

Dear Members and Friends of First Parish,

Thank you for your warm welcome over these weeks of our entry into your community! We look forward to worshiping and breaking bread with you this Sunday, September 6.

To begin we will continue the tradition of offering a pre-recorded worship on Facebook. On Sunday, please go to the congregation's **Facebook** page (click on: <https://www.facebook.com/First-Parish-of-Westwood-120302557982716/>) on or before 10:00 am and click on the post for this Sunday, September 6.

We hope that most of the congregation will be able to watch the 22 minute worship on or before 10am and then join the live **Zoom** communion at 10:30am by clicking on this link: <https://zoom.us/j/97776095457>.

When you zoom in, you will want to have a cup (with juice or wine) and bread within reach. Following Communion, we will have a time of introductions and fellowship.

This week, thanks to the help of First Parish volunteers, we have moved into the parsonage and are in the process of moving into the office. A big "thank you" to all who helped to prepare the house and the church for our arrival: the Interim Search Committee chaired by Barbara Delisle, Moderator Sharon Hobbs and the Church Council, Roger Christian together with the Worship Committee, Doug and Nancy Hyde along with church volunteers who worked on the parsonage and grounds. We are especially encouraged that during this time the Church Council has had its initial meeting with our Interim Association Minister, Holly MillerShank. Nancy Hyde has agreed to Chair the Search Committee and Bob Deininger will Chair the Transition Committee. The structures for the interim period are already coming together!

During this time of Covid-19, many of the usual ways of becoming acquainted are not possible. We will be working with Meg Kara in the office to set up times in September to meet with small groups of people in a safe, socially distanced way outdoors on the church patio.

In addition, we invite you to send in a "selfie" to Meg Kara (office@firstparishwestwood.org). Over time we will be compiling a "homemade" pictorial directory as a gift for your new settled Pastor.

When we first met your Church Council, we were amazed to learn that there were pre-existing threads of connection with three of the ten attendees. Amazing! We are confident that there are yet more threads of connection, old and new, and we look forward to discovering them as we meet you.

See you on Sunday!

Grace and peace,

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