"Walking, I am listening to a deeper way. Suddenly all my ancestors are behind me. Be still, they say. Watch and listen. You are the result of the love of thousands."

- Linda Hogan, naturalist, and Chickasaw poet

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U. ORDER OF SERVICE May 14, 2023 A.D. 5th Sunday after Easter / Mother's Day

Prelude	Under the Green Linden Tree (variations)	Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck (1562-1621)	
CALL TO WORSHIP - adapted from the writing of Ferenc Dávid			
One:	In this world there have always been many opinions about faith and salvation.	S	
Many:	You need not think alike to love alike.		
One:	There must be knowledge in faith also. Sanctified reason is the lantern of faith.		
Many:	Religious reform can never be all at once, but gr step by step. If they offer something better, I wi	•	
One:	The most important spiritual function is conscience the source of all spiritual joy and happiness. Conscience will not be quieted by anything less than truth and justice.	2,	
Many:	We must accept God's truth in this lifetime. Salvation must be accomplished here on earth.		
* HYMN S4 – "Mysterious Presence, Source of All" (see insert)			
EXCHANGE OF PEACE			
Minister: The Peace of God be with you. People: And also with you.			
WELCOME			
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 AND LORD'S PRAYER

Mother and Father of all, wrap us in your embrace. Remind us that we will always be your beloved children, no matter how restless we become; instead, help us to experience the world with a beginner's mind and loving heart. Heal the tender and wounded places of our souls and help us find compassion for ourselves and for one another. Guide us in the ways of love, kindness, and forgiveness. Renew within us the untamed joy of a child, the nurturing love of family, and the healing of unconditional grace. This we pray in the spirit of your son Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying, Our Father...

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE

TIME FOR ALL AGES (di	smissal to children's programs)			
MUSIC MEDITATION				
READING: Acts 17				
ANTHEM	<i>Preludium</i> from <i>The Sound of Music</i> featuring the First Parish Treble Choir	Richard Rodgers (1902-1979)		
SERMON: "Hol Isten C	Rev. Sarah Napoline			
ORGAN MEDITATION				
PASTORAL PRAYER				
OFFERTORY	"Esti Dal"	Zoltan Kodaly (1882-1967)		
*CLOSING HYMN – "Székely Áldás" (see insert)				
BENEDICTION				
Postlude	Fugue in G Major, BWV 541	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)		

Our Greeter this morning is Trish Mordas.

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, introduce yourself to the Ministers and join us in the Parish Hall for some light refreshment and fellowship.

Mysterious Presence, Source of All



MUSIC: William Knapp, 1738

WAREHAM L.M.



Note: First time: Part 1 only. Second time: Part 2 only. Third time: both parts together. Pronunciation Guide: Hol hit ott sze- re- tet; Hawl heet, awt seh-reh-teht hol sze- re- tet ott bé- ke. Hawl seh-reh-teht, awt bay-keh Hol bé- ke ott ál- dás; Hawl bay-keh, awt ahl-dahsh Hol ál- dás ott I- sten. Hawl ahl-dahsh awt Eesh-ten Hol I- sten ott szük- ség nin-csen. Hawl eesh-ten, awt sewk-shayg neensch-shen.

Words: Traditional Transylvanian

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STAFF

Minister: Asst. Minister of Families & Community Outreach: Youth and Family Ministries Coordinator: Interim Choir Director: Organist: Choir Soloists: Parish Administrator: Sexton: Fellowship Coordinator: Video Production Staff: Rev. Jeffrey Barz-Snell Rev. Sarah Napoline Robert Jones TJ Rufo Curran Geoffrey Wieting Nathaniel Bear, Benjamin Doyle, Rose Hegele Betsy Gibson Alan Flynn Paula Leger Hussein Al-Masarani, Jonah Barz-Snell

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ON DISPLAY IN THE PARISH HALL We have an "Idea Board" in the Hall and invite you to engage with the problem of and solutions for gun violence in the U.S. How can we reduce the epidemic of mass shootings occurring over the last few years?
- ORGAN RECITAL BY GEOFFREY WIETING, TODAY, AT 2:30 PM IN THE SANCTUARY. Geoff will offer the gift of music to celebrate the return of in-person services and performances and the arrival of spring. Some selections were influenced by the remembrance of his former teacher and FPCW organist Terry Decima. Recital is open to the public. A free-will offering will be received gratefully and a reception will follow the recital.

KNITTERS & STITCHERS will meet tomorrow. Join them at noon in the Parlor.

- LADIES WHO LUNCH, TUESDAY, MAY 16, NOON IN THE LIBRARY. Bring a lunch and enjoy conversation and companionship. This will be the last gathering until September.
- STANDING COMMITTEE, TUESDAY, MAY 16, AT 7:30 PM IN THE PARLOR AND ON ZOOM. https://uuma.zoom.us/j/93420900113 / Meeting ID: 9342 0900 113

Community Yoga Flow Class, Friday, May 19, at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall.

WEDNESDAY MORNING MEDITATION AT 8:30 AM VIA ZOOM – Newcomers welcome. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89584018041 / Meeting ID: 8958 4018 041

CELEBRATE WESTON DAY RETURNS, SATURDAY, MAY 20, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm - First Parish will host a clock tower climb, architecture tour, a special exhibit of Barbara Elmes' photography, and much more. But we need your help to welcome townspeople to our campus! To see what help is needed and to sign up, go to:

https://tinyurl.com/celebratewestonsignup

- WINE & CHEESE PARTY, SATURDAY, MAY 20, 4:00-5:30 PM IN THE PARLOR. Enjoy all the activities of Celebrate Weston and then come over to the church for a festive time with friends old and new. Please RSVP to betsygibson@firstparishweston.org.
- BRISTOL LODGE SUPPER PREP & DELIVERY, WEDNESDAY, MAY 24, 2023. We still need two more tuna casseroles, bags of mixed salad greens for 65 people, and 65 pieces of fruit. If you can provide food or help in the kitchen between noon and 2:00 pm, please contact Betsy Gibson (see above) or Ellen Touart-Grob (etouartgrob@gmail.com)
- TEMPORARY CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS Due to Parish Administrator Betsy Gibson's upcoming medical leave, Robert Jones will be working in the Church Office Monday Friday from 9:30 am 1:30 pm, starting Thursday, May 24. In addition, Betsy will work from home starting sometime during the 2nd week of June. Best way to reach her will be by email (betsygibson@firstparishweston.org). In case of an urgent matter in the afternoons when Robert isn't available, you may also call 774.279.0755. Betsy returns to full-time in the office on July 5.