

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.
Weston, Massachusetts
Gathered in 1698
ORDER OF SERVICE
FOR OUTDOOR AND STREAMED WORSHIP
September 26, 2021 A.D. at 10:30 am
18th Sunday after Pentecost
Stewardship Sunday

*People come to be builders by building, harp players by playing on the harp;
exactly so, by doing just actions we come to be just;
by doing the actions of temperance we come to be temperate;
and by doing brave actions, brave.*
– Aristotle.

PRELUDE: Arabeske, Op. 18 Robert Schumann
(1810-1856)

CALL TO WORSHIP –

Minister: From the fragmented world of our everyday lives we gather together in search of wholeness.

People: **By many cares and preoccupations, by diverse and selfish aims are we separated from one another and divided within ourselves.**

Minister: Yet we know that no branch is utterly severed from the Tree of Life that sustains us all.

People: **We cherish our oneness with those around us and the countless generations that have gone before us.**

Minister: We would hold fast to all of good we inherit even as we would leave behind us the outworn and the false.

People: **We would escape from bondage to the ideas of our own day and from the delusions of our own fancy.**

Minister: Let us labor in hope for the dawning of a new day without hatred, violence, and injustice.

People: **Let us nurture the growth in our own lives of the love that has shone in the lives of the greatest of our fellow being, the rays of whose lamps still illumine our way.**

Minister: In this spirit we gather. In this spirit we pray.

*OPENING HYMN: “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (*see insert*)

Minister: The Peace of God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

EXCHANGE OF PEACE AND GREETING

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER FOLLOWED BY THE LORD’S PRAYER

O God, grant us Your vision in our time.

Help us to write it so large that even a runner can see it.

Make it so compelling that even a cynic will pause,

so convincing that a skeptic

will risk trying to bring hope to others;

And so inspiring that the committed will stand

courageously in faith, leaving the results to you.

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:		The Palmer Family
TIME FOR ALL AGES		Rev. Sarah Napoline
READING: Proverbs 11: 23-31		
ANTHEM:	“How excellent thy name, O Lord”	G. F. Handel (1685-1759)
REMARKS	Kurt Flory, Chair, Stewardship Committee Rev. Jeffrey Barz-Snell	
CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER	“Father of Heaven”	G. F. Handel
PASTORAL PRAYER		
OFFERTORY	“Hallelujah”	G. F. Handel

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 & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CLOSING HYMN – “To Mercy, Pity, Peace and Love” (*see insert*)

*BENEDICTION and CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE:	Sonata in E, #. 157 – III Menuetto	Franz Schubert (1797-1828)
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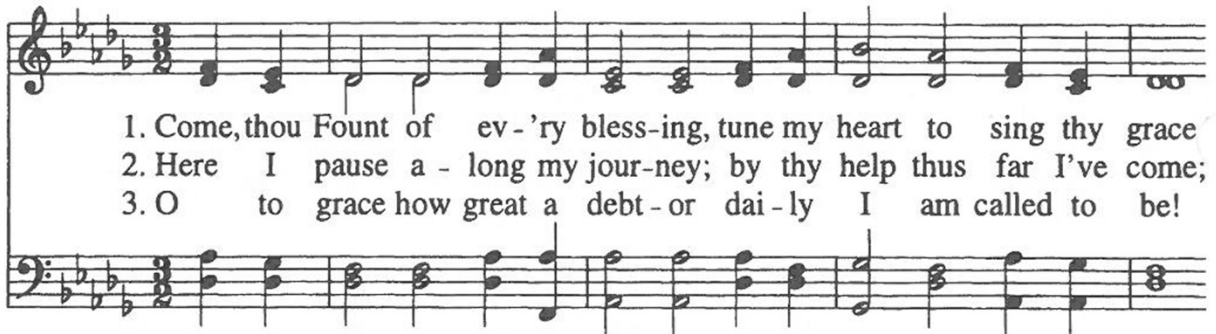
The flowers on the altar today are given in loving memory of
Katherine (Katie) Dunn Moore by her children.

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.

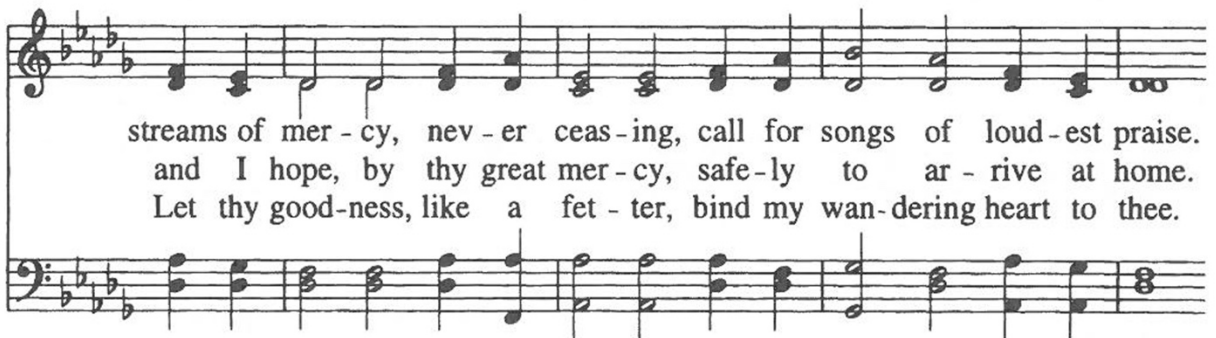
STAFF

Minister:		Rev. Jeffrey Barz-Snell
Asst. Minister of Families & Community Outreach:		Rev. Sarah Napoline
Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator:		Robert Jones
Choir Director:		William C. Sano
Organist:		Geoffrey Wieting
Choir Soloists:	Benjamin Doyle, Rose Hegele, Connor Lee, TJ Rufo-Curran	
Parish Administrator:		Betsy Gibson
Sexton:		Alan Flynn
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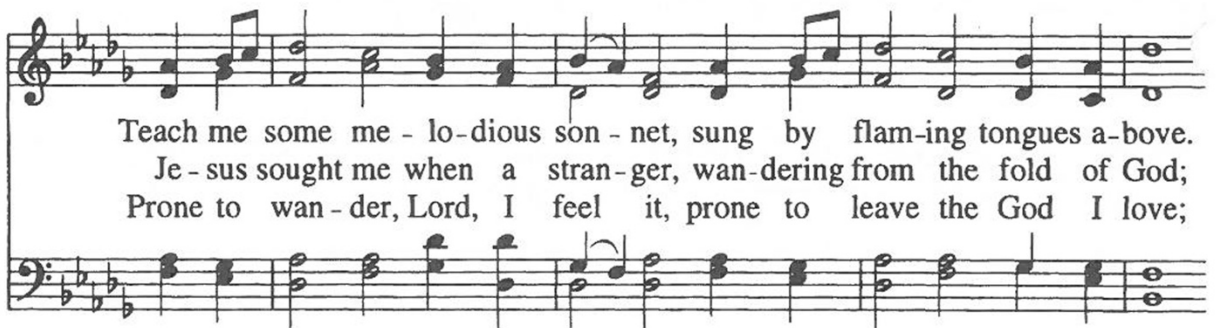
Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



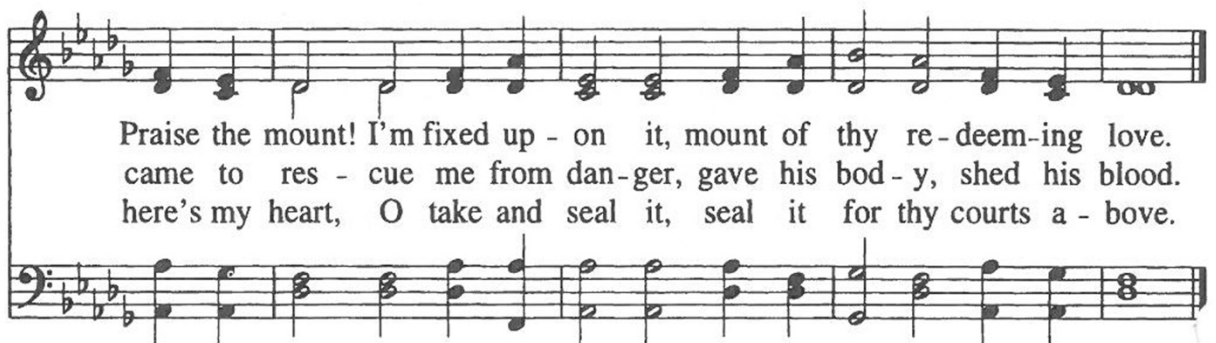
1. Come, thou Fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace
2. Here I pause a - long my jour-ney; by thy help thus far I've come;
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am called to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy great mer - cy, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove.
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan - dering from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of thy re - deem - ing love.
came to res - cue me from dan - ger, gave his bod - y, shed his blood.
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

WORDS: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.

MUSIC: Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second*, 1813

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Robinson, an English barber, became a Calvinistic Methodist preacher and, later, a Baptist minister. His text has been sung to this American folk tune since 1813.

To Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love

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1. To Mer - cy, Pit - y, Peace, and Love all
 2. For Mer - cy has a hu - man heart, and
 3. Then ev - ery one, of ev - ery clime, that

pray in their dis - tress, and to those vir - tues
 Pit - y a hu - man face; and Love, the hu - man
 prays in deep dis - tress, prays to the hu - man

of de - light re - turn their thank - ful -
 form di - vine, and Peace, the hu - man
 form di - vine — Love, Mer - cy, Pit - y,

ness, re - turn their thank - ful - ness.
 dress, and Peace, the hu - man dress.
 Peace, Love, Mer - cy, Pit - y, Peace.

Words: William Blake, 1757-1827

Music: Nikolaus Herman, 1480-1561, harmony by J. S. Bach, 1685-1750

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ELIZABETH (BETSY) NICHOLS – Today at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary, followed by a reception in the Parish Hall.

KNITTERS & STITCHERS – Meet at noon tomorrow in person or on Zoom (by request to Church Office, 781.893.7798)

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 – Thursday, Sept. 30, at 9:30 am in the Parlor. We will meet to discuss Walter Isaacson's *The Code Breaker*. If you will be out of town but want to participate via Zoom, let Betsy Gibson in the Church Office know ahead of time so she can send you the login info.

RESCHEDULED OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT – On Friday, Oct. 1 (weather permitting!), at 7:15 pm, join us on the playground (bring chair/blanket) for a screening of *Raya and the Last Dragon*! 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.

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.

YOUTH HIKE AT CAT ROCK PARK – Saturday, Oct. 2 (weather permitting), at 11:00 am. We would like to kick off this year's Youth Group programming with a hike. Robert Jones invites any 8th–12th graders (and any interested adults) to participate. We'll hike for 1 1/2 - 2 hours, ending up at Dairy Joy, where parents can pick up their youth. Bring a lunch if you'd like. If you are interested or have questions, please reach out to Robert Jones at: Rjones@firstparishweston.org.

UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES:

- * Andrew (Andy) Marvel – Saturday, Oct. 2, at 11:00 am under a tent in the upper parking area followed by an outdoor reception
- * Seth Bossung (son of Harold) – Saturday, Oct. 16, at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary or Chapel with a reception to follow. Harold's son died in a Colorado avalanche last winter and Harold and family are coming east to have the service here in Harold's church home.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS WORSHIP SERVICE – On Sunday, Oct. 3, we invite you to bring your beloved pets to our outdoor worship for a blessing during the service! We'll be under a tent so come rain or shine.

SENIOR MEN'S LUNCH – Tuesday, Oct. 5 at noon in the Library. We begin a new year of gathering and the group is for anyone who is retired (or wishes they were) with an hour or two on the first Tuesday of each month to enjoy a bag lunch and great conversation. If you would prefer to Zoom in from home, please contact the Church Office by Monday, Oct. 4, so we can set up the equipment.

CALLING ALL YOGIS – Rev. Sarah offers to teach yoga to the FPCW community! With certified training in Vinyasa yoga, she is open to teaching Beginners, Intermediate/All Levels classes or Slow Flow or Yin classes. Before setting dates/times, she asks that you fill out a quick survey at <https://forms.gle/xv72Lw54UNCJm4LM9> or email your preferred days/times, kind of yoga interested in, and experience level to: sarahnapoline@firstparishweston.org