



# FIRST PARISH of WESTWOOD, UCC

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## FIRST PARISH OF WESTWOOD LEADERSHIP

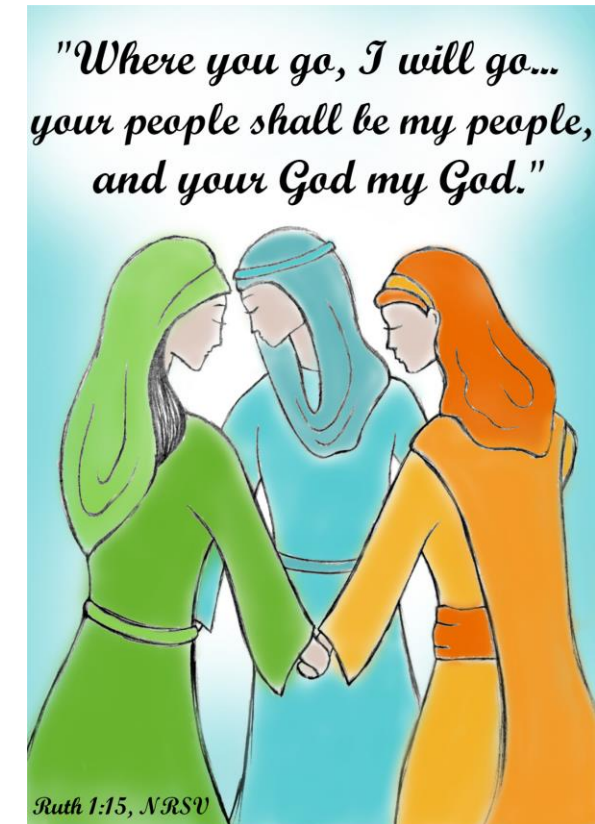
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Coffee Hour Hosts ..... Sharon Hobbs  
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October 16, 2022, at 10 a.m.

## *Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost*

We Are an Open & Affirming Church

First Parish of Westwood affirms the dignity and worth of every person regardless of race, gender, age, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, physical or mental ability, family structure, education level, economic circumstance and faith or religious tradition.



## GATHERING

\*Please rise in body or in spirit. The congregation is invited to sing with choir.

Items in **Bold** indicate congregational participation.

### CHIMING

### WELCOMING AND NAMING OUR GRATITUDE

### CENTERING OUR FOCUS UPON GOD *Traumerei Kinderscene - Robert Schumann*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice in our God always!

**People: Again, I say, rejoice!**

Leader: For God has gathered us together

**People: From all the corners of the earth**

Leader: To be present now,

**People: And to know the joyful unity of being one with Christ.**

Leader: Rejoice in our God always!

**People: Again, I say, rejoice!**

### \*OPENING HYMN NO. 18

*Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer*

## RECOGNIZING GOD'S PRESENCE

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Source of Wisdom, we confess that at times, we can be self-serving, and we lose sight of community. Sometimes, we don't respect you, ourselves, or each other. Yet, you are just toward us even when we are not. We know that we can trust you, so we yield our hearts and minds to you. You are persistent in your desire to restore us because you want us to have what is best for us. Thank you for this moment of transformation. We give you thanks that we are better for it.**

*(silence)*

God is the source and provider of grace, love, and justice, and because we are Imago Dei, we have the assurance that those gifts flow through us. They flow through us, to us. God's justice makes a difference in us and compels us to show up in the fullness of who we are. Amen.

### SCRIPTURE

*Ruth 1:1-18*

### TIME WITH THE CHURCH

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

### CALL TO OFFERING

Let us with gladness present the offerings of our life and our labor to God.

### OFFERTORY

*Jesus Loves Me - William B. Bradbury*

### \* DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ all creatures here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.**

### \* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Accept our lives, O God, as well as our gifts. Let the spirit in which we give them be your Spirit. Let the use that is made of them be your use. Amen.

## VENTURING OUT INTO THE WORLD

### \* RECEPTIONAL HYMN NO. 393

*Blessed Be the Tie That Binds*

### \* ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \* BLESSING

### \* FOLLOWING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD *Go in Peace - Kenneth E. White*

**Go in peace, and the peace of God be with you in this day.  
Go in peace, and the peace of God be with you always.  
Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new life!  
Go in peace, and the peace of God be with you always.**

### POSTLUDE

*Toccata - Johan Jakob Froberger*

# { *Announcements* }



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Pumpkin Potluck**

A sign-up sheet for the Pumpkin Potluck is posted outside the church office. It will be held Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Please let us know if you are attending and what yummy food item you will bring. Meal courses include appetizers, dinner items, and desserts. Remember, the theme is pumpkins and cranberries. A prize goes to the most creative use of these ingredients. However, you can always forego pumpkins/cranberries in whatever you bring!!

### **Join Us Today (after worship) for the BIG Sunday Brunch**

It's that time again! The Big Sunday Brunch is an occasion for our entire congregation to gather every month on the third Sunday after worship and participate in the work of the church. Everyone in the congregation is encouraged to join us to learn about what is happening in the life of the church as our committees and teams meet, and to see what new ideas might spring forth from this collaborative experience. Through our conversation and learning, we'll adjust together so we can foster a creative and collaborative environ that inspires more of what we want to do together as a church. Please join us after worship today for a time to break bread and share our visions of the future of First Parish.

### **Coffee Hour Hosts**

Every Sunday through November 20<sup>th</sup>, there will be two hosts for coffee hour. Please see the sign-up sheet located outside the church office to add your name to partner with an experienced host. It's a great way to become familiar with the ins and outs of the kitchen and to enjoy a special time of fellowship following worship.

### **Farewell Celebration for Longtime Custodian Denis Wholey on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11 a.m.**

It is a bittersweet moment at First Parish, as we say goodbye to our longtime custodian Denis Wholey and welcome in Roger Matson, who will be taking over the reins. While we will miss Denis dearly and are grateful for his many years of service and energetic spirit, Roger is a welcome addition to the First Parish family and comes with many years of sage experience. Welcome to First Parish Roger! We will be having a celebration of Denis' time here at First Parish directly following worship on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. All are invited to attend and have some cake while we show our appreciation to Denis and his wife, Mary, for sharing her wonderful husband with us for so many years.

### **Team First Parish Embarks on Interfaith Walk for Hunger and Sock Drive**

First Parish is calling all walkers and supporters to join us on the Interfaith Mini-Walk for Hunger on Sunday, October 23, 2022, at 2 p.m. Details can be found in this Sunday's E-Blast, so check your inboxes to find out how you can be a part of Team First Parish. There are even ways to participate as non-walkers, like making a donation or being a part of our Sock Drive. Net proceeds go to Project Bread, an organization that connects people and communities in Massachusetts to reliable sources of food while advocating for policies that make food more accessible.

### **Dates at a Glance**

- ✓ Pumpkins with a Purpose – Sale is going on now! (Saturdays 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. & Sundays 11:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.)
- ✓ Pumpkin Potluck - Saturday, October 22nd, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- ✓ Interfaith Walk for Hunger - Sunday, October 23rd, 2 p.m.
- ✓ Fall Clean - Up of Church Grounds - November 6<sup>th</sup>

### **Pumpkins With a Purpose – We Need Volunteers!**

Pumpkins are coming! Pumpkins are coming! After a pandemic hiatus, we are once again going to live up to our name as 'The Pumpkin Church.' What do we need from you? Tell your friends to buy our Pumpkins with a Purpose and sign up to sell our groovy gourds. The net proceeds go exclusively to various local charities which help our community. The patch will be open on weekends, starting this weekend, on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. If the weather is nice, and we have sellers, we may open on Fridays from 3 p.m. to 5 or 6 p.m. A sign-up sheet is outside the church office or you may call our new Church Administrator, Nicole, in the office at 781-326-5344. If you are willing to sell, but can't commit to a time at this point, let Nicole know.