

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.
Weston, Massachusetts
Gathered in 1698
ORDER OF SERVICE for STREAMED WORSHIP
August 15, 2021 A.D. at 10:30 am
12th Sunday after Pentecost

*When we have broken our god of tradition, and ceased from our god of rhetoric,
then may God fire the heart with his presence.*
– Ralph Waldo Emerson

PRELUDE: Chant Modale Gordon Young
(1919-1998)

CALL TO WORSHIP Ethan Loewi, M.Div.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION Rev. Sarah Napoline

*HYMN #253: “God is Here!”

IN-PERSON AND VIRTUAL EXCHANGE OF PEACE
Leader: The Peace of God be with you.
People: **And also with you**

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE: “Go to the Limits of Your Longing,” by Rilke

SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 43

MUSIC INTERLUDE

SERMON: “The Holy New” Ethan Loewi, M.Div.

MUSIC MEDITATION

*Please rise in body or in spirit

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

Sarabande

Gordon Young

*DOXOLOGY

**From all that dwell below the skies
Let songs of hope and faith arise;
Let peace, goodwill on earth be sung
Through every land by every tongue.**

INVITATION & ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: "Our Father Who Art in Heaven" Johann Ulrich Steigleder
(Fantasia) (1593-1635)

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
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, Laurel Kulow

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WARM WELCOME TO ETHAN LOEWI, Ethan Loewi (he/him/his) is a just-graduated seminarian from Portland, Oregon. After completing his MDiv at Yale Divinity School this past May, he is moving to Boston to work in hospital chaplaincy. He was recently granted preliminary fellowship by the Unitarian Universalist Association and plans to be ordained this fall. His hobbies include reading and writing fiction, playing violin, and following cute pigs on Instagram. Ethan is thrilled to be leading a service at First Parish this summer, and grateful for the chance to get to know the congregation!

KNITTERS & STITCHERS will meet in the Parlor tomorrow, Aug. 16, at noon. If you'd like to Zoom in, please call Betsy Gibson in the office first thing in the morning (781.893.7798)

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY MORNING MEDITATION ON AUG. 18, AT 8:30 AM – Join us on Zoom; go to: **<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81222401643>**; Meeting ID: **8122 2401 643**

THE FPCW BOOK GROUP will not meet in August due to many people being away. *The Plague* by Albert Camus will be discussed in October instead. Next meeting will be on Thursday, Sept. 30, at 9:30 in the Parlor to talk about *The Code Breaker* by Walter Isaacson. (Going to be away from Weston but would like to participate in the discussion? Contact Betsy Gibson in the Church Office in advance so we can Zoom you in.)

A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PAUL PENFIELD will be held at First Parish on Saturday, Aug. 21, at 1:00 pm in a tent at the end of the Church School Wing. An ice cream social reception in the Parish Hall will follow the service. At 3:30 PM, Henry Stone and Phyllis Halpern of the Weston Historical Commission will present Paul with an award. After the award ceremony, there will be a Second Line Parade (ala New Orleans style), led by the Hot Tamale Brass Band, from the church to the Weston Rail Trail (about .5 mile). At the rail trail, Gail Palmer of the Rail Trail Advisory Committee will deliver a short note of thanks to Paul for all his work on making the trail a reality. You can then explore the trail at your leisure and look for interesting features that Paul called “Treasures of the Trail.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS (con't.)

AUGUST BRISTOL LODGE SUPPER – Wednesday, Aug. 25 – Our current heatwave influenced the menu for our dinner on Aug. 25th. Chicken salad, cold green beans vinaigrette, rolls and blueberry cake (or bars or cookies of your choice) sounds good for weather like we've had this week! Recipes for chicken salad (or use your own) and a blueberry cake are on the church website and in the Breezeway. Mary Menino will purchase gift cards for ice cream at Lizzy's on Main St. in Waltham for each diner. We did this in August 2019 and it was a big hit. Please contact Mary Menino (mary.menino@gmail.com) if you can contribute chicken salad, dessert, or fresh green beans (need 20 lbs. in total - just volunteer a certain number of pounds and bring them clean /trimmed to FPCW kitchen by 1:30 on Wednesday, Aug. 25; we will blanch them and add a vinaigrette dressing).

OUTDOOR NIGHT AT THE MOVIES – Thursday, Aug. 26, at 7:30 pm. Join us to see THE GREATEST SHOWMAN, a captivating film about P.T. Barnum and his magical adventures on the way to creating the greatest show on Earth. Bring your own blanket, lawn chair, or other lounging apparatus; we'll start the movie at 7:30 PM (it's hard to rush the sunset!), but you may come early to get settled and have some snacks. Chips, cookies, soft drinks and water will be available, but you are welcome to BYOD — Bring Your Own Dinner, whether from home, a snack from Brother's, or a Door Dash delivery! Some people might order pizza or other food to be delivered; if you're interested, come to church a little early (with cash or Venmo!) if you'd like to join a group order.

We continue to update our Covid-19 and public health policies using guidelines from our local government and the CDC. Anyone who has been fully vaccinated may attend without a mask (if you are comfortable); if you have not yet been vaccinated, we ask that you wear a mask for your safety and the safety of others. Contact tracing will be required and masks will be available.

LAWN & CROQUET PARTY AT THE PARSONAGE – Sunday, Aug. 29, from 3:00-5:00 pm. We invite you to spend a late summer afternoon on the lawn of the Parsonage at 335 Boston Post Road in Weston, with hosts Jeff and Jennifer Barz-Snell, for croquet, badminton, and outdoor refreshments. Other special guests include folks from the UU Urban Ministry, including The Rev. Mary Margaret Earl. Parking available in the First Parish lot. Please **RSVP** by Wednesday, Aug. 25th, to 781.893.7798 or betsygibson@firstparishweston.org