Optimism and hope are not the same. Optimism is the belief that the world is changing for the better; hope is the belief that, together, we can make the world better – Jonathan Sacks

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.
ORDER OF SERVICE
May 1, 2022 A.D.
Third Sunday after Easter

PRELUDE "Now Praise, My Soul, the Lord" (2 strophes) Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

CALL TO WORSHIP - from the "Paradoxical Commandments" by Kent Smith

One: People can often be unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered;

Many: Forgive them anyway.

One: If you are kind, people may accuse you

of selfish, ulterior motives;

Many: Be kind anyway.

One: If you are successful, you will win some false friends

and some true enemies;

Many: Succeed anyway.

One: If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;

Many: Be honest and frank anyway.

One: If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;

Many: Be happy anyway.

One: The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;

Many: **Do good anyway.**

One: Give the world the best you have and it may never be enough;

Many: Give your best anyway.

*HYMN S-9 (front of hymnal): "O Life That Maketh All Things New"

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Minister: The Peace of God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

Source Life and the Creation, forgive us. We have not loved ourselves. We have not loved our neighbors. We have not followed in your ways. We have missed the mark. Forgive us, engage us and remind us. Reshape our imaginations, help us to trade our complacency for courage, our pettiness for your possibility, and our greed for your goodness. Inspire us to trade our aimlessness for your larger purpose, and ultimately our lives for your love.

This we ask in the name of your son Jesus who taught us to pray, saying together: Our Father...

CHALICE LIGHTING:

Jean Masland and Pam Swain

TIME FOR ALL AGES

MUSIC MEDITATION (and dismissal to children's program)

LESSON: I Corinthians 13

ANTHEM "A Ukrainian Prayer" (composed March 2022)

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Lord God, guard and shelter Ukraine;

grant her strength, Lord, hope, Lord, and salvation.

Hear our prayer. Amen.

SERMON: "The Gospel According to Ted Lasso: Reflections on Being Kind" Rev.

Rev. Jeff Barz-Snell

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER "Open Thou Mine Eyes"

John Rutter

Rose Hegele, soprano soloist

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

"I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes" (Psalm 121)

John Rutter

*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!

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 494 - "I Sing the Song of the Saints of God"

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE "Prelude and Fugue in C Major"

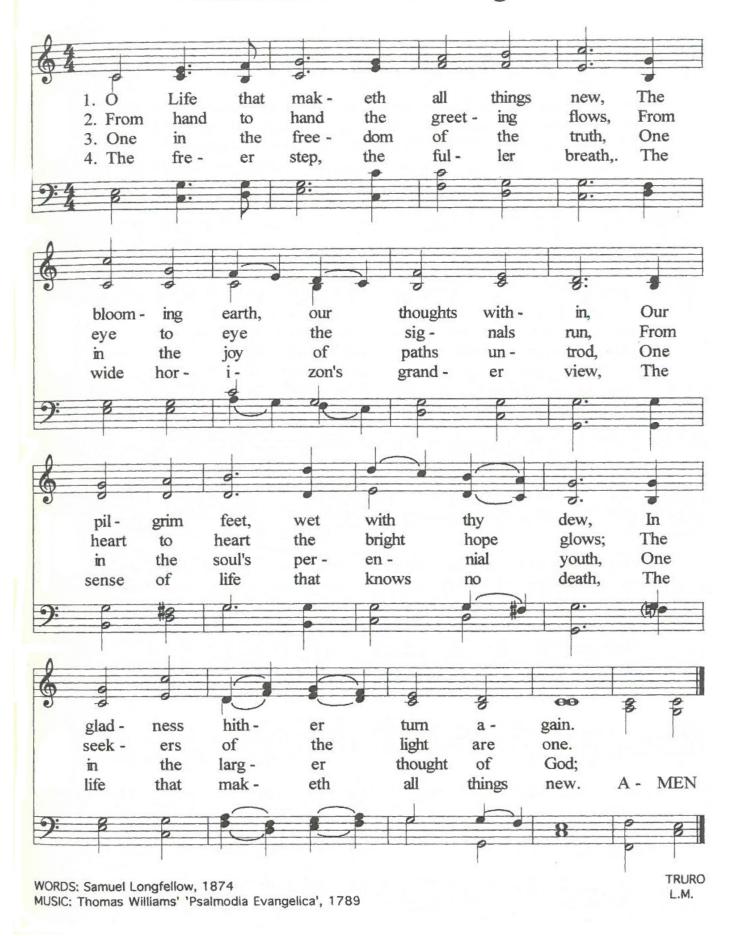
Johann Ludwig Krebs (1713-1780)

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Ralph and Mark Griffin from Gwain and family

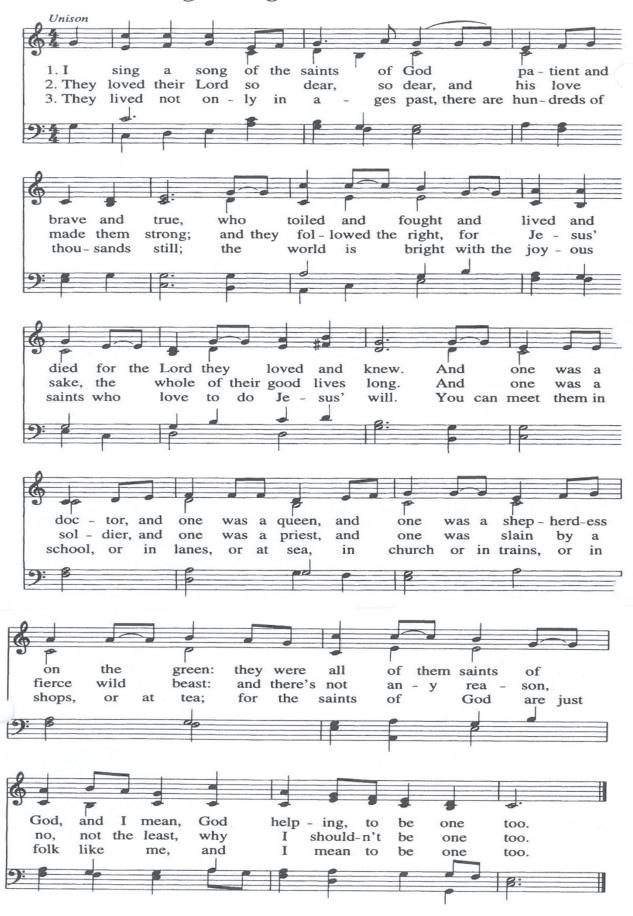
Our Greeter today is Trish Mordas and our ushers are Denise & Rob Mosher.

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.

O Life that Maketh All Things New



I Sing a Song of the Saints of God



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

KNITTERS AND STITCHERS ON MONDAY, MAY 2 - We'll gather in the Parlor at noon. Newcomers welcome!

RETIRED MEN'S LUNCH - Save Tuesday, May 3, for an in-person noontime lunch date for conversation and fellowship in the FPCW Library or virtually via Zoom:

https://uuma.zoom.us/j/93692754694; Meeting ID: 9369 2754 694

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

- "Your Landscape Matters: Changing the Conservation Paradigm" On Thursday, May 5, at 7:00 pm on Zoom, join Claudia Thompson, founder of Grow Native Massachusetts, for a presentation on how each of us can treat our home gardens as habitat to nurture the native living things of our continent. For more information, see the latest issue of the E-Post or go to www.metrowestclimatesolutions.org. Pre-registration is required.
- DON'T FORGET TO VOTE Weston Town Election is Saturday, May 7, followed by Town Meeting on Monday, May 9. Our Social Justice Task Force endorses a vote for Article 31 dealing with funding for affordable housing.
- COMING IN MAY A NEW SERIES "VOICES IN 21ST CENTURY CHRISTIANITY Join us at 3:00 pm on Sunday, May 15, in the Sanctuary for a talk by Rev. Dr. Shively T. J. Smith, Asst. Professor of New Testament at Boston University School of Theology entitled "Interpreting the Story of Jesus's Death: Reading with Howard Thurman & African American Biblical Tradition."
- FAMILY SERVICE & SUPPER, SUNDAY, MAY 15, AT 5:00 PM Join us in Sears Chapel for a lively intergenerational service with varied music, stories, prayer, and meditation and then stay for a simple Soup & Bread supper in the Parish Hall. Head home by 6:30 pm, hopefully renewed and refreshed for the coming week.
- LADIES WHO LUNCH, WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, AT NOON IN THE LIBRARY. Pack a lunch and join us for catching up and conversation. Coffee/tea will be ready on your arrival!