

# FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

*Unitarian Universalist*



Sunday, September 22, 2024  
*Autumn Poetry*

**The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L.  
Landrum**  
Minister

**Meg Rivers-Wright**  
Administration, Membership

**Rayla D. Baldwin-Mattson**  
Dir. of Religious Education

**Chris Hossfeld**  
Music Director

**Trevor Berens**  
Accompanist

**Justin Marble**  
Nursery Care Coordinator

**Mike Silkonis**  
Sexton

**Janet Beatrice**  
External Publicity

**Felix Freeman**  
Tech Assistant

**Brendon Chetwynd**  
President

**Trisha Guditz**  
Vice President

**Bill Froberg**  
Treasurer

**Johanna Pyle**  
Clerk

*First Parish is a Unitarian Universalist Association Welcoming Congregation.  
We warmly welcome gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people into our community.*

Large print orders of service and hymnals are available from an usher.  
Assisted Listening Devices are available when worship is in the Sanctuary.

FPC currently has a masks-optional policy throughout the church.  
In the Sanctuary, several back rows with accessible seating are "mask-required."

FPC is on the web at [fpc-stow-acton.org](http://fpc-stow-acton.org) and on Facebook.

September 22, 2024: 10:00

Gathering

**Prelude ★** “Die Nebensonnen,” *Winterreise* (1827) D911 Trevor Berens, piano  
Franz Schubert (1797-1828) Chris Hossfeld, tenor

**Welcome** Lisa Fagerstrom, Membership Committee

**Introit ★** “Die Krähe,” *Winterreise* Chris Hossfeld, tenor  
Franz Schubert Trevor Berens, piano

**Opening Words** “Autumnal Welcoming”  
Sarah Gettie McNeill

**Chalice Lighting** Cynthia Landrum

**\* Hymn #51** “Lady of the Season’s Laughter”

Centering

**\* Covenant and Affirmation**

Love is the spirit of this church,  
and service its law.

This is our great covenant:  
To dwell together in peace,  
to seek the truth in love,  
and to help one another.

From all that dwell below the skies  
let words of love and peace arise.  
Let joyful songs of praise be sung.  
through every land, by every tongue.

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Time for All Ages** Teacher Ingathering Rayla D. Baldwin-Mattson  
Director of Religious Education

**Minister:** We come together here today to install our teachers for this trimester and to celebrate the beginning of another year of learning together in our living tradition.

**Director of Religious Education:** As a learning community of all ages, we learn about and celebrate our Unitarian Universalist faith, world religions, and the work of social justice. We recognize the importance of each of you who volunteer in our Religious Education program. Much like the lantern that carries the light of our

★ See insert for song lyrics

\* Stand in body or in spirit

chalice to our RE program you are each a light that guides our children and youth as they journey on their path of developing their Unitarian Universalist faith. We honor you for sharing your time and talents with our children and youth knowing that their lives will be enriched by the time you spend with them.

**Parents, Children and Youth:** We come today with trust and joy as our children and youth take their next steps on their religious education road map with you. Here our children and youth will learn about our liberal religious heritage and about the ways we interact with the world with love and justice and compassion. We pledge to respect you, learn from you, and have fun with you. We know that we are also part of the teaching and learning community.

**Religious Education Teachers:** We are grateful for the trust placed in us, and for the opportunity to share our passions, our faith, our heritage, and our living tradition with the next generation, encouraging wonder and bending the arc of the universe towards love and justice.

**Congregation:** We value that we are a learning community together. We pledge to be teachers and learners along with you as we create this beloved community. In gratitude, trust, respect, and support, we, the members and friends of the First Parish Church of Stow and Acton, install you as our religious education teachers for this trimester – with great rejoicing!

## Going Forth with the Light

### Joys and Sorrows

Ingrid Holcomb, Lay Minister

Joys and Sorrows is a time for the things on our hearts and minds to be heard by the gathered community. If you would like a follow-up call by a lay minister or the minister, email [caring@fpc-stow-acton.org](mailto:caring@fpc-stow-acton.org).

### Meditation

“Fall Equinox Meditation”  
Lori Gorgas Hlaban

### \* Hymn #83

“Winds Be Still”

### Exploring

## Apple Communion

★ See insert for song lyrics

\* Stand in body or in spirit

## Sharing Our Gifts

This month we share our weekly offering with the Interfaith Partnership for Resettling Refugees. You may donate by check made out to First Parish Church, at [fpc-stow-acton.org/donate](http://fpc-stow-acton.org/donate), or text (978) 310-3309.

**Anthem ★**                                    “Frühlingstraum,” *Winterreise*                                    Chris Hossfeld, tenor  
Franz Schubert                                    Trevor Berens, piano

**Poetry and Reflections**                                    “On Autumn”                                    Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

### **Returning**

\* **Hymn #52**                                    “In Sweet Fields of Autumn”

\* **Benediction**                                    Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum



### \* **Closing Song**

Peace be with you ‘til we meet again!  
As life lays its task before you,  
keep love’s banner floating o’er you.  
Peace be with you ‘till we meet again.

**Postlude**                                    Impromptu in A flat Major, Op 142, No. 2                                    Trevor Berens,  
Franz Schubert                                    piano



### **Thank you:**

Kim Kinnear, Zoom Host  
Marcia Allison, Jamison House, Ushers  
Coffee Brewer, Kirsten Chetwynd    
Our staff and leadership

<b>Prelude</b>	“Die Nebensonnen,” <i>Winterreise</i> (1827) D911 Franz Schubert (1797–1828)	Chris Hossfeld, tenor Trevor Berens, piano
----------------	---	---

“Die Nebensonnen”	“The Mock Suns”
Drei Sonnen sah ich am Himmel steh’n, Hab’ lang’ und fest sie angeseh’n; Und sie auch standen da so stier, Als wollten sie nicht weg von mir.	I saw three suns standing in the sky; I gazed at them long and intently. And they, too, stood there so fixedly, as if unwilling to leave me.
Ach, meine Sonnen seid ihr nicht! Schaut Andern doch in’s Angesicht! Ja, neulich hatt’ ich auch wohl drei: Nun sind hinab die besten zwei.	Alas, you are not my suns! Gaze into other people’s faces! Yes, recently I, too, had three suns; now the two best have set.
Ging’ nur die dritt’ erst hinterdrein! Im Dunkeln wird mir wohler sein.	If only the third would follow, I should feel happier in the dark.
– Wilhelm Müller (1794–1827)	Translation: Richard Wigmore

<b>Introit</b>	“Die Krähe,” <i>Winterreise</i> Franz Schubert	Chris Hossfeld, tenor Trevor Berens, piano
----------------	---	---

“Die Krähe”	“The Crow”
Eine Krähe war mit mir Aus der Stadt gezogen, Ist bis heute für und für Um mein Haupt geflogen.	A crow has come with me from the town, and to this day, ceaselessly has been flying about my head.
Krähe, wunderliches Tier, Willst mich nicht verlassen? Meinst wohl bald als Beute hier Meinen Leib zu fassen?	Crow, you strange creature, will you not leave me? Do you intend soon to seize my body as prey?
Nun, es wird nicht weit mehr geh’n An dem Wanderstabe. Krähe, lass mich endlich sehn Treue bis zum Grabe!	Well, I do not have much further to walk with my staff. Crow, let me at last see faithfulness unto the grave.
– Wilhelm Müller (1794–1827)	Translation: Richard Wigmore

**Anthem**

“Frühlingstraum,” *Winterreise*  
Franz Schubert

Chris Hossfeld, tenor  
Trevor Berens, piano

“Frühlingstraum”

Ich träumte von bunten Blumen,  
So wie sie wohl blühen im Mai,  
Ich träumte von grünen Wiesen,  
Von lustigem Vogelgeschrei.

Und als die Hähne krächten,  
Da ward mein Auge wach;  
Da war es kalt und finster,  
Es schriegen die Raben vom Dach.

Doch an den Fensterscheiben  
Wer malte die Blätter da?  
Ihr lacht wohl über den Träumer,  
Der Blumen im Winter sah?

Ich träumte von Lieb' um Liebe,  
Von einer schönen Maid,  
Von Herzen und von Küssen,  
Von Wonne und Seligkeit.

Und als die Hähne krächten,  
Da ward mein Herze wach;  
Nun sitz' ich hier alleine  
Und denke dem Traume nach.

Die Augen schliess' ich wieder,  
Noch schlägt das Herz so warm.  
Wann grünt ihr  
Blätter am Fenster?  
Wann halt' ich mein Liebchen  
im Arm?

– Wilhelm Müller (1794–1827)

“Dream of Spring”

I dreamt of bright flowers  
that blossom in May;  
I dreamt of green meadows  
and merry bird-calls.

And when the cocks crowed  
my eyes awoke:  
it was cold and dark,  
ravens cawed from the roof.

But there, on the window panes,  
who had painted the leaves?  
Are you laughing at the dreamer  
who saw flowers in winter?

I dreamt of mutual love,  
of a lovely maiden,  
of embracing and kissing,  
of joy and rapture.

And when the cocks crowed  
my heart awoke;  
now I sit here alone  
and reflect upon my dream.

I close my eyes again,  
my heart still beats so warmly.  
When will you turn green,  
leaves on my window?  
When shall I hold my love  
in my arms?

Translation: Richard Wigmore



## **To our visitors, thank you for coming!**

We hope you find what you're looking for and that you'll come back. Here's how to keep connecting with our people and programs:

♥ **Watch these pages** for information about fall & winter Newcomer Coffees to meet the minister and other newcomers, and UU Journey classes to learn about UU history, spirituality, mission, and traditions.

♥ **Fill out a Visitor Card in your pew** or scan the QR code to complete the same form online.

♥ **Subscribe to our e-newsletters and email groups**

♥ **Check out our website, [www.fpc-stow-acton.org](http://www.fpc-stow-acton.org)**

There is so much happening at FPC! Visit our homepage and the "Church Life" tab to learn about our events & programs.



Visiting & Learning  
about FPC



Subscribe to  
E-Newsletters

## **Today at FPC**

- 9-9:45am Pre-Service Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 10am-1pm Apple Pie Sales, out front at Pie Shed
- 10-11am Service, Sanctuary & online
- 11am-12pm Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
- 11:30am-12:30pm Coming of Age Parent Orientation, Community Room
- 12-1pm Spiritual Conversations about Poetry, online  
You don't need to know anything about poetry to join Elizabeth Cobblah and Hector Constantzos for this deeply satisfying time of engaging with others through a poem. Contact one of us to attend: [ecobblah@fenn.org](mailto:ecobblah@fenn.org) or [Hconstantzos@gmail.com](mailto:Hconstantzos@gmail.com).
- 5-6:30pm Peace Vespers, Sanctuary

## **Religious Education**

**TODAY** - First day of RE classes for this program year!! We will also have a **parent orientation** for any youth who will be attending/participating in **Coming of Age** or who would like additional information before deciding. **Parents and youth are invited to attend the orientation.**

## This Week at FPC

23	SEP, MON	● 7 – 9pm	Jazz Band Rhrl (Sanctuary)
24	SEP, TUE	● All day ● 10 – 11am ● 4 – 6pm ● 7 – 8pm	Apple Collecting - Apple Pie Project (off site) Coffee & Chat (Gazebo) Dough Making - Apple Pie Project (Hall) RJTF meeting (Parlor/online)
25	SEP, WED	● All day ● 6:40 – 8:45pm	Apple Collecting - Apple Pie Project (off site) Meditation (Fellowship Hall & online)
26	SEP, THU	● 4 – 9pm ● 5 – 6pm ● 7 – 9:30pm	Apple Peeling/Prep - Apple Pie Project (Vestry) Peace Vigil (outside) Choir Rehearsal (Fellowship Hall)
27	SEP, FRI	● 6am – 12am ● 1 – 3:30pm	Baking/Bagging/Storage - Apple Pie Project (Hall) Bridge Group (Community Rm)
28	SEP, SAT	● 10am – 1pm ● 1 – 4pm	Apple Pie Sales (Pie Shed) FPC Art Committee Soul Collage Workshop (Hall)

### Next Services, Sanctuary & online

#### ► **Today, 5 PM** - Change Is Coming: An Equinox Celebration

FPC Music Director Chris Hossfeld and the FPC Choir will be joined by the bass clarinet ensemble Improbable Beasts for this special equinox celebration. This is a multi-faith service with music focused on finding peace in a time of change.

#### ► **Sunday, 9/29, 10 AM** - Guest Speaker, Molly Bajgot

Our study of world religions begins with guest presenter Molly Bajgot, a queer Jewish musician, educator, and activist who lives on Nipmuc & Pocumtuc land in Easthampton, MA. As a singer, songwriter, activist, and prayer leader, she writes songs to call us back to ourselves and original melodies to enliven Jewish liturgy.





## Announcements and Events

**September Plate Sharing - The Interfaith Partnership for Refugee Resettlement** is a group of seven local area churches that work together to help resettle refugees. FPC has been in partnership with the IPRR for almost three years. At our June 30 service, several members of the Asylum Seekers Task Force described our success with two Afghan families, allowing them to gain full independence. We are now assisting a large extended family from Rohingya (formerly Burma) who had been living in exile in Bangladesh for many years before their recent move to Lowell.

from Rohingya



Abdul

Nur Ariba Monowara Yasin Rozina Yeasmen



**RJTF Meeting** Tue, 9/24, 7-8 pm, Parlor/online

For information on how to join our meeting, please contact Katy Weeks [katy.brightleaf@gmail.com](mailto:katy.brightleaf@gmail.com) or Johanna Pyle [johanna.pyle@gmail.com](mailto:johanna.pyle@gmail.com).



**Reading and Meditation** Wed, 9/25, Fellowship Hall and online

6:40 - 7:20 pm Read & discuss *A Path with Heart*, by Jack Kornfield

7:20 - 7:30 pm Transition break

7:30 - 8:45 pm Meditation

# CHANGE IS COMING

---

## AN EQUINOX CELEBRATION

A service of peace with readings & music,  
featuring the First Parish Church Choir  
and the bass clarinet ensemble  
Improbable Beasts.  
All are welcome!

**5PM, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22**  
**FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW AND ACTON**  
**353 GREAT RD, STOW, MA 01775**

Learn more at [fpc-stow-acton.org](http://fpc-stow-acton.org)

## The Apple Pie Project is Up and Running!

Several choir members took home apples to peel after rehearsal Thursday night and other folks came by to clean and peel more during baking, so we were able to make 79 regular pies and 8 mini pies this week.

► So that folks can come peel in community next week we'll open the Vestry for peeling at 5:30 pm on WEDNESDAY, 9/2. (Peeling on Thursday from 4-9 as usual.) Please, everyone who can, sign up to peel!

► You can pick up apples and peel them at home OR in the Vestry.

Bring your favorite peeler and knife for use in the Vestry...the ones at church are old and tired.

► WE NEED GROCERY BAGS! If you have any to spare, please drop them in the sunflower seed bag next to the apple bins on Sunday. **Thanks again to all of you folks who put in extra effort so that we have a good number of pies to sell this week!** ♥ Rebecca and the Pie Project Team



Apple Pie  
Sign-up Genius

*Please sign up at the link under "News & Events" on the main FPC website page, or by using this QR code.*

We need your help to make the 300+ pies for our Apple Pie Fundraiser! No experience necessary...training and camaraderie will be provided! FPC's apple pies are a long-standing tradition as a fundraiser, fun group project, and culinary delight and require lots of volunteers to make it successful. You can sign up for:

**Wednesday: Dough making** (9/25, 10/2, and 10/9) usually between 4 and 6 pm but the day and time are flexible

Contact June Mallon - [june.pies@fpc-stow-acton.org](mailto:june.pies@fpc-stow-acton.org) – if you are interested. 2-3 people are needed each week.

**Tuesday or Wednesday: Apple collecting** (9/24-25, 10/1-2, and 10/8-9) during orchard hours

Contact Steve Evans ([steve.pies@fpc-stow-acton.org](mailto:steve.pies@fpc-stow-acton.org)) for information and to get official bags and directions. Please deposit your bags of apples into the bins located IN FRONT OF THE CARRIAGE SHED.

**Wednesday/Thursday: Apple peeling/prep** (9/25-26, 10/2-3, and 10/9-10) timing flexible

- When you sign up, please indicate how many bags of apples you intend to peel and **be sure to take that many bags**
- **Apples can be picked up after 4 pm on Wednesday** from the bins located IN FRONT OF THE CARRIAGE SHED.
- Take the apples home (or to the Vestry on Thursdays), wash them, peel them, core them, and cut them into pie slices. It is important to remove ALL skin, seeds, and tough bits around the seeds. Slices should be between ½ inch and 1 inch wide (i.e., if you use a device

## Apple Peeling/Prep cont'd:

- that cores and slices at the same time, you will need to cut each slice created in half lengthwise). Bags will be provided for storage of the cleaned apple slices.
- **The Vestry has been reserved from 4 to 9 pm** each week for folks who want to peel with other people at church. The group can divide up the tasks, so if you can wash apples but not peel, you can share the labor with the group!
- Drop off bags of prepared apple slices in the bins at the church before 9 pm Thursday. (NOTE: If you peel your apples on Wednesday, please refrigerate them until you deliver them on Thursday.)
- This year we have signups for someone to set up the Vestry for peeling on Thursdays and for someone else to put things away at the end of the evening.

**Friday Morning: Baking** (9/27, 10/4, and 10/11) any time after 6:30 am until 11 am or so

Sign up and come as early as you are able (baking set up starts at 6:30 am and work continues until the pies are all assembled...usually around 10-11 am). If you can only come for part of the shift, that's ok...every bit helps. All TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED.

**Friday Evening: Bagging** (9/27, 10/4, and 10/11) 7pm or later

Bagging will take place in the Fellowship Hall (or in the vestry classroom, depending on events scheduled at church) after 7 pm, when the pies are fully cooled. New folks will be trained and gloves will be provided.

**Saturday/Sunday Selling** (9/28-29, 10/5-6, and 10/12-13); from 9:45 am until the pies are sold (or 1 pm, whichever comes first)

We will sell from our pie shed again this year. Pies will be \$20 (but we may offer some smaller/less expensive pies as well this year...stay tuned!). The first week of sales will coincide with our Yard Sale on Sat. 9/21/24.

**Weekend Seller Coordinator** (9/28-29, 10/5-6, and 10/12-13); from 9:45-10 am and a half hour at the end of the shift

Sign up for a weekend to assist/get the cash box to the sellers and help tally up the proceeds each day.

**Questions/Comments/Concerns?** Please reach out to the Pie Project Coordinator, Rebecca Stadolnik, at: [applepies@fpc-stow-acton.org](mailto:applepies@fpc-stow-acton.org).



**THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING!!**