece (or two) from your own art collection, along with a brief statement about why the work is meaningful for you - send them to: Camille Schmidek (schmideks@comcast.net). Check out: <https://www.firstparishwestonart.org/special-shows>

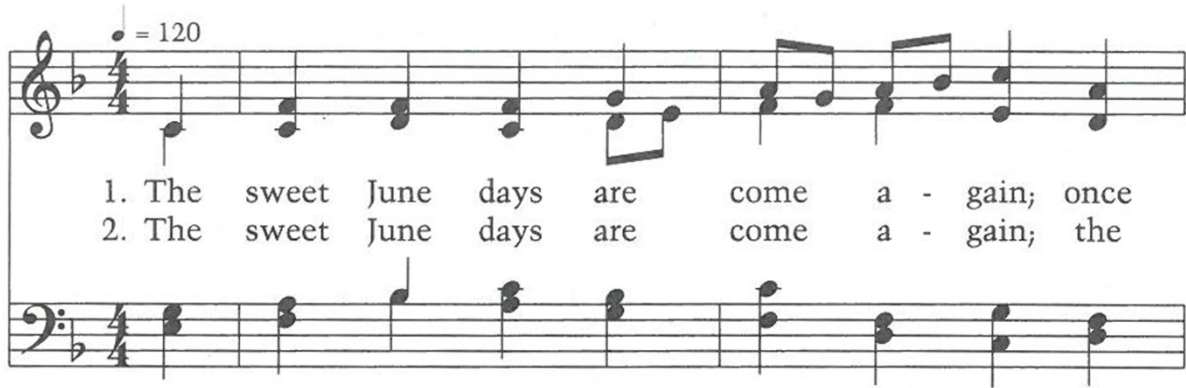
UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2021 – General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Participants worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. Again for 2021, GA will take place virtually from June 23 - June 27. 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.



The Sweet June Days

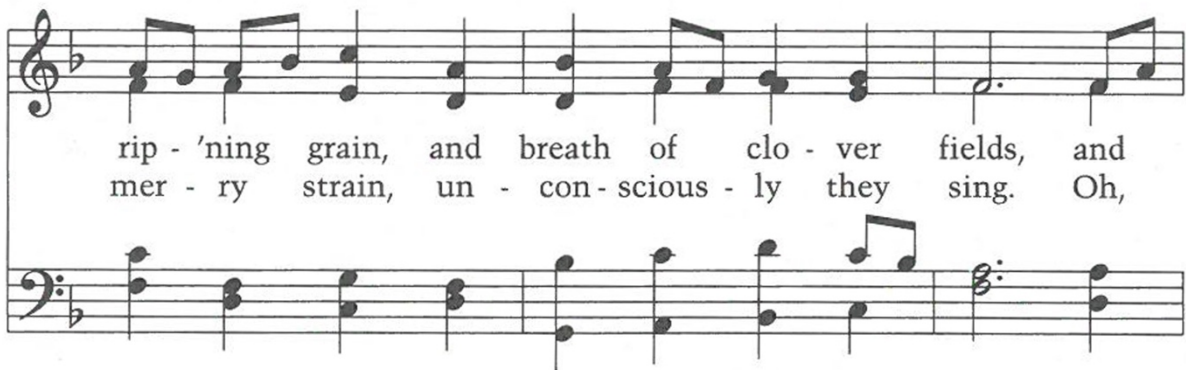
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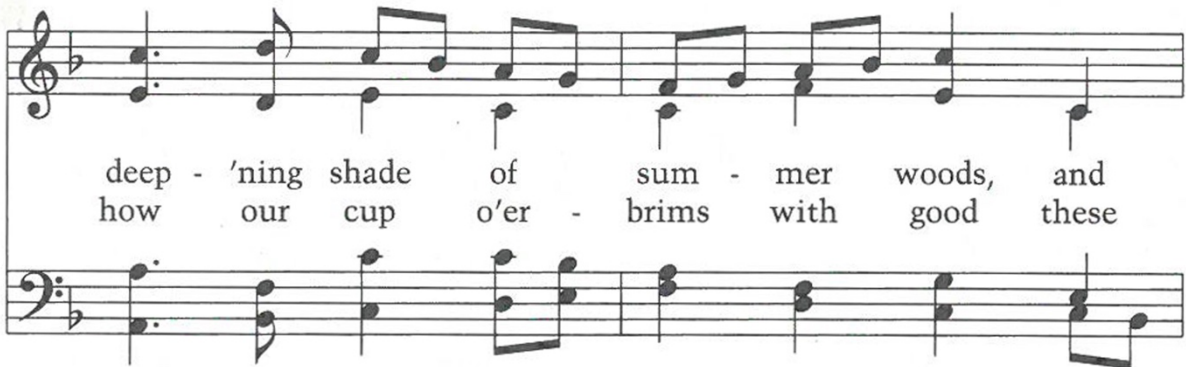
1. The sweet June days are come a - gain; once
2. The sweet June days are come a - gain; the



more the glad earth yields its gold - en wealth of
birds are on the wing; bright an - thems, in their



rip - 'ning grain, and breath of clo - ver fields, and
mer - ry strain, un - con - scious - ly they sing. Oh,



deep - 'ning shade of sum - mer woods, and
how our cup o'er - brims with good these

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glow of sum - mer air, and wing - ing thoughts and
hap - py sum - mer days; for all the joys of

hap - py moods of love and joy and prayer.
field and wood we lift our song of praise.

⊕ Words: Samuel Longfellow, 1819–1892
Music: English melody, arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958,
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FOREST GREEN
C.M.D.

Love Will Guide Us

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1. Love will guide us, peace has tried us, hope in-
 2. If you can - not sing like an - gels, if you
 3. Love will guide us, peace has tried us, hope in-

side us will lead the way on the
 can - not speak be - fore thou - sands, you can
 side us will lead the way on the

road from greed to giv - ing. Love will
 give from deep with - in you. You can
 road from greed to giv - ing. Love will

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guide us through the hard night.
change the world with your love.
guide us through the hard night.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves. The top staff is a single treble clef line with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). It contains the vocal melody. The middle and bottom staves are grouped by a brace on the left, representing a piano accompaniment. The middle staff is a treble clef line, and the bottom staff is a bass clef line, both with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the vocal staff, aligned with the notes. The lyrics are: 'guide us through the hard night.', 'change the world with your love.', and 'guide us through the hard night.' The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

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