

*Religion is a response to life, not a description of it.*

– Rev. Laurel Hallmaan

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.

ORDER OF SERVICE

February 20, 2022 A.D.

The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

PRELUDE:

Intermezzo  
(1853-1937)  
Two Voluntaries in G

Arthur Foote

Eugene Thayer  
(1838-1889)

CALL TO WORSHIP – Ralph Waldo Emerson

Leader: We have a great deal more kindness than is ever spoken.

People: **The whole human family is bathed with an element of love like a fine ether.**

Leader: How many persons we meet in houses,  
whom we scarcely speak to, whom yet we honor,  
and who honor us!

People: **How many we see in the street, or sit with in church,  
whom, though silently, we warmly rejoice to be with!**

Leader: Read the language of these wandering eye-beams.  
The heart knoweth.

\* HYMN 80: “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” (*verses 1-4*) (*see insert*)

Minister: The Peace of God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE PEACE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

**Light within all light, soul behind all souls, at the breaking of dawn, at the coming of day we wait and watch. Your Light within the morning light, Your Soul within the human soul, Your Presence beckoning to us from the heart of life. In the dawning of this day let us know fresh glimmers in our soul. The air is cold but our hearts can be warm, with your light and presence. Help us open to this potential amidst our sorrows and joys this day. This we ask in the name of your son Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying together: Our Father . . .**

CHALICE LIGHTING:

Jennifer and Jeff Barz-Snell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPDATE ON GIFT CARD DRIVE FOR AFGHANI REFUGEES

Camille Schmidek

TIME FOR ALL AGES

MUSIC MEDITATION (and dismissal to children's program)

LESSON: Mark 10: 28-34    *The First Commandment*

ANTHEM

“Rejoice, O Land”

Healey Willan  
(1880-1968)

SERMON: “Love, Truth, Spirit & Jesus: Remarks on our Covenant”

Jeff Barz-Snell

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

“Lead Kindly Light”

John Rutter  
(b. 1945)

PASTORAL PRAYER, followed by silent meditation

OFFERTORY

“Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart”

Healey Willan

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

**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!**

**Praise God, the Love we all may share;  
Praise God, the beauty everywhere;  
Praise God, the Hope of Good to be;  
Praise God, the Truth that makes us free.**

\*HYMN 79 – “Love God with Your Heart” (*a round led by our Choir*) (*see insert*)

BENEDICTION

CHORAL RESPONSE

“Aaronic Benediction”

Healey Willan

POSTLUDE

Fugue in E flat (“St. Anne”)

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

Our Greeter this morning is Sue Newbury.

## O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Descant

6 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
 C (F C Am) F G C Am Em Am D G

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
 2 un - der the shad - ow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived its frame,  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone,

be thou our guard while trou - bles last, and our e - ter - nal home.  
 G C (F) Dm G C (F) E C Dm (C Dm) G C

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fence is sure.  
 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

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## Love God with Your Heart

*May be sung as a round*

① Love God with your heart and your neigh - bor as your - self;

② Love God with your mind and your neigh - bor as your - self;

③ Love God with your strength and your neigh - bor as your - self.

WORDS: Matthew 22:37-39, Mark 12:30-31, Luke 10:27  
 MUSIC: Folk melody

LOVE GOD  
 12.12.12

This text is known as 'The Great Commandment.'

## STAFF

Minister	Rev. Jeffrey Barz-Snell
Asst. Minister of Families & Community Outreach:	Rev. Sarah Napoline
Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator:	Robert Jones
Choir Director:	William C. Sano
Organist:	Geoffrey Wieting
Choir Section Leaders:	Ben Doyle, Rose Hegele, Connor Lee, TJ Rufo-Curran
Parish Administrator:	Betsy Gibson
Sexton:	Alan Flynn
Fellowship Hour Coordinator	Paula Leger
Video Production Team:	Jonah Barz-Snell, Max Hall

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS: First Parish Church has long welcomed people with different perspectives, backgrounds, and orientations. As a newly approved Welcoming Congregation, we happily welcome all people as part of our 21st century community and church. We hope you will introduce yourself to the Minister and join us for some refreshment and fellowship in the Parish Hall after worship.

GIFT CARDS FOR AFGHAN RESETTLEMENT – As of Friday, Feb. 18, we had 101 gift cards in hand and money to purchase 12 more. During Fellowship Hour today, we invite you to take part in a photo op that we will use to showcase our effort to a wider audience.

NEXT BRISTOL LODGE SUPPER will take place Wednesday, Feb. 23. Menu will be shepherd's pie, green beans, Harvard beets (to be purchased by Mary Menino), fruit, and cookies/bars. Recipe and pans for shepherd's pie are in the Breezeway and vestibule outside the Church Office. Please contact Mary Menino if you can help provide food or with prep in the kitchen on the 23rd (1:30-3:30 pm).

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED TOMORROW, FEB. 21.

NO KNITTERS AND STITCHERS ON MONDAY, FEB. 21. We'll gather again on Zoom on Monday, Feb. 28, at noon.

WEDNESDAY MORNING MEDITATION AT 8:30 AM VIA ZOOM – Newcomers welcome.

**<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82932848257>; Meeting ID: 8293 2848 257**

LADIES WHO LUNCH – We will meet this coming Wednesday, Feb. 23, at noon in the Parish Hall. No RSVP required; bring a lunch and sweater. Coffee and tea will be ready for your arrival!

REEL ETHICS: AN EXPLORATION OF ETHICS AND MORALITY THROUGH FILM AND TELEVISION – NEXT SUNDAY, FEB. 27, AT 12:30 PM IN THE SANCTUARY – This youth program with Robert Jones uses films/TV episodes to explore moral and life questions and how we respond to them. We start with a meal, stream a thought-provoking film or show, and discuss.

2-PART CLIMATE LEGISLATION UPDATE, WEDNESDAY, MAR. 2, AND TUESDAY, MAR. 15, AT 7:00 PM. Sponsored by MetroWest Climate Solutions, of which First Parish is a member, the first session will feature the Mass. Senate, with Sen. Mike Barrett and Prof. Christopher Knittel of M.I.T. The second session will highlight the Mass. House with Rep. Alice Peisch and Rep. Jeffrey Roy. Sessions are free but individual pre-registration required. Go to <https://www.metrowestclimatesolutions.org> for information and to sign up.

FPCW BOOK GROUP – Upcoming gatherings (please note changed book order):

- **March 3rd**- *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Isabel Wilkerson
- **April 21st** - *Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr
- **May 26th** – *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See

We may return to in-person gatherings (with a Zoom option) for the March meeting, depending on COVID conditions. Watch for more details.

YOGA FLOW WITH REV. SARAH – We will gather again on **Friday, March 4**, from 10:00-11:00 am in the Parish Hall.

THE REV. MARY MARGARET EARL, MINISTER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UU URBAN MINISTRY will be our Guest Preacher on Sunday, June 6th.