

September 11, 2022

10:00 AM

Gathering

Prelude *We Gather Together* Sanghee Kim, piano
A. Valerius

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome & Announcements
Sharon Brownfield, Board President

Greet Your Neighbor

Introit *Nibi Water Song* FPC Adult Choir
D. Day & Mashkoonce

*This song has been openly gifted by the writers, Doreen Day and her grandson Mashkoonce of the Migizi Clan of the Anishinawbe Tribe, to be sung by anyone in the Ojibwe language to give respect to the waters of the world. The words translate to:
“Water, we love you. We thank you. We respect you.”*

Opening Words *River Call*
Rev. Manish Mishra-Marzetti

Chalice Lighting

Hymn #361 *Enter, Rejoice, and Come In*
See insert for lyrics.

*** 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.

* *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Centering

Acting Director of Religious Education Commissioning

Christian Schmidt, adapted
See insert for responsive reading
Sharon Brownfield, Board President
Marissa Evans, Acting Director of Religious Education
& the Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Blessing of the Backpacks Marissa Evans,
Acting Director of Religious Education
& Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

RE Volunteer Commissioning
See insert for responsive reading.

Exploring

Sharing Our Gifts
*This month we share our weekly offering with
Open Table. See insert for donation options.*

Anthem *Water is Life* FPC Adult Choir
Sara Thomsen

Introduction to the Water Ceremony

Hymn #100 v. 1 *I've Got Peace Like a River*
See insert for lyrics.

Sharing the Waters of Joy

Hymn #100 v. 2 *I've Got Joy Like a Fountain*

Sharing the Waters of Sorrow

Hymn #100 v. 5 *I've Got Tears Like the Raindrops*

Prayer or Meditation The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Hymn #100 v. 6 *I've Got Strength Like a Mountain*

Returning

11th Hour Bell Ringing Introduction Rick Lent, Co-Chair
Climate Change Task Force

We will pause our service at 11:00 to hear our church bell chime the hour, and then will ring the bell in warning that this is the 11th hour in the climate change crisis.

11th Hour Bell Ringing

Religious Education Invitation

* **Hymn #1064** *Blue Boat Home*
See insert for lyrics.

* **Benediction**

* **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 *I. Allegro from Concerto a minor after A. Vivaldi BMV.593* Sanghee Kim, organ
J.S. Bach



Thank you to:

Sharon Brownfield, Zoom Helper;
Hector Constantzos, Tech Helper;
Rebecca and John MacNeill, Ushers ;
Coffee Hour Hosts;

and to our participants, staff, and leadership

Our flowers today are given by Keshava Srivastava,
in memory of Nollie Srivastava,
and those who died on September 11



* *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist



Sunday, September 11, 2022

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum, Minister
Marissa Evans, Acting Director of Religious Education
Deedee Perkins, Parish Administrator
Brad Dumont, Music Director
Sanghee Kim, Organist/Pianist
Mike Silkonis, Sexton
Janet Beatrice, External Publicity
Ben Child, Tech Assistant
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 and on Facebook.

Hymn #1064 *Blue Boat Home*

1. Though below me, I feel no motion
standing on these mountains and plains.
Far away from the rolling ocean
still my dry land heart can say:
I've been sailing all my life now,
never harbor or port have I known.
The wide universe is the ocean I travel
and the earth is my blue boat home.
2. Sun my sail and moon my rudder
as I ply the starry sea,
leaning over the edge in wonder,
casting questions into the deep.
Drifting here with my ship's companions,
all we kindred pilgrim souls,
making our way by the lights of the heavens in our
beautiful blue boat home.
3. I give thanks to the waves up holding me,
hail the great winds urging me on,
greet the infinite sea before me,
sing the sky my sailor's song:
I was born up on the fathoms,
never harbor or port have I known.
The wide universe is the ocean I travel,
and the earth is my blue boat home.

Acting Director of Religious Education Commissioning

Christian Schmidt, adapted

RE Chair (or President): We at the First Parish Church of Stow and Acton welcome you as into a new role in our community this morning. You have come to worship, play, work and grow among us. Ours is a free faith; we have no creeds and I invite you to join with us in the religious search for meaning and purpose in life, informed by your individual beliefs and the traditions of Unitarian Universalism.

Minister: You have agreed to join the staff of this church in a new role. This morning, I invite you to celebrate that commitment in worship and in our other activities. In this gathering, we lift up our voices in shared song, we bring ourselves before the holy in silence and in speech, we search together for meaning and truth in life, and we share the joys and sorrows of our lives with one another. Working here means being part of this gathered community, speaking out on the future of our congregation, offering and receiving the gifts of the spirit, supporting others and being supported in return. If you will join us in this mission and work, please say “I will.”

ADRE: I will.

Minister: Will the congregation please rise, and respond with the words printed in your order of service?

Congregation (All): We receive you with open hands and hearts. As you join us, we once again renew our own commitment to this religious community. We are proud and happy to have you among us. Welcome – *with great rejoicing!*

RE Volunteer Commissioning

Minister: We come together here today to install our Religious Education volunteers for this year and to celebrate the beginning of another year of being a learning community in our living tradition, where we learn about and celebrate our Unitarian Universalist faith, our Jewish and Christian heritage, world religions, and the work of social justice.

Director of Religious Education: We recognize the importance of each of you who volunteer in our program and 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. 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.

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. We pledge to respect you, learn from you, and have fun with you.

Religious Education Volunteers: 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.

Minister: Will the congregation please rise, and respond with the words printed in your order of service?

Congregation: We pledge to be teachers and learners along with you as we create this beloved community. In gratitude, trust, respect, and support, we commission you as our religious education teachers for this year – *with great rejoicing!*

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

Hymn #100 *I've Got Peace Like a River*

1. I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul. (in my soul)
2. I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. (in my soul)
3. I've got tears like the raindrops ...
4. I've got strength like a mountain ...

Sharing Our Gifts

Donate online at <https://fpc-stow-acton.org/donate>
or by text to (978) 310-3309
or mail checks made to “First Parish Church” to:
Pledges: attn: Pledge Secretary, PO Box 215, Stow MA
01775
Donations: attn: Treasurer, 353 Great Rd, Stow MA 01775

PLATE SHARE FOR SEPTEMBER



Open Table's Mission is to end hunger in the local community by providing healthy food in ways that respect the dignity and diversity of those served. Open Table achieves this mission by:

- Offering a wide variety of healthy and culturally appropriate food choices in the pantry and meal programs.
- Engaging a team of diverse, committed and passionate staff and volunteers.

COFFEE and CHAT

Tuesday mornings from 10AM-11AM



Meet at the Town Park adjacent to FPC.
Everyone welcome. Bring your own coffee!

Thank you!

~Ann Sadler

INGATHERING POT LUCK DINNER

Sunday, September 28, 2022

5:30pm - 7:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Newcomers are invited to arrive early for appetizers at 5:00!

Please sign up at the Church Life Table during Coffee Hour or email Hector Constantzos mdc@fpc-stow-acton.org

Please Bring Something (NUT FREE) to share enough for 8 people. ~Thanks



INGATHERING SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

- Service 10am-11am Sanctuary & On Line
- Coffee Hour 11am Fellowship Hall
- Spiritual Conversations Through Poetry 11:45am on line

This week in our Religious Education Program:

Immediately after the service today, all families are invited downstairs to see the classrooms and meet the teachers and other families.

At 11:30am, all RE volunteers - from Sunday teachers to youth group chaperones - are encouraged to join us for a 1/2 hour orientation in the Vestry. This is a time to get important safety information, connect with fellow volunteers, share wisdom, ask questions, and learn how to access additional resources.

Childcare will be provided in the lower fellowship hall for children up to 5th grade, and youth in grades 6 and up are welcome to go to the Youth Room. Snacks will be provided.

Club UU - Friday September 16th from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. A fun social gathering for children in grades K-5.

Ingathering Ice Cream Social!

Join us for our traditional ingathering ice cream social at Ericksons!



TODAY Sunday, September 11, 3:00 pm
Erickson's Ice Cream, 12 Great Road (Rt. 117),
Maynard

Choose ice cream or other treats, then meet up for fun and fellowship! If you are with us for the first time, look for the balloons some members will have.

THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 12-17

- Monday** SGM 6:45pm Hall
SGM 7:00pm Community Rm
Jazz Band 7:00pm Sanctuary
- Tuesday** Coffee & Chat at the Gazebo 10am-11am
Pie Crust 5:00pm Hall Kitchen
Climate Task Force 7:30pm zoom
- Wednesday** Collect Apples Wed & Thur
Meditation 7:25 pm zoom
- Thursday** Collect Apples
Peace Vigil 5:00pm front of church
Peel Apples 5:00pm Vestry
Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm Sanctuary
SGM 7:15pm Community Room
- Friday** Bake Pies 6:30am Bag & Store
Club UU 6:30pm Lower Hall
- Saturday** FPC YARD SALE 9am-1pm parking lot
Sell Pies 10:30 am Pie Shed
FPC Jazz Band 2:00-5:00pm
front of Hudson Town Hall

Next Sunday in Religious Education:

First Day of RE Classes - Sunday 9/18

Coming of Age Info Session - Sunday 9/18, 11:30am - noon



THE FPC JAZZ BAND PLAYS AT FPC AND OTHR VENUES

Saturday, Sept. 17 2:00- 5:00 p.m., public concert
outdoors at Hudson Town Hall, 78 Main St, Hudson

Add this new date to your calendars and bring a friend

FPC'S YARD SALE: Next Saturday September 17th

All are invited to participate in what has become an annual yard sale. Great opportunity to clean your house or garage of those items that are just too good to throughout and definitely could use a new home.

Here are the details:

DATE: Saturday, September 17th

TIME: 9:00 – 1:00

LOCATION: FPC parking lot

Two ways to participate:

- 1) Have a lot of stuff? Several boxes? RENT A TABLE!
 - FEE: \$25/a table
 - Set up will be at 8:00 am. We will handle publicity and help with table set up. It is a pack in/carry out arrangement. Each person or group manages their own table, makes their own change, and takes any unsold items away at the end of the sale. Questions? contact: Sharon (sharonbrownfield@gmail.com) or Ellen (e.kisslinger@gmail.com)
- 2) Have just a box or two? CONTRIBUTE TO FPC'S TABLE!
All proceeds will benefit FPC!
 - Items MUST BE PRICED! And in good working order.
 - Set-up for FPC's table will start at 7:00 am.
 - All unsold items will be taken to Savers at the end of the day.

FPC Table Qs? contact: susan.avery@verizon.net

Your friendly yard sale coordinators

Sharon Brownfield

Ellen Kissinger

Susan Avery

Green Marketplace: An Ongoing FPC Fundraiser Q and A

What is Green Marketplace (GM)? Green Marketplace is a forum for selling donated items to raise money for FPC. FPC members donate new or gently used items to GM and the FPC GM team lists the items on FPC Announce and on platforms such as Facebook Marketplace, Craigslist, and eBay. All proceeds go to FPC.

What types of items can be donated? All items should be very good condition, workable, and something you would buy. We only accept items that we think will sell for at least \$10. We have sold a wide range of items including pottery, shoes, furniture, tools, a ship's clock, a hanging lamp, bikes, unique children's toys like wooden blocks and train sets, an oriental rug, a pellet stove, artists' supplies, a set of fine china, and much more. Clothing generally does not sell unless it is a very unusual item.

How do I donate an item? Contact the GM Team at greenmarketplace@fpc.groups.io. Send us a description of your item, pictures (including any condition issues), and measurements. We will let you know if we think it will sell, and reserve the right to decline items based on our experience. The team will price items based on input from the donor, our experience, and on what similar items have sold for.

What happens if my item doesn't sell? If you still have possession of your item (we can't store things like furniture), we will let you know that we have been unable to sell it so you can dispose of it as you see fit. If we have collected your item, we will donate it if it does not sell.

How can I find out what is currently available through GM? We periodically post available items on FPC Announce. Many of the items are offered to FPC members and friends at a somewhat reduced rate than what is offered to the general public.

Green Marketplace is a great way to bring in funds from outside FPC to help finance our programs, building, and operations. Do you have anything to donate? Let us know! And keep us in mind next time you tackle cleaning out your cellar, attic, or garage!

~Sue Moses

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

"Belonging, Part 1: Love Draws a Circle"

Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

10:00 am in the Sanctuary and Online

This year we're using themes each month where we'll share a worship service at the beginning of the month on the theme, and then our religious education classes will continue to explore that theme for the month. Our theme for September is "Belonging," and we're kicking off our theme months with a two-part sermon series. This first service will explore "belonging" in a smaller way – what does it mean to "belong" to a family, a church, an organization, a community? Why do we value belonging?

Join Worship by Video: <https://tinyurl.com/22-23fpc>

Meeting ID: 999 7077 0266

Passcode: 01775

Join worship by phone: (929)205-6099 (long distance rates will apply)

Fall 2022 Apple Pie Project



The First Parish Church of Stow and Acton Apple Pie Project is a GO for fall 2022! See below for how we plan to make the Apple Pie Project happen this fall!

Dough making

Dough making will take place in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen. We have experienced volunteers who have offered to coach/supervise vaccinated folks in the dough making process. Volunteers will be asked to wear masks while in the building. Doughmaking days/times TBD, but generally happens sometime M-W.

Apple collecting

We will continue with the apple collecting process as we have the past few years, with *apples being collected on Tues. and Wed. from Shelburne Farm and delivered to the church by 4 pm Wed.*

Apple peeling/prep

We will continue to have volunteers collect apples at church to be washed, peeled, and sliced.

- Apples can be picked up by individuals from the church on Wednesday afternoons between the hours of 4-7 pm. The apples will be located in bins along the first two bays of the carriage shed.
- Peelers are asked to take the apples home, wash them, peel them, core them, and cut them into pie slices. Bags for the cleaned apple slices to be stored in will be provided.
- If folks want to gather in **the vestry to do apple prep on Thursdays, it is reserved from 5:00PM-9:00pm.** Current church masking protocols will apply and folks will be asked to make sure the space is clean and returned to its normal configuration before leaving at the end of the night.
- Peelers can drop off the apple bags and bags of slices in the bins at the church before 9 pm Thursday where volunteers will collect and store the apple slices overnight. (NOTE: If you choose to peel your apples on Wednesday or early on Thursday, please refrigerate them until you are ready to deliver them.)

Baking

Our Friday morning baking routine will be similar to last year. All volunteers will be asked to wear masks while in the building.

- Given that covid rates are holding steady, we will continue with our social distancing in the kitchen, generally allowing 3 individuals to space out along the counter along the windows to roll dough and 2 individuals at the metal table in the center of the kitchen for rolling/crimping.
- Filling the dough will take place in the Hall with individuals social distancing.

Bagging

Bagging will take place in the Fellowship Hall as usual. All baggers will be asked to wear masks in the building.

Selling

We may be returning to selling out of the pie shed this year. Sellers will be asked to wear a mask. .

Quantities/Price

How many pies we will be able to make depends on how many folks are willing to volunteer! We will plan to make our normal number of pies (roughly 80 a week) but will adjust as needed. Our plan is to keep the price per pie to \$18, which is in keeping with the price of pies at our local farm stands.

When to start/what to offer

- **Our current plan is to begin the project the week of Sept. 12nd,** with the first sales being on Saturday September 17th
- The project will run the usual 4 weeks, ending the weekend of Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day (**so our last weekend of sales will be October 8-9th.**)
- We will not be offering baked goods each week as the baked goods table folks plan to host their own event on a specific day.
- **Saturday Pie Sales 9:45am-1:00pm**
- **Sunday Pie Sales 10:45am-1:00pm**

Sign ups



Signing up in advance for roles in the pie project is important and appreciated.

The sign up form for the apple pie project is up and ready to be filled! Here is the link:

<https://tinyurl.com/fpc22pies>

If you have questions, comments, or concerns regarding the plans for the apple pie project this year, please reach out to the **Pie Project Coordinator, Rebecca Stadolnik, at applepies@fpc-stow-acton.org.**