

Any man can be a father, but it takes someone special to be a dad.
~ Ann Gedes

*Being a great father is like shaving. No matter how good you shaved today,
you have to do it again tomorrow.*
~ Reed Markham

*By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right
he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong.*
~ Charles Wadsworth

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.

ORDER OF SERVICE

June 16, 2024 A.D.

Fathers' Day / Sunday before Juneteenth

PRELUDE	Prelude and Fugue in E minor (BWV 555) Prelude and Fugue in G major (BWV 557)	Johann S. Bach (1685-1750)
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*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come together this morning seeking a presence
beyond our narrow selves.

Many: **We come together to rediscover a reality that binds us in compassion,
love, and understanding to other human beings, and to the
interdependent web of all living things.**

One: May our hearts and minds be opened this day to the power
and the insight that weaves together the scattered threads
of our experiences.

Many: **May we remember and be inspired by the Wholeness –
and the Holiness – of which we are a part.**

All: **We are grateful for the gift of this day.**

*HYMN 60 – “This Is My Father’s World”

Minister: The Peace of God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*THE PEACE

WELCOME

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

Source of all life and light, we thank you for your love that never lets us go. Thank you for the privilege of gathering in this space with these your people – our neighbors. We do not come merely to open the doors of the church, but we come that our hearts might be opened to you and to one another. As we gather here at the start of summer, help us to respond to the call of love by being better fathers and mothers, better husbands and wives, better sons and daughters, and better neighbors and friends. 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 Children's Program)

**Go now in Peace, Go now in Peace,
May the love of God surround you,
Everywhere, everywhere, you may go.**

READING:

TRIO "What Was I Made For?" Billie Eilish and Finneas O'Connell
TJ Rufo-Curran, Ben Doyle, Nathan Savant (arr. Jennifer Lucy Cook)

SERMON: The 2024 Question Box Sermon

Rev. Jeff Barz-Snell

MUSIC MEDITATION

PASTORAL PRAYER, followed by music response

OFFERTORY "Hallelujah" Leonard Cohen
TJ Rufo-Curran, Ben Doyle, Nathan Savant (arr. Roger Emerson)

OFFERTORY RESPONSE:

**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 68 – "Though I May Speak"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Listen to the Lambs arr. Hugo Frey
It's Me, O Lord (Standin' in the Need of Prayer) (1873-1952)

This Is My Father's World

1. This is my Fa-ther's world; and to my lis-tening ears, all
2. This is my Moth-er's world; the birds their car-ols raise, the
3. This is my Mak-er's world; oh, let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
morn-ing light, the flow-ers bright, de - clare their Mak-er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Moth-er's world; she shines in all that's fair; in
This is my Mak-er's world; why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the won - ders wrought.
rus - tling grass I hear her pass; she speaks to me ev - ery - where.
heav - ens ring; let na - ture sing. God reigns; let earth be glad.

WORDS: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901, alt.

MUSIC: Traditional English melody; adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

TERRA BEATA
SMD

Lockport NY Presbyterian pastor Babcock often walked out to a sweeping view of Lake Ontario, saying as he left the house, 'I am going out to see my Father's world.'

Though I May Speak

(The Gift of Love)

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1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire, and have the
2. Though I may give all I pos - sess, and striv - ing
3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol, our spir - its

gift to all in - spire, and have not love, my words are
so my love pro - fess, but not be given by love with -
long to be made whole. Let in - ward love guide ev - ery

vain, as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
in, the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
deed; by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

WORDS: Hal H. Hopson, 1972

MUSIC: Traditional English melody; adapt. Hal H. Hopson, 1971

GIFT OF LOVE
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Hal Hopson's paraphrase of I Corinthians 13 and his setting of a traditional English tune have made this a well-loved hymn in a short twenty-five years.

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This morning's flowers on the altar are given in honor of Pride month
by two friends in our congregation.

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. If you are visiting, we hope you will fill out a Welcome card and put it in the collection plate and then join us for lemonade and cookies in the Breezeway after the service.

STAFF

Minister	Rev. Jeffrey Barz-Snell
Minister of Families & Community Outreach:	Rev. Sarah Napoline
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UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

JUNE 23 – Virtual service live-streamed from the UUA General Assembly.

UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2024

General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). From June 20 -23 attendees will worship, learn, connect, and vote upon the work of the Association. Anyone may "attend," but registration is required; fee is \$400. Last chance to represent First Parish as a delegate; financial assistance available. If interested, contact Denominational Affairs Chair Richard Weeks (richardhweeks@aol.com) immediately.

JUNE 30 – Rev. Sarah Napoline leading worship

SUMMER AT FIRST PARISH

Happy summer to one and all – some notes about our summer schedule:

Office — Starting June 30, Jeff Barz-Snell will be on vacation and study leave until August 1. Pastoral Care requests may be directed to Rev. Sarah Napoline and Betsy Gibson in the Church Office (781.893.7798). Betsy will be taking Fridays off through July and access to the building will be limited on weekends. Due to other staff vacations, please call 781.893.7798 or email staff before making a special trip to the church.

Worship — Services will continue through June 30th, but then we will NOT have worship during the month of July. Sunday Services resume in August featuring various guest preachers, but we will not have church school or childcare. We will not have worship on Labor Day weekend, but then our Homecoming Sunday will kick off the new program year on Sunday, September 8th!

Meditation — Our weekly meditation will not meet in July but will resume on THURSDAY, August 1st – a big change to our long-time Wednesday schedule!

Yoga Flow — our regular yoga classes will not meet in July or August but will resume in September.

Retired Men's Lunch, FPCW Bereavement Group, and Ladies Who Lunch will be on hiatus during July and August. Watch the *e-Parish Post* for fall dates!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KNITTERS & STITCHERS – Meet at noon tomorrow in person in the Parlor.

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY MORNING MEDITATION AT 8:30 AM – Join us on Zoom; go to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86893852932> / Meeting ID: 8689 3852 932

The Meditation group will not meet in July. Join us again starting THURSDAY, Aug. 1st (note change!).

LADIES WHO LUNCH, Wednesday, June 19, at noon in the Library. Hope you'll join us for this last gathering until September. Bring your favorite to-go lunch (coffee and tea provided) and whatever topics of conversation are on your mind. We'll also discuss preferences for scheduling starting in September. If you haven't been able to join us in the past due to conflicts, please be in touch with Betsy Gibson to suggest alternatives.

MOPR CLASSICAL MUSIC OPEN REHEARSAL, THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 7:00 PM IN SEARS CHAPEL - Come and meet the musicians who now make their home at First Parish and hear them rehearse for their recording of a new CD from their 2023 award-winning concert *Into the Light: Unearthed Treasures by Christoph Graupner*. Afterwards, enjoy wine and cheese and conversation with the players.

OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT, THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 7:00 PM on the First Parish Playground (Parish Hall if rain). Bring comfortable seats and come enjoy snacks (or dinner) with friends before viewing *Encanto*. Movie will start when the skies darken sufficiently. We will have two additional Movie Nights on July 18 and Aug. 15; movie selection TBD.

YOGA FLOW WITH SARAH NAPOLINE – Meet once more on Friday, June 21, at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall and then break for July and August. Watch summer issues of the e-Parish Post for the September start-up date.

FPCW BOOK GROUP – Meet next on Thursday, July 11, at 9:30 am in person in the Library or via Zoom. We'll discuss *Tom Lake* by Anne Patchett and hope that you will bring some suggestions for upcoming books.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85895362454> / Meeting ID: 858 9536 2454

BRISTOL LODGE - Our next meal for Bristol Lodge will be June 26th. A list of current needs, the recipe for the Sausage Sheet Pan dinner, and pans are in the Breezeway. We appreciate any and all help! Contact Ellen Touart-Grob (781.640.4793/etouartgrob@gmail.com) or Betsy Gibson (781-893-7798/betsygibson@firstparishweston.org).

PRE-CONCERT SUMMERTIME SOIREES IN THE GARDEN, WEDNESDAYS, JUNE 26 & JULY 17, AT 6:00 PM. Join church members and friends for wine and cheese, then head over for the Summer Concert on the Weston Town Green, starting at 7 pm. Kids are welcome - church playground will be open. Bring some folding chairs. Park in the church lot, enjoy an outdoor garden get-together, and then walk to the Green for the concert.