

The things that divide the world are trivial as compared with the things that unite it. (even now...)
– Raymond Fosdick

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.
Weston, Massachusetts
Gathered in 1698
ORDER OF SERVICE
In-Person and Streamed Worship
September 25, 2022 A.D. at 10:30 am
The 16th Sunday after Pentecost / 29th of Elul, 5782
Stewardship Sunday

PRELUDE:	Rejoice Greatly, O My Soul	Georg Böhm (1661-1733)
	May You Be Praised, Jesus Christ	Samuel Scheldt (1587-1654)
	God, Father, Dwell With Us	Samuel Scheldt

CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 92

One: We come into this place of peace
and let its silence heal our spirits.

Many: **We come into this place of memory
and let its history warm our souls.**

One: We come into this place of prophecy, community and power,

Many: **And let its vision change our hearts and lives.**

*HYMN 111 – “When Morning Guilds the Skies” (*verses 1-3, 6*)

Minister: The Peace of God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*EXCHANGE OF PEACE AND GREETING

*CHURCH COVENANT

**In the love of truth, and the spirit of Jesus Christ,
we join for the worship of God and service to humankind.**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER FOLLOWED BY THE LORD’S PRAYER

O God, grant us Your vision in our time. Help us to write it so large that even a runner can see it. Make it so compelling that even a cynic will pause, so convincing that even a skeptic will risk trying to bring hope to others; and so inspiring that the committed will stand courageously in faith, leaving the rest to you. This we ask in the spirit of your son Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying together, OUR FATHER . . .

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE:

Ann Morgan

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Sarah Napoline

MUSIC MEDITATION

READING: I Thessalonians 5: 12-21

*HYMN – “We Gather Together” (see insert)

REMARKS: Kurt Flory, Chair of the Stewardship Committee
Rev. Jeff Barz-Snell

ANTHEM:

“L’dor Vador”

Meir Finkelstein

Nathaniel Bear, tenor soloist

(b. 1951)

*From generation to generation we will declare Your greatness
and forever sanctify You with words of holiness.*

*Your praise will never leave our lips, for You are God and Sovereign,
great and holy. Blessed are You, Adonai, the Holy, Sovereign God.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

“How Lovely are the Messengers”
from the oratorio, *St. Paul*, Op. 36

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

*HYMN 333 – “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

*BENEDICTION and CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE: Lord Christ, the Only Son of God Johann Sebastian Bach
BWV 601 (1685-1750)

Our Greeter this morning is Alice Moylan.

First Parish Church has long welcomed people with different perspectives, backgrounds, and orientations. As a Welcoming Congregation, we happily invite all people as part of our 21st century community and church. If you are visiting, we hope you will check in at our welcome table and introduce yourself to the ministers.

We invite those not going to the UU Urban Ministry to enjoy a time of fellowship and light refreshment in the Parlor after worship.

STAFF

Minister:

Asst. Minister of Families & Community Outreach:

Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator:

Interim Choir Director

Organist:

Choir Soloists:

Parish Administrator:

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Jonah Barz-Snell

“We Gather Together”

Sung to the music of Hymn 23, *Hymns of Truth and Light*,
by an unknown 16th century Dutch composer, with alternative lyrics
originally written in 2016 by Linda Kilburn in support of the
annual Stewardship Campaign.

We gather together this day for First Parish
To nurture her health as her future unfolds;
 To strengthen her coffers
 With generous offers
Of talent and treasure and hands to enfold.

Our worship inspires us to make a commitment;
Our music ascends to the rafters above.
 We stand here for justice,
 For teaching and for outreach.
This parish does surround us with caring and love.

Our journeys of faith brought us here to First Parish.
Our spirits uplifted with God at our core.
 As these walls surround us,
 And faith . . . sustains and grounds us,
May we each do our part, so our mission may soar.



After Church Today!
“Fellowship Hour Field Trip”
to the UU Urban Ministry
in Roxbury

Please join us on a field trip to the UU Urban Ministry, one of the country's oldest nonprofit social justice organizations, located in Roxbury. We will have lunch, and tour their historic building and campus, which includes Boston's oldest surviving wood frame church meetinghouse. The Urban Ministry has begun a restoration of this pending Boston Landmark and is transforming it into an event venue to highlight the cultural and artistic richness of Roxbury. We'll learn about the programs Weston supports at the Urban Ministry and receive a brief guided tour of their campus.

Schedule:	12:15	Arrival
	12:30	Welcome, lunch provided
	1:00 - 1:45	Tour of campus and overview of their work; concludes in the peace garden for cookies.
	1:45 - 2:45	Optional: Tour of neighborhood and/or The Roxbury Museum across the street.

Directions:

Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry. Enter into your GPS: “14 John Eliot Square, Roxbury 02119.” That will take you to the entrance to the parking lot. (The mailing address is 10 Putnam Street Roxbury MA 02119.) Entrance is at the center building at the glass doors.

For more details, go to: <https://firstparishweston.org/event/tour-of-uuum/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

UU THE VOTE – Each Sunday until Oct. 22nd, First Parish offers the chance to participate in a letter-writing campaign to encourage under-represented communities to vote. Stop by the library for instructions and materials for writing letters to potential voters. If you can't come on a Sunday but would still like to participate, email Standing Committee Chair Nancy Piedra to receive the instructions/materials via email. (Note: letters must be mailed October 29.)

SEPTEMBER BRISTOL LODGE SUPPER – Our menu will include maple roasted chicken thighs, cinnamon roasted butternut squash, broccoli, cookie bars and apples. If you would like to make one of the recipes, buy broccoli crowns or apples, or help with preparations in the church kitchen from 1:30 to 3:15 on September 28th, please contact Mary Menino (email: mary.menino@gmail.com; text: 781-718-9464; or phone (781-894-3165). There are disposable pans and copies of the chicken and squash recipes in the Breezeway; please check with Mary before purchasing ingredients.

KNITTERS & STITCHERS – Mondays at noon in the Parlor. All welcome!

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

FPCW BOOK GROUP, THURSDAY, OCT. 20 AT 9:30 AM – Come to the Parlor or join in on Zoom for a discussion of *The Anomaly* by Herve Le Tellier. Newcomers welcomed!
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81921953852>; Meeting ID: 8192 1953 852

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS! On Sunday, Sept. 16, we will celebrate the non-human members of our families. Bring your pet (all sorts welcome) or a photo for a blessing after worship.

“MESSAGES OF HOPE IN A FRACTURED WORLD,” SUNDAY, OCT. 16 – The Weston Wayland Interfaith Action Group (WWIAG) invites all to come to the Parish Hall at First Parish from 3:00 – 5:00 pm for a program featuring a distinguished panel speaking on this timely subject. The panel includes FPCW's own Rev. Jeff Barz-Snell; Sonia Vader from Whitmore Academy, Bahai faith; Rabbie Neal Gold of Hebrew College; Marzieh Avah Darling Donnelly of Simmons College, Bahai faith, and Imam Abdur Rahman of the Islamic Center of New England.

SAVE THE DATE FOR TRUNK OR TREAT! Join the festivities and don your favorite costume, decorate your car, and bring treats to share for our special Halloween Outdoor Fellowship Hour on Sunday, Oct. 30th. This event has been growing each year and promises to be even more fun. Invite a friend to join you!