

2. For the structure that we raise time is with materials filled;  
our todays and yesterdays  
are the blocks with which we build.
3. Build today, then, strong and sure,  
with a firm and ample base;  
and ascending and secure shall tomorrow find its place.

**Sermon**                      *The Servants Entrance*  
The Rev. Julie-Ann Silberman-Bunn

**Returning**

**Hymn #287**                *Faith of the Larger Liberty*

1. Faith of the larger liberty, source of the light expanding,  
law of the church that is to be,  
old bondage notwithstanding:  
faith of the free! By thee we live--  
by all thou givest and shalt give our loyalty commanding.
2. Faith for the people everywhere, whatever their oppression,  
of all who make the world more fair,  
living their faith's confession:  
faith of the free! Whate'er our plight,  
thy law, thy liberty, thy light shall be our blest possession.

**Benediction**                      The Rev. Julie-Ann Silberman-Bunn

**Sung Benediction**

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 11:15 am**    *Andante espressivo in*                F. Mendelssohn  
Eb Major op.30 no.1    Sanghee Kim, piano



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# FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

*Unitarian Universalist*



**Sunday, October 17, 2021**

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum, Minister  
Michelle Cote, Director of Religious Education  
Deedee Perkins, Parish Administrator  
Brad Dumont, Music Director  
Sanghee Kim, Organist/Pianist  
Joleen Trotta, Welcoming & Membership Coordinator  
Mike Silkonis, Sexton  
Marissa Evans, Youth Coordinator  
Janet Beatrice, External Publicity  
Sharon Brownfield, President  
Jenni Edgerton, 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 to help everyone be a part of worship in the fullest way possible. Assisted Listening Devices are available when worship is in the sanctuary.

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

October 17, 2021  
9:30 and 11:15 AM

“Small service is true service.” ~ William Wordsworth

### Gathering

**Prelude**                      *Autumn Glow*                      Composer  
Sanghee Kim, organ

### **Welcome & Announcements**

**9:30 am:**                      Jamison House, Trustee

**11:15 am:**                  Neil Saunders, Worship Committee Chair

### **Greet Your Neighbor**

**Introit 11:15 am**            *Non nobis Domine*                      Anonymous  
FPC Choir

### **Call to Worship & Chalice Lighting**

*Why Do You Come John?*                      V. Stafford  
The Rev. Julie-Ann Silberman-Bunn

**Hymn #361**                  *Enter, Rejoice, and Come In*

1. Enter, rejoice, and come in. Enter, rejoice, and come in.  
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.
2. Open your hearts ev'ryone. (repeat)  
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.
3. Don't be afraid of some change. (repeat)  
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.
4. Enter, rejoice, and come in. (repeat)  
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

### **Covenant**

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.

### **Affirmation**

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.

### Centering

**Message for All Ages 11:15 am:**                      Michelle Coté,  
Director of Religious Education

### **Joys and Sorrows**

**9:30 am:**                      Carolyn Zettler, Lay Minister

**11:15 am:**                      Ingrid Holcomb, Lay Minister

### **Prayer or Meditation**

### **Sharing Our Gifts**

This month we share our weekly offering with  
Supporting Asylum Seekers

Checks may be made to “First Parish Church” and sent to:

Pledges: attn: Pledge Secretary, PO Box 215, Stow MA 01775

Donations: attn: Treasurer, 353 Great Rd, Stow MA 01775

or donate online at <https://fpc-stow-acton.org/donate>

or by text to (978) 310-3309.

### **Anthem**

**9:30 am:**                      *O Brother Sun*                      trad. Scottish,  
arr. J. Shelton  
Brad Dumont, vocals

**11:15 am:**                      *O Frondens Virga*                      H. Von Bingen  
arr. D. Collins  
FPC Choir

### Exploring

**Reading**                      *The Concept of Servanthood*                      W. Ackland

**Hymn #288**                      *All Are Architects*

1. All are architects of fate, working in these walls of time;  
some with massive deeds and great,  
some with ornaments of rhyme.

## OCTOBER PLATE SHARING SUPPORTING ASYLUM SEEKERS

We thank you for your contributions now and in the past toward Supporting Asylum Seekers! We are a small active Social Justice group at FPC, currently supporting the local asylum-seeker family of Gian Carlos and Keren and their 2 girls, who many of you met in person at our FPC summer Sunday Service.

Support takes many forms, from initial help with housing and medical issues, to employment, language, transportation, legal, school, and budgeting help. Some support requires time and care, and some additionally requires money. Beyond your generous donation, what can you do?

- Employ either adult once or occasionally, part time (contact Susie).
- Attend our Oct 13 6:30pm FPC Educational Forum, via Zoom, to learn about Aghan refugees and asylum seekers.
- Join us during a monthly meeting and other activities! (contact Susie O'Brien & Steve Evans, [asylumsupport@fpc-stow-acton.org](mailto:asylumsupport@fpc-stow-acton.org))

### 8<sup>TH</sup> PRINCIPLE DISCUSSIONS

No RSVP Required

- **Tuesday, October 19, 7pm with Rev. Cindy,** <https://tinyurl.com/fpc8pp>
- **Tuesday, October 26, 7pm -- Racial Justice Monthly Drop-In Discussion,** Zoom link to come

A proposal has been made for an 8th principle focused on anti-racism and other oppressions in Unitarian Universalism. Many congregations have endorsed the proposal, and the UUA Article II Commission is studying it for a proposal to come to the General Assembly. These sessions will be a time to discuss and to ask questions and discuss thoughts about the 8<sup>th</sup> Principle.

## FPC Announcements Sunday, October 10, 2021

### TODAY AT FPC

#### 9:30 Outdoor Worship Service

followed by “connections time”

*Masks and social distancing required*

*PreK-8<sup>th</sup> Grade RE Programs outside*

#### 10:30 Choir Rehearsal in Fellowship Hall

#### 11:00 Pie Sales!

*High School Discussion Group outside*

#### 11:15 Zoom Worship Service

followed by “connections time” breakout groups

### TODAY IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

#### 9:30 Children will go directly to their RE programs listed below.

Children and youth in grades PreK-8 will meet during this service.

All children and youth will go directly to RE and will not join in the service to help with social distancing. There will be a greeter directing everyone to their right spot.

#### Grades PreK-5 (meeting in the area near the lower parking lot)

This Sunday we will work on completing our Principles Projects.

#### Grades 6-8 (will meet in the area in front of the main door)

Junior Youth will meet to plan out their Halloween Activity for Trunk or Treat!

#### High School Discussion Group is meeting this Sunday at 11

The group will be discussing: Neurodivergence/Time Management

Please contact Michelle Cote, our Director of Religious Education, at [dre@fpc-stow-acton.org](mailto:dre@fpc-stow-acton.org) if you have any questions or concerns.

## THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 18-24, 2021

- Monday** Climate Change Task Force, 7:30pm, Zoom  
Sounds of Stow (Hall) 7:00-8:30pm
- Tuesday** Coffee & Chat 10-11:00am at the Gazebo town park  
8<sup>th</sup> Principle Discussion, 7:00pm Zoom  
Small Group Ministry, 7:00pm Zoom
- Wednesday** FPC Journey, 7:00pm, Zoom  
Uketarians Meet-Up, 7:00pm Zoom  
Small Group Ministry, 7:00pm Zoom  
Meditation, 7:25pm, Zoom
- Thursday** Staff Meeting, 12:30pm, Zoom  
Peace Vigil 5:00 pm in front of FPC  
Small Group Ministry, 7:15pm, Zoom  
Choir rehearsal 7:15-9:15pm (Hall)
- Saturday** Growing Victory Gardens, 9am
- Sunday** Spiritual Conversations, 10:15am, zoom

### NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021

**“Taking Up Space: The Fat Liberation Sermon  
Cindy’s Waited 20 Years to Give”  
The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum**

That’s right, in 20 years of ministry, Rev. Cindy has never preached a whole sermon on fat bias and fat acceptance. Now it’s time.

### COFFEE AND CHAT...

...will continue on Tuesdays mornings from 10-11AM.  
Meet at the Town Park adjacent to FPC. Wear a mask, dress for the weather, and bring your own coffee! If the weather is poor an FPC Announce will be posted with a link for a Zoom meetup instead. ~Ann Sadler

## TRUNK-OR-TREAT AT FPC!



**Between the services at 10:30 on Halloween, Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>,** we’re having a trunk-or-treat at FPC! Our first service will be a little shorter on October 31st to allow for time to trunk-or-treat. The Junior Youth are working to create an accompanying

haunted outdoor space for people to visit during this time, as well. Children and Youth are all welcome to trunk-or-treat, and can even bring a friend! ***Please stay tuned for further details from the youth!***

**Details:** Bring a bucket of NUT-FREE candy and decorate your car if you wish. Park in the main lot. With the exception of people needing to use the accessible parking spaces, people who do not wish to be part of the trunk-or-treat park by the library or on Common Road – thank you!

### THE UU JOURNEY AT FPC (AKA NEW2UU) A HYBRID 4-Session Course on UU History, Spirituality, Mission, and Traditions Wednesdays, 7-9pm:

- Oct. 20:** *Theology, Worship, & Spiritual Journeys*  
**Oct. 27:** *Unitarian, Universalist, UU, & FPC History*  
**Nov. 3:** *Polity, Governance, & Social Justice*  
**Nov. 10:** *FPC Traditions, Involvement, & Membership*

Our Minister, Rev. Cindy Landrum will lead the classes. There will be opportunities to share your own personal spiritual journey, ask questions, as well as get to know others at FPC.

You do not need to be new to FPC to participate. All are welcome! **This HYBRID course is being offered both In-Person AND Virtually.** Please indicate your preference when you register. **Registration Required:** contact Joleen Trota at [mdc@fpc-stow-acton.org](mailto:mdc@fpc-stow-acton.org) or call/text 774-276-027