

It's that mind-heart connection that I believe compels us to not just be attentive to all the bright and dazzling things but also the dark and difficult things.

– Bryan Stevenson

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.
ORDER OF SERVICE
March 6, 2022 A.D.
First Sunday in Lent

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP: by Mohandas K. Gandhi

Leader: If someone with courage and vision can rise to lead in nonviolence action, the winter of despair can, in the twinkling of an eye, be turned into the summer of hope

People: **It is possible to live in peace.**

Leader: Nonviolence is not a garment to put on and off at will. Its seat is in the heart, and it must be an inseparable part of our being.

People: **It is possible to live in peace.**

Leader: Nonviolence, which is a quality of the heart, cannot come by an appeal to the brain. It is a plant of slow growth, growing imperceptibly, but surely.

People: **It is possible to live in peace.**

* HYMN 516: “O Day of God, Draw Near” (*verses 1-5*) (*see insert*)

Minister: The Peace of God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

Source of Life and Peace, as this new season of Lent begins, and as we journey into the wilderness of a difficult and challenging world, may your light sustain us. May the questions that fill our minds with doubt drift away into the sands of the journey. May we dig within our souls to remove the prejudices deep within us. May your subtle but pervasive presence refocus our attention on our relationship with you and the ways we can reach out to our brothers and sisters both nearby and around the world. This we ask in the name of your son Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying together: Our Father...

CHALICE LIGHTING:

Alice Moylan and John McCahan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Jeff Barz-Snell

MUSIC MEDITATION (and dismissal to children’s program)

READING – Excerpt from the writings of Bryan Stevenson, activist and lawyer

LESSON: John 15 9-17

ANTHEM

“How Fair is Thy Face?”
from *Four Psalms*
translated from the Norwegian by Percy Grainger
Connor Allen Lee, baritone soloist

Edvard Grieg
(1843-1907)

SERMON: “Head, Hands and Heart”

Rev. Mary Margaret Earl

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

“Light Everlasting”

Olaf Christiansen
(1901-1984)

PASTORAL PRAYER, followed by silent meditation

OFFERTORY

“In Heaven Above”
from *Four Psalms*,
translated from the Norwegian by Percy Grainger
TJ Rufo-Curran, tenor soloist

Edvard Grieg

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 – “Love Will Guide Us” (*see insert*)

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of
Elizabeth and Irving Wolf by their children

Our Greeters this morning are Georgia Foote and Olga Nolan

STAFF

Minister

Asst. Minister of Families & Community Outreach:

Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator:

Choir Director:

Organist:

Choir Section Leaders:

Parish Administrator:

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Betsy Gibson

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Paula Leger

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.

A WARM WELCOME TO THE REV. MARY MARGARET EARL, MINISTER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE UU URBAN MINISTRY, our Guest Preacher today. Rev. Earl has served as Executive Director and Senior Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry for seven years where she has worked to strengthen bonds between UUs and the Roxbury neighborhood where the UUUM operates. We thank her for her ministry with us today.

OFFICE SCHEDULE THIS WEEK –Parish Administrator Betsy Gibson will be out Wednesday-Friday and there will be limited access to the building. If you have a pastoral emergency or need access to the building, please contact Rev. Sarah (sarahnapoline@firstparishweston.org) or leave her a message (781.893.7798, x102) to make arrangements.

GIFT CARDS FOR AFGHAN RESETTLEMENT – As of Friday, Mar. 4, we had **170** gift cards in hand and almost \$8,400 with which to purchase 168 more, surpassing our original goal of 300 cards. Thanks to all of our generous donors!!!

KNITTERS AND STITCHERS ON MONDAY, MAR. 7. We'll gather again via Zoom. Newcomers welcome!
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82093835385>; Meeting ID: 8209 3835 385

WEDNESDAY MORNING MEDITATION AT 8:30 AM VIA ZOOM – Newcomers welcome.
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82932848257>; Meeting ID: 8293 2848 257

CLIMATE LEGISLATION UPDATE, WEDNESDAY, TUESDAY, MAR. 15, AT 7:00 PM. Sponsored by MetroWest Climate Solutions, of which First Parish is a member, this session will feature the Mass. House with Rep. Alice Peisch and Rep. Jeffrey Roy. Session is free but individual pre-registration required. For more information and to sign up, go to:
<https://www.metrowestclimatesolutions.org/>

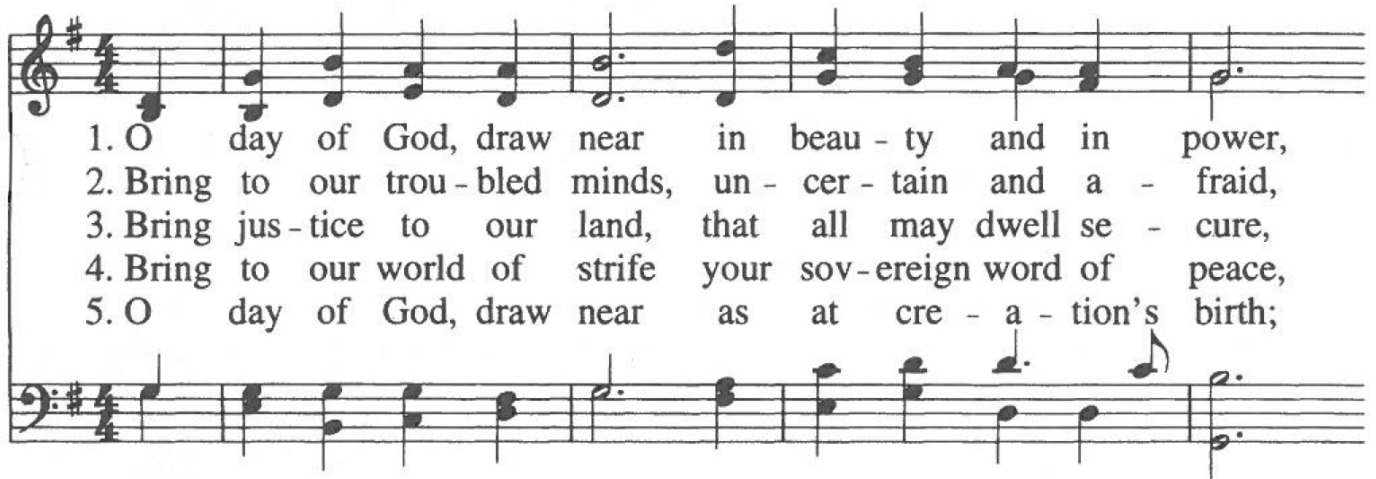
FPCW BOOK GROUP – Upcoming: Thursday, Apr. 21, at 9:30 am. We'll discuss *Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr

MOZART & YOU! – For All Music Sunday on March 27th, the Choir began rehearsing Mozart's Requiem on March 3rd. We invite you to join in; scores will be provided. A minimum of two rehearsals is required to participate. We are socially distanced and wearing singers' masks in the Sanctuary from 8:00-9:30 pm on Thursdays, March 3, 10, 17, and 24. Questions? Please contact Bill Sano (978.744.4787 or wcsano@verizon.net)

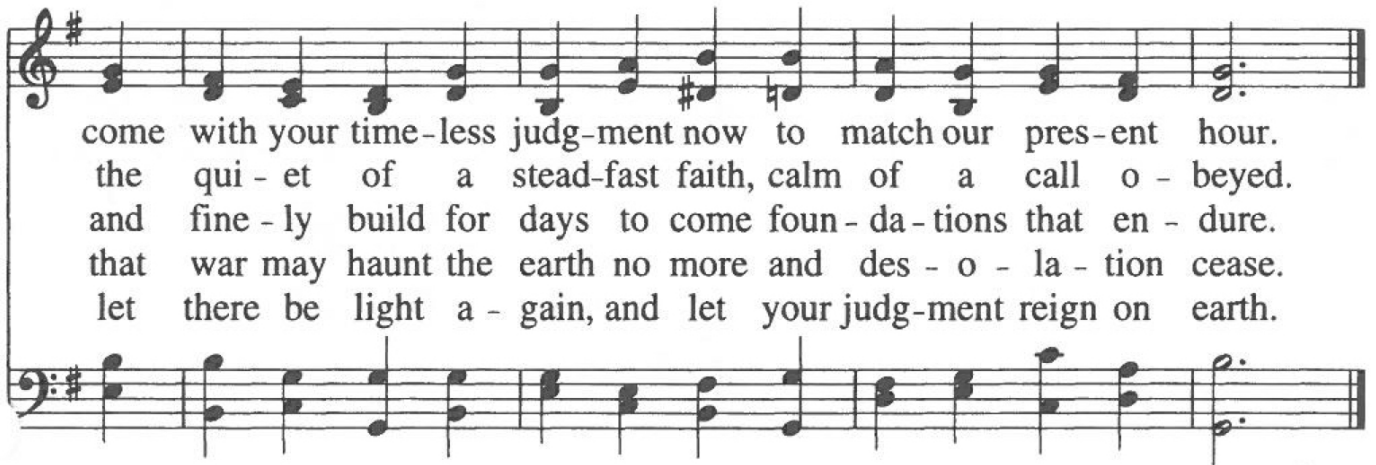
REEL ETHICS: AN EXPLORATION OF ETHICS AND MORALITY THROUGH FILM AND TELEVISION, SUNDAY, MAR. 13, AT 12:30 PM – This youth program with Robert Jones uses films/TV episodes to explore moral and life questions and how we respond to them. We'll start with lunch, stream a thought-provoking film, or show, and follow up with discussion.

WE WILL WELCOME THE REV. DR. ANITA FARBER-ROBERTSON AS GUEST PREACHER ON MARCH 13. She was a long-time UU minister, having served as settled pastor in the UU congregations in Canton and Swampscott, MA. She has taught at Andover Newton Theological School, is an author, and has served on many UUA committees. She has a consulting practice to congregations and leads workshops for clergy and lay leaders in interim ministry, conflict management, adaptive change, anti-racism/diversity training, supervision, and time management.

O Day of God, Draw Near



1. O day of God, draw near in beau - ty and in power,
2. Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid,
3. Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure,
4. Bring to our world of strife your sov - ereign word of peace,
5. O day of God, draw near as at cre - a - tion's birth;



come with your time-less judg-ment now to match our pres-ent hour.
the qui-et of a stead-fast faith, calm of a call o-beyed.
and fine-ly build for days to come foun-da-tions that en-dure.
that war may haunt the earth no more and des-o-la-tion cease.
let there be light a-gain, and let your judg-ment reign on earth.

WORDS: Robert B. Y. Scott, 1937, alt.

MUSIC: *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva 1551; arr. William Crotch, 1836

ST. MICHAEL
SM

An ordained minister of the United Church of Canada, Robert Scott taught at McGill and Princeton. The tune is from Louis Bourgeois' 1551 psalter, edited for John Calvin in Geneva.

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Love Will Guide Us

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1. Love will guide us, peace has tried us, hope in-
2. If you can - not sing like an - gels, if you
3. Love will guide us, peace has tried us, hope in-

side us will lead the way on the
can - not speak be - fore thou - sands, you can
side us will lead the way on the

road from greed to giv - ing. Love will
give from deep with - in you. You can
road from greed to giv - ing. Love will

guide us through the hard night.
change the world with your love.
guide us through the hard night.