

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.
Weston, Massachusetts
Gathered in 1698
ORDER OF SERVICE
FOR OUTDOOR AND STREAMED WORSHIP
September 19, 2021 A.D. at 10:30 am
17th Sunday after Pentecost / 613th of Tishrei, 5782

Life is one long quarrel with God. But we make up at the end.
– Thomas Carlyle

PRELUDE: Variations in A Major Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
(1756-1791)

CALL TO WORSHIP – Rev. Sophia Lyons Fahs

Minister: We gather in reverence before the wonder of life –

People: **The wonder of this moment**

Minster: The wonder of being together, so close yet so apart –

People: **Each hidden in our own secret chamber.**

Minister: Each listening, each trying to speak –

People: **Yet none fully understanding, none fully understood.**

Minister: We gather in reverence before all intangible things –
that eyes see not, nor ears can detect –

People: **That hands can never touch, that space cannot hold
and time cannot measure.**

*OPENING HYMN: “Morning Has Broken (v. 1-3) (*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, you have called us together to worship just as we are. We cannot pretend to be what we are not, for you have made us and know us through and through. In our weakness, we come with prayers for strength. In our strength, we come with prayers of thanksgiving. Open our hearts that we might pray with honesty, and await your answers with renewed faith. This we ask in the spirit of Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying together, OUR FATHER . . .

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE:

John Hennessey

BAPTISM: Alexander Aldon Johns, born July 7, 2020
Son of Caroline (Pierson) and Christopher Johns,
younger brother of Rosella Johns,
and grandson of Pate and Don Pierson

MUSIC MEDITATION Song Without Words, Op. 19

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

PULPIT EDITORIAL: Lloyd Price, Chair, Welcoming Congregation Committee

READING: DEUTERONOMY 5: 1-15 *First three of the Ten Commandments*

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

SERMON: "The Gospel of Taking a Rest" Rev. Jeff Barz-Snell

MUSIC RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE:

INVITATION

*CLOSING HYMN – "Sing Out Praises for the Journey" (*see insert*)

*BENEDICTION and CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE: Piano Sonata No. 31– Allegro innocente Franz Joseph Haydn
(1732-1809)

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCING NEW FAMILY SERVICE & SUPPER – Starting TONIGHT, 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. Engaging music of different styles and eras, short readings, poems, stories, and some time to share joys and sorrows will offer a time to reflect and a simple supper of soup and bread following the 50-minute service will offer a chance to connect and renew – on the road home by 6:30 pm.

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

SEPTEMBER BRISTOL LODGE SUPPER, Wednesday , Sept. 22 – We still need 2 more volunteers to make the pulled pork and one more offer of coleslaw. For those looking for a non-cooking way to help, donate rolls or fruit. We also need help with preparations from 1:30 to 3:15 on Wednesday afternoon in the church kitchen. Contact Mary Menino (mary.menino@gmail.com), text 781-718-9464 or call 781-894-3165)

RESCHEDULED OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT – On Friday, Sept. 24, 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. 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.

YOUTH HIKE AT CAT ROCK PARK – Saturday, Sept. 25, 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.

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

UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES:

- * Katherine (Katie) Andres Moore – Saturday, Sept. 25, at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary, followed by a reception.
- * Elizabeth (Betsy) Nichols – Sunday, Sept. 26, at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary, followed by a reception.
- * Andrew (Andy) Marvel – Saturday, Oct. 2, at 11:00 am under a tent in the upper parking area followed by an outdoor reception

Contact tracing information will be required; masks strongly recommended for vaccinated folk and required for those who are not. During the reception, guests will be invited to take refreshments to the Parlor or the Memorial Garden and other outside spots to help maintain some social distance.

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.

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!