



Mending

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Rev. Lauren Smith

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GATHERING MUSIC	"Prelude", Cesar Franck	Polly Oliver
CHIME AND WELCOME		Clare Lewis
ANNOUNCEMENT		Cara Szeghy, Sarah McQuaid concert
CHALICE LIGHTING & COVENANT		Cullen Family
	<i>With open minds and loving hearts, we gather to search for meaning, to care for one another, and to work together for a better world.</i>	
INVOCATION	"Gentle Words"	First Parish Choir
	<i>Shaker humility song, arr. Roger Hall</i>	
OPENING WORDS		Rev. Lauren Smith
OPENING HYMN #188	"Come, Come, Whoever You Are"	
TIME FOR ALL AGES	"The Rabbit Listened", Cori Doerrfeld	Kate Holland
SING THE CHILDREN OUT	<i>(Children leave for SEEK programming)</i>	
	<i>May your mind be open to new learning. May your lips bring truth into the world.</i>	
	<i>May your heart know love, And your hands do the work of justice, As you go your way in peace(2)</i>	
OFFERING	<i>(See below for donation options)</i>	
	SHARED PLATE: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ROUNDTABLE	
	<i>The Roundtable is a community-based non-profit dedicated to promoting safe and healthy relationships, raising public awareness about dating violence, domestic violence, or elder abuse, and ending relationship violence in all its forms.</i>	
OFFERTORY	"Chopin", Robert Schumann	
JOYS AND SORROWS		Debbie Levens
CENTERING MOMENT		
MEDITATION AND PRAYER		
HYMN #1048	"Ubi Caritas"	
READING	"Mending", Nancy Shaffer	
ANTHEM	"Laudamus Te"	First Parish Women's Chorus
	<i>Antonio Vivaldi, from "Gloria"</i>	
MESSAGE	"Mending"	Rev. Lauren
CLOSING HYMN #1007	"There's a River Flowing in My Soul"	
	<i>(On the last verse, please turn toward rear doors for closing words)</i>	
CLOSING WORDS		
CHORAL RESPONSE	"Blessed Be"	
POSTLUDE	Prelude in a minor, J.S. Bach	

All are welcome to join us downstairs or remain online for Community Time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given by Helen and Larry Green, in memory of their parents, parents Mary and Spencer Barber, and Margaret and Nathaniel Green.

MUSIC SUNDAY REHEARSALS BEGIN THIS WEEK. If you'd like to join the choir to sing on Music Sunday, Dec 13, please come to choir rehearsal or contact Polly Oliver.

WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE Collection for Family Promise continues through Oct. 16.

SUNDAY HELPERS: Steve Rogers, Nancy Fewell (greeters); Laurel Whitehouse, Roger Horine (ushers); Lea Anderson, Clare Lewis (tech), Jan Miner, Jill McAnulty (coffee)

SEPTEMBER LAY MINISTER: ERIK FELTON. Please feel free to contact the Lay Minister if you need assistance or just a friendly, confidential visit or chat.

CALENDAR

Sun Oct 4, 2026

10am Sunday Service (Sanctuary)
10:15am SEEK (Stokey, Youth Room)
11am Community Time (Vestry)
11am Creating Connections (Sunroom)
11:15am Child/Youth Choir (Choir Loft)
4pm OWL Parent Orientation (Stokey)
4pm Richard Conti Birthday Concert

Mon Oct 5, 2026

5pm Monday Meditation (Zoom)

Wed Oct 7, 2026

10am Staff Meeting
7:30pm Music Sunday Choir Rehearsal
8:15pm Choir Rehearsal (Choir Loft)

Thu Oct 8, 2026

11:30am Minister's Lunch (Vestry)
3pm Social Action Council (Sunroom)
7pm PC Meeting (Sunroom, Zoom)

Fri Oct 9, 2026

8:30am Coffee and a Chat (Sunroom)

Sat Oct 10, 2026

10am Bell Choir Rehearsal (Up. Commons)

Sun Oct 11, 2026

10am Sunday Service (Sanctuary)
10:15am SEEK (Stokey, Youth Room)
11am Community Time (Vestry)
11:15am Child/Youth Choir (Choir Loft)
2pm Activism that Works (Vestry)

OUR MISSION

To Build Community by forging caring connections and supporting one another through the joys, sorrows and mysteries of life.

To Search for Meaning by creating opportunities for all ages to explore values and principles that orient and guide us through life.

To Deepen our Spirituality by gathering to share words and music, by nurturing private moments of reflection, and by cultivating reverence.

To Make a Better World by engaging in compassionate service and promoting social justice.

SEEK (Spiritual & Ethical Exploration for Kids)

Sundays, 10:15 a.m.

Our program is designed to help children navigate our complicated world with courage, compassion, and curiosity.

For information, contact Kate Holland (kholland@uuwayland.org)

SUNDAY PLATE COLLECTION

The unspecified funds collected will support the programs of First Parish or shared with a chosen organization.

- Give online <https://www.uuwayland.org/donate>
- Text your donation to (888) 672-7980
- Drop a check in the donation basket.



NOTE: Please make all checks payable to “First Parish in Wayland” and specify what it is for in the memo.

Parish Committee (ParishCom@uuwayland.org)

Chair: Susie Keyes, *Vice Chair:* Jan Miner

Treasurer: Clare Lewis (Treasurer@uuwayland.org); *Clerk:* Laurie Bent

Members: Cynthia Barber, Molly Faulkner, Phil Giudice, Jim Grumbach, Leah Levine, Laurel Whitehouse

Staff *Minister:* Rev. Lauren Smith

Director of Lifespan Religious Exploration: Kate Holland, *Music Director:* Polly Oliver

Parish Administrator: Karen Plaskon; *Bookkeeper:* Leo Monzon

Lay Ministers Kathie Schmidt (*chair*), Ted Barnes, Erik Felton, Helen Green, Julia Kenney, Debbie Levens, Cara Szeghy

Contact: www.uuwayland.org; office@uuwayland.org; (508) 358-6133

HYMN LYRICS

COME, COME, WHOEVER YOU ARE

Come, come, whoever you are,
wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving.
Ours is no caravan of despair.
Come, yet again come.

UBI CARITAS

Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

THERE'S A RIVER FLOWING IN MY SOUL

There's a river flowin' in my soul.
There's a river flowin' in my soul.
And it's tellin' me that I'm somebody.
There's a river flowin' in my soul.
There's a river flowin' in my heart...
There's a river flowin' in my mind...

CHOIR LYRICS

GENTLE WORDS

Shaker Humility Song

written by Polly M. Rupe, around 1867,

arr. Roger Hall

What the dew is to the flower, gentle words are to the soul,
And a blessing to the giver, and so dear to the receiver
We should never withhold.

Gentle words, kindly spoken, often soothe the troubled mind,
While links of love are broken by words that are unkind.
Then O, thou gentle spirit, my constant Guardian be,
"Do to others," be my motto, as I'd have them do to me."

LAUDAMUS TE

from GLORIA (1715)

by Antonio Vivaldi

Laudamus Te,
Benedicimus Te,
Adoramus Te,
Glorificamus Te

(translation)

We praise You,
We bless You.
We adore You,
We glorify You.