

The pursuit of the truth shall set you free – even if you never catch up with it.

~ Clarence Darrow

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.

ORDER OF SERVICE

April 14, 2024 A.D.

Second Sunday after Easter / 6th of Nisan, 5784

PRELUDE

Prelude, Op. 31 No. 5
Contemplation on "Hawkhurst"

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)
Alec Rowley (1892-1958)

CALL TO WORSHIP – Addae Ama Kraba (adapted)

One: As we gather during this season of birth and rebirth,

Many: **we hear the heartbeat of Mother Earth.**

One: With spring comes the blossoming of plants and
the emerging patterns of life.

Many: **We hear the heartbeat of Mother Earth.**

One: In this the time of growth and reflection, let us draw closer
to nature and one another.

Many: **We hear the heartbeat of Mother Earth.**

One: In the continuing circle of life, we give thanks.

All: **We hear the heartbeat of Mother Earth.**

* HYMN 461– “We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky”

Minister: The Peace of God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE PEACE

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

Last Monday, we stood in awe before a display of your loving hand, guiding the moon around the earth. As day was seemingly brought to night we were reminded of your power to transform, amaze, and heal. Today, bring us to a deeper understanding of your presence. Help us find more moments when our conflict-ridden world pauses and looks up in the same direction. Remind us of our connections as creatures all living on this small blue and green planet and inspire us to work together towards a better and more peaceful world. This we ask in the name of your son Jesus, who taught us to pray, saying together: Our Father...

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TIME FOR ALL AGES

Rev. Sarah Napoline

MUSIC MEDITATION AND DISMISSAL TO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

READING: Genesis 6: 9-22 *Noah and the Ark*

ANTHEM For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter (b. 1945)

SERMON: "Donut Thinking, Donut Living"

Rev. Jeff Barz-Snell

ORGAN RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love

Ned Rorem
(1923-2022)

DOXOLOGY

**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 67 – "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Prelude and Fugue in F major, BWV 556

attrib. J.S. Bach
(1685-1750)

The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of William Blakely Tyler
from his adoring family.

Our Greeter this morning is Holly Kulow.

First Parish Church has long welcomed people with different perspectives, backgrounds,
and orientations. As a Welcoming Congregation,
we happily invite all people to be a part of our 21st century community
and church. We hope you'll join us in the Parish Hall after worship
for some light refreshment and fellowship.

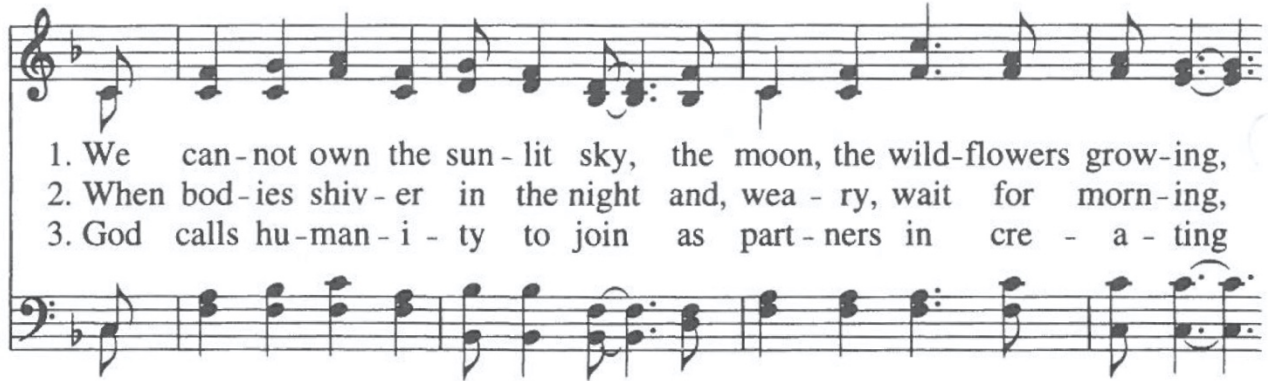
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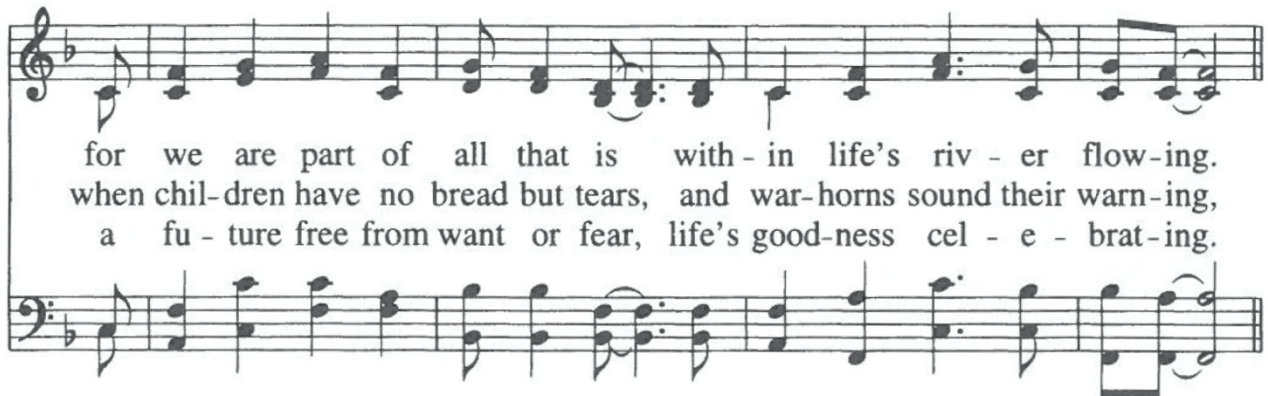
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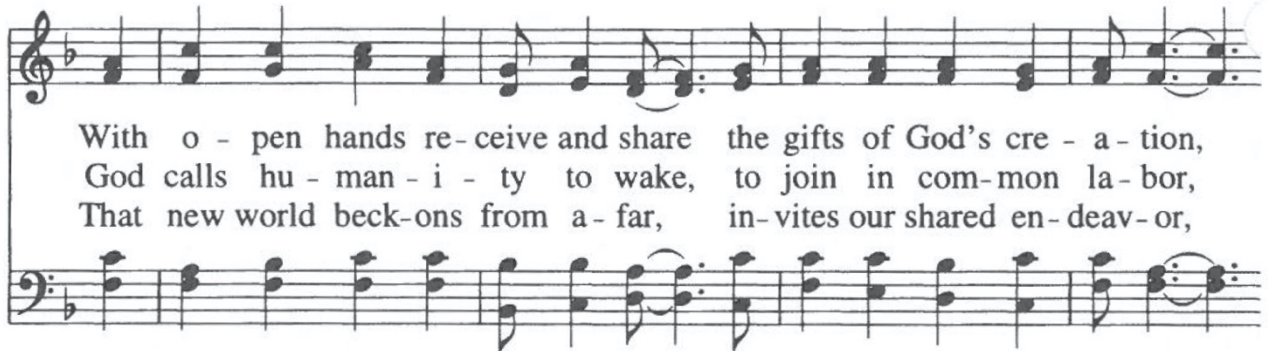
We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky



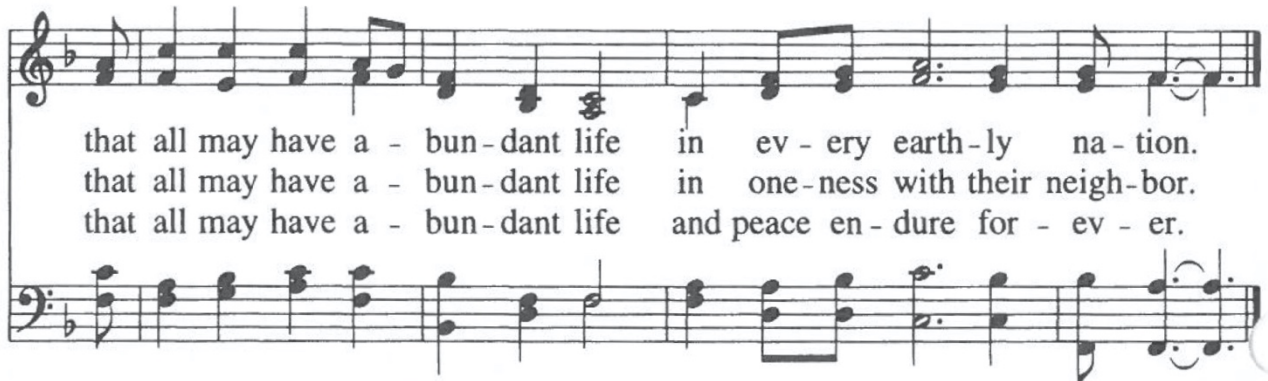
1. We can-not own the sun-lit sky, the moon, the wild-flowers grow-ing,
2. When bod-ies shiv-er in the night and, wea-ry, wait for morn-ing,
3. God calls hu-man-i-ty to join as part-ners in cre-a-ting



for we are part of all that is with-in life's riv-er flow-ing.
when chil-dren have no bread but tears, and war-horns sound their warn-ing,
a fu-ture free from want or fear, life's good-ness cel-e-brat-ing.



With o-pen hands re-ceive and share the gifts of God's cre-a-tion,
God calls hu-man-i-ty to wake, to join in com-mon la-bor,
That new world beck-ons from a-far, in-vites our shared en-deav-or,



that all may have a-bun-dant life in ev-ery earth-ly na-tion.
that all may have a-bun-dant life in one-ness with their neigh-bor.
that all may have a-bun-dant life and peace en-dure for-ev-er.

WORDS: Ruth Duck, 1984, rev. 1989

MUSIC: Attr. Robert Lowry, *Bright Jewels for the Sunday School*, 1869

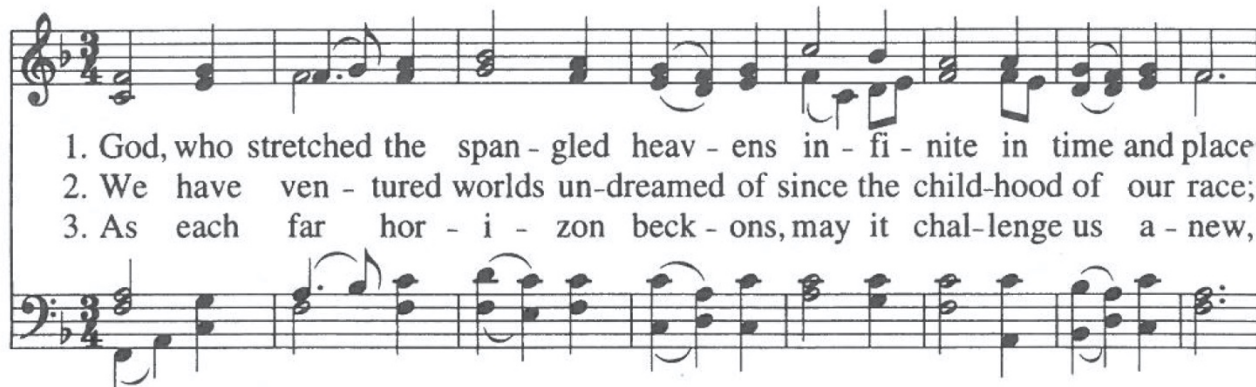
HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

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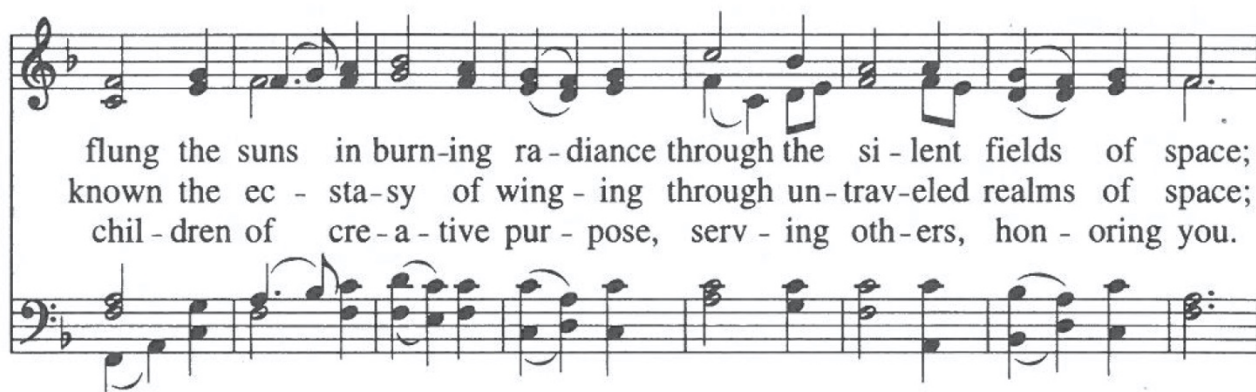
Ruth Duck wrote this text while she was serving as a corporate member of the United Church Board for World Ministries. In it she wanted to 'emphasize humanity's shared partnership with God in caring for one another and the whole creation.'

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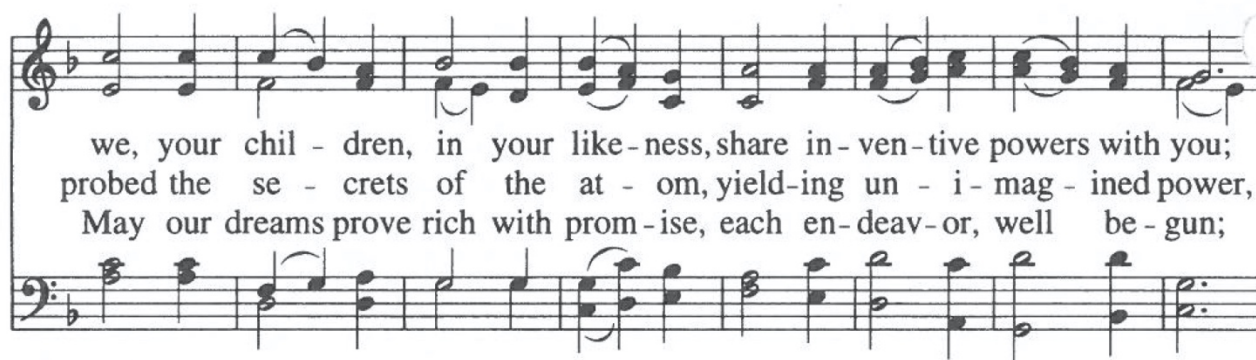
God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens



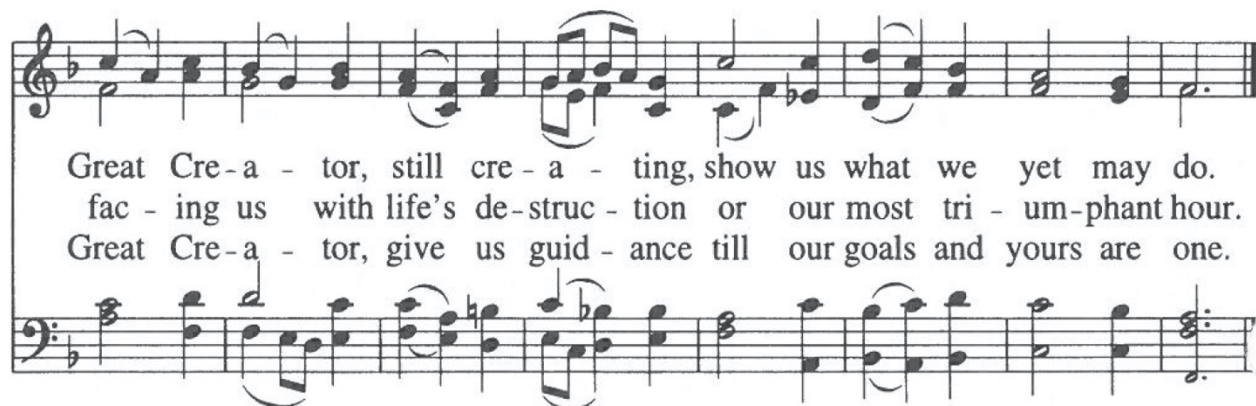
1. God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place
2. We have ven - tured worlds un-dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;
3. As each far hor - i - zon beck - ons, may it chal-enge us a - new,



flung the suns in burn-ing ra-diance through the si-lent fields of space;
known the ec - sta-sy of wing - ing through un-trav-eled realms of space;
chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - oring you.



we, your chil - dren, in your like-ness, share in - ven-tive powers with you;
probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined power,
May our dreams prove rich with prom - ise, each en-deav-or, well be - gun;



Great Cre - a - tor, still cre - a - ting, show us what we yet may do.
fac - ing us with life's de-struct - ion or our most tri - um-phiant hour.
Great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

WORDS: Catherine Cameron, 1967

MUSIC: Rowland H. Prichard, 1844; harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, *The English Hymnal*, 1906

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Cameron, a Canadian now a professor of social psychology in California, intended this text to be sung to *AUSTRIAN HYMN*. The Welsh tune used here appears in most hymnals. With one exception, the tune lies in the first five notes of the scale.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK AT FIRST PARISH:

- The Church Office will be closed on Monday, Apr. 15 - Patriots' Day
- Knitters & Stitchers will NOT meet on Monday, Apr. 15.
- Standing Committee Meeting, Tuesday, Apr. 16, 7:30 pm in the Parlor and via Zoom: **<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/94854290587>**
- Wednesday Virtual Meditation, 8:30 am, via Zoom; **Meeting ID: 868 9385 2932**
- Ladies Who Lunch, Wednesday, Apr. 17, Noon in the Library
- Arthur Hersum Memorial Service, Thursday, Apr. 18, 3:00 pm, Sanctuary
- Film Night at FPCW - "Common Ground," Thursday, Apr. 18, 7:00 pm, in the Parish Hall
- Choir Rehearsal, Thursdays at 7:30 pm, in the Choir Loft
- Community Yoga Flow Class, Friday, Apr. 19, 10:00 am in the Parish Hall

FPCW NIGHT AT THE MOVIES – On Thursday, Apr. 18, 7-9:00 pm, we invite you to the Parish Hall to screen *Common Ground*, a new film about how regenerating the world's soils has the potential to rapidly stabilize Earth's climate, restore lost eco-systems, and create abundant food supplies. Stay after the film for light refreshments and a discussion about how our faith informs our response to practices that support food justice and healthy soil in our community. Go to **<https://commongroundfilm.org>** for more information and to see a trailer of the film.

ALL-MUSIC SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 10:30 AM, APR. 28 – Join us as the Choir presents *Solemn Vespers*, K339 written by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart in 1780. Their presentation will be dedicated to Nancy Lewis, a long-time First Parishioner and choir member for 57 years, who died in January. The Choir, led by Music Director TJ Rufo-Curran, will be accompanied by a string trio and Geoffrey Wieting on organ.

SAVE THE DATES (more info about these events can be found in the e-Parish Post)

- "Deeply Disturbed: The Emergent Forests of the Future," Thursday, Apr. 25, 7-9:00 pm, Weston Public Library
- UU Urban Ministry Program Spotlight & Open House, Thursday, May 2, 5-7:00 pm, 10 Putnam St, Roxbury, MA. If interested in attending, contact Georgia Foote, one of our delegates to the UUUM.
- Mother's Day Walk for Peace, May 12, 8:00 am Program; 9:00 am Walk, Town Field, 1520 Dorchester Ave, Dorchester. Join other First Parishioners in walking to raise funds for the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute.

FPCW BOOK, Thursday, Apr. 25, 9:30 am in the Library or via Zoom. We'll discuss *Mine* by Michael Heller and James Salzman. **<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88606355379>**

METROWEST CLIMATE SOLUTIONS WEBINAR: "We May Need a Bigger Boat: Is Massachusetts Ready for Climate Change?" Wednesday, May 1, 7:00 pm. What should the state be doing to prepare for the predicted impacts of climate change? Dr. Edwin Sumargo, a Climate Scientist on the MA Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs (EEA) Climate Team, will discuss the latest climate projections and how his team supports state agencies and municipalities to prepare for the inevitable challenges we all will be facing. For more info and to register for this virtual event, go to **www.metrowestclimatesolutions.org**