

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.
Weston, Massachusetts
Gathered in 1698
ORDER OF SERVICE
FOR OUTDOOR AND STREAMED WORSHIP
September 12, 2021 A.D. at 10:30 am
Start of A New Church Year

In a free society, some are guilty but all are responsible.
– Rabbi Abraham Heschel (1907-1972)

PRELUDE: Songs Without Words, Op. 19, No. 1 and 3 Felix Mendelssohn
1809-1847)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Like the sun warms and feeds the earth 90 million miles away,

People: **Like the moons pulls waves and winds from
far out in space,**

Minster: So we too, at the scale of individuals and a community can foster and build
connections nearby and at a distance. As we gather here in person at the beginning
of a new season,

People: **We recognize and celebrate the many ways we can support each other and our
community in person and at a distance.**

Minister: This year is challenging and at times frustrating.
People are anxious and at times afraid.

People: **And yet churches like ours continue to find ways to foster good will and
connection similar to the Sun and Moon. Like the sun shining through the
trees, we are reaching out and making real Jesus' vision for the coming
Kingdom of God, in person and at a distance.**

*OPENING HYMN: "Praise to the Living God (v. 1, 2, & 4) (*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

**God of Life and Love, mysterious presence who is always with us, as we gather this day
under a dome of leaves and blue sky, we give thanks for the bonds we share: with nature,
with this community, and with you. In the days ahead, may we work to make the world a
better and more peaceful place. Inspire us to be our best selves, even as we know that we
often fall short of our hopes and expectations. May we, as people of faith, be granted the
courage to be bold, active and loving.**

**This we ask in the spirit of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying together: 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.**

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE: Christine Bishop, Sue Brewster

TIME FOR ALL AGES Rev. Sarah Napoline

BAPTISM: Francis Kenneth Nolan, born January 22, 2020
Son of Olga and Paul Nolan and younger brother of Evie Nolan

MUSIC INTERLUDE

READING: MATTHEW 5: 38-48 *On Retaliation and Loving Your Enemies*

ANTHEM: "Rejoice in the Lord Alway" Henry Purcell
(1658-1695)

REFLECTION ON THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF SEPTEMBER 11 Rev. Jeff Barz-Snell
CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER: "I Vow to Thee My Country"

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY "The Heavens are Telling" Ludwig van Beethoven
(1770-1827)

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE:

INVITATION

*CLOSING HYMN – "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens" (*see insert*)

*BENEDICTION and CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE: Symphony No. 9, Op. 95 – Largo Antonin Dvořák
(Goin' Home) (1841-1904)

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
	Connor Lee
	TJ Rufo-Curran
Parish Administrator:	Betsy Gibson
Sexton:	Alan Flynn
Video Production Staff:	Jacob Barz-Snell
	Jonah Barz-Snell
	Max Hall
	Laurel Kulow

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DIRECTORY PHOTO SHOOT – Betsy Gibson will be on the Memorial Garden patio today (and Oct. 3) after worship to take casual photos of those who have opted into the online directory (or you can sign up today if haven't already).

LAUNCH OF UUA'S SIDE WITH LOVE ACTION CENTER – Come to the Parish Hall today at 2:00 pm for a large-screen live stream of this new initiative or register to Zoom. The Center is to be a place for folks to come together across differences, issues, and geography to end oppression and build democratic, sustainable, and thriving communities focused on our four key issues: Climate Justice, Decriminalization, Democracy & Voting Rights, and LGBTQ+ & Gender Justice. Register for Zoom at: <https://secure.everyaction.com/vLTcCVc2uEaxYanS7jSPmA2>

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

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT – Bring a chair or blanket and join us on Friday, Sept. 17, at 7:15 pm on the playground for a screening of *Raya and the Last Dragon*. Snacks and beverages provided but you may also BYOD – bring your own dinner. Anyone who is fully vaccinated may skip the mask (if comfortable) but we ask those who are not to wear a mask for your safety and that of others. Contact tracing info will be required and masks will be available.

INTRODUCING NEW FAMILY SERVICE & SUPPER – Starting on Sunday, Sept. 19, we will offer a family-friendly, all ages/stages worship service on the Third Sunday of each month, starting at 5:00 pm in Sears Chapel. The service will feature engaging music of different styles and eras, short readings, poems, stories, and some time to share joys and sorrows. Following the 50-minute service, we'll adjourn to the Parish Hall for a simple supper of soup and bread and cookies and a chance to connect, reflect, reset, and refresh, heading home by 6:30.

SEPTEMBER BRISTOL LODGE SUPPER – The fourth Wednesday comes early this month on the 22nd. The menu will be pulled pork, coleslaw, baked beans (purchased), rolls, cookies/bars, and fruit. If you can provide any of these items or assist with preparation in the FPCW Kitchen from 1:30-3:15 pm, please contact Mary Menino (mary.menino@gmail.com/text: 781.718.9464/call 781.894.3165).

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 her (sarahnapoline@firstparishweston.org) with your preferred days/times, kind of yoga interested in, and experience level.