

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist



Sunday, October 17, 2021

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

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 E_b Major op.30 no.1 -- F. Mendelssohn --
Sanghee Kim, piano

Thank you to: **Kim Kinnear**, Zoom Helper; **Jonathan Daisy** and **Brendon Chetwynd**, Technical Support; **Rachel Krebs**, Usher & Set-Up Help; **Brad Dumont**, **Lisa Fagerstrom** & **Cindy Landrum**, Orders of Service; and our **worship participants**, **staff**, and **leadership**.

FPC Announcements **Sunday, October 10, 2021**

TODAY AT FPC

9:30 Outdoor Worship Service

followed by “connections time”

Masks and social distancing required

PreK-8th 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 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

8th 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 31st, 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 Trotta at mdc@fpc-stow-acton.org or call/text 774-276-027

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)

8TH 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 8th Principle.