

October 1, 2023 10:00 am

Gathering

Prelude *Improvisation* Trevor Berens, Piano

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome Chris Hossfeld, Music Director

Opening Words “Come Into this Circle of Community” Rev. Alice Anacheka-Nasemann
by Rev. Andy Pakula

Chalice Lighting Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum
& Rev. Alice Anacheka-Nasemann

* **Hymn #159** *This is My Song*

Centering

* **Unison Covenant**

Love is the doctrine of this church,
The quest for truth is its sacrament
and service is its prayer.
This is our great covenant:
To dwell together in peace,
to seek the truth in love,
and to help one another – to the end that all souls
shall grow in harmony with the divine.

...and Sung 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.

Time for All Ages Rayla D. Baldwin-Mattson,
Director of Religious Education
& Cindy Koegler, Youth Coordinator

Going Forth With the Light

Sharing Our Gifts

This month at FPC we share our weekly offering with Out MetroWest (see insert).
You may donate with a check made out to First Parish Church,
online at <https://fpc-stow-acton.org/donate>, or text to (978) 310-3309.



To donate to the Unitarian Church of Marlborough and Hudson, make checks out to UCMH and write UCMH in the memo line, too. You may also donate online using the Givelify App.

Offertory Song “Let it Breathe”
by Joe Jencks

Joys and Sorrows

Marcia Rising, Lay Minister

Meditation

Rev. Alice Anacheka-Nasemann

in Song: Spirit of Life #123

in Words: “Sometimes When We Pray” by Re. Angela Herrera

in Silence

Story Joe Jencks

Anthem *Come with Me* Joe Jencks & FPC Adult Choir
by Joe Jencks

Exploring

Homily Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Song “Going Home” Joe Jencks
by Joe Jencks

Returning

* **Hymn #1021** *Lean on Me*

Unison Extinguishing the Chalice

We have gathered in love, worshipped in hope and lifted our hearts in peace. We go now to share these blessings with the world.

* **Benediction** Joe Jencks

* **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 “*All Will Be Well*” Joe Jencks
by Joe Jencks

Announcements Rev. Alice Anacheka-Nasemann

Greet Your Neighbor

Thank you to:
 Rev. Cindy, Zoom Host
 Brendon Chetwynd, Tech Helper
 Marcia Rising, Carolyn Zettler, Ushers
 Peter Fisk, Rick Lent, & Sharon Brownfield, Coffee Hour Host
 and our staff and leadership



Land Acknowledgement

- ‡ We would like to acknowledge that this service is being held by a community that gathers on the stolen traditional lands of the Massachusett, Nipmuc, Pawtucket, and Wampanoag People.
- ‡ We pay respect to those Indigenous Peoples who lost their lives in the colonization of this land and recognize that these Indigenous tribes are still today facing violations of sovereignty, territory, and water.
- ‡ We also give thanks for the Earth we walk upon, the waters, the lifegiving plants, and all the Earth's creatures, as well as the winds, sun, moon, and stars.
- ‡ We recognize that this is just a first step in moving toward right relationship with Native peoples and healing of the Earth.

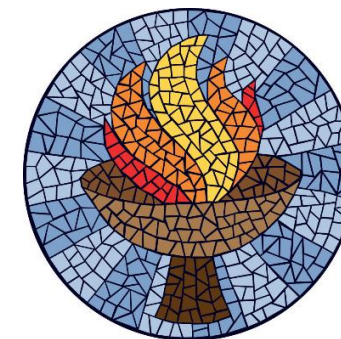


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- Sign our visitor log at tinyurl.com/visitfpc:
 We'll send you information on request.
- Come to Sunday's 10 am service and 11 am social hour, in person or online.
- Subscribe to our publications...
The Chronicle - monthly e-newsletter
This Week at FPC - weekly e-newsletter
FPCAnnounce & FPCForum - e-mail groups
 ...all at <https://www.fpc-stow-acton.org/subscribe-newsletters>.



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Unitarian Universalist



Sunday, October 1, 2023

**Guest Rev. Alice Anacheke-Nasemann &
 Musical Guest Joe Jencks**

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum
 Minister
Meg Rivers-Wright
 Administration and Membership
Rayla D. Baldwin-Mattson
 Director of Religious Education
Chris Hossfeld
 Music Director
Trevor Berens
 Accompanist

Cindy Koegler.....Youth Coordinator
 Mike Silkonis.....Sexton
 Janet Beatrice.....External Publicity
 Jenni EdgertonPresident
 Brendon Chetwynd.....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.

FPC currently has a masks-optional policy throughout the church. Several rows in the back of the Sanctuary are designated "mask-required". They are a greater distance from unmasked speakers and the choir, and include accessible seating.

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

ONLINE SUPPLEMENT PAGE: Information for folks joining us online

1. Closed captioning is available for FPC's online services. If you don't see captions on your screen, you can use the button at the bottom of your screen to request that the host turn them on.
2. Today's Zoom Host is **Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum**.
3. Hymn lyrics will be in a slide presentation.



Sharing Our Gifts

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