

October 15, 2023
10:00 am

Gathering

Prelude "The Split Generation" Trevor Berens, piano
from *Connected: The Musical*
by Kathryn Denney

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome Marcia Allison,
Worship Committee

Introit "You're Gonna Fly" FPC Adult Choir
from *Connected: The Musical* Trevor Berens, piano
by Kathryn Denney

Opening Words Kathryn Denney

Chalice Lighting

* **Hymn 188** Come, Come whoever you are

Centering

* **Covenant and Affirmation**

Love is the spirit of this church, and service its law.	Diverse in culture, nation race, We come together by your grace.
This is our great covenant: To dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.	O let us be a meeting ground Where hope and healing love are found.

Time for All Ages *When Aidan Became a Brother* Thalia Hyland
by Kyle Lukoff (Author)
& Kaylani Juanita (Illustrator)

Going Forth with the Light

* *Rise in Body and Spirit*

Joys and Sorrows

Ingrid Holcomb, Lay Minister

Meditation/Prayer

Introduction to Offering Karen Kinnear

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.

Anthem "Bursting with Pride" FPC Adult Choir
from *Connected: The Musical* Trevor Berens, piano
by Kathryn Denney

Reading Excerpt from *Agaric* Katy Weeks
by Raven Adrielle

* **Solo** *My Pride and Joy* Kathryn Denney
from *Connected: The Musical*
by Kathryn Denney

Exploring

Sermon Kathryn Denney

Returning

* **Hymn #170** Singing for Our Lives

* **Closing Words**

Postlude Act 2 Finale Trevor Berens, piano
from *Connected: The Musical*
by Kathryn Denney

For more valuable information on transgender resources,
please follow on Instagram or Facebook:

@PinkMantaray
@raindovemodel
@Transgender_Together



Thank you to:

Kim Kinnear, Zoom Host
Hector Constantzos, Tech Helper
Kate Imhoff, Nick Francis, Ushers
Mark Kenig, Troy Liston, & Brendon Chetwynd, Coffee Hour Hosts
and our staff and leadership
Our flowers today are given by Martha Morrison



How to Connect with First Parish Church:

- 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>.

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist



Sunday, October 15, 2023

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

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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.*

To help everyone be a part of worship in the fullest way possible,
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.
We have designated several rows in the back of the Sanctuary as "mask-required."
These seats are a greater distance from unmasked speakers and the choir, and include
accessible seating.

FPC is 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 **Kim Kinnear**.
3. Hymn lyrics will be in a slide presentation today.



Sharing Our Gifts

If you are mailing a pledge or a donation, here is the information:

Pledges:

Attn: Pledge Secretary
PO Box 215
Stow, MA 01775

Donations:

Attn: Treasurer
353 Great Rd
Stow, MA 01775

Announcements begin on next page

** Rise in Body and Spirit*

October Plate Sharing:



Out MetroWest is a non-profit organization that offers free programs for LGBTQ+ young people from pre-K through high school, including specific programs for trans and gender expansive children and youth. Out MetroWest offers a safe and welcoming physical space for youth and their families to be themselves, to find friends and support. Out MetroWest offers nearly 20 programs each month at 6 locations including their center in Framingham and satellite locations in Acton, Medway, Needham, Waltham and Westborough. The director of Out MetroWest is FPC's former Youth Coordinator, Whitney Retallic. For more information see OUTMetrowest.org.



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 Massachusetts, 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.

* *Rise in Body and Spirit*

Today at FPC

10 am.....**Service**, Sanctuary/online
.....**Apple Pie Sales – Final!** Pie Shed in front, until 1pm or whenever pies are gone
11 am.....**Coffee Hour**, Fellowship Hall
2 pm.....**Walk Against Hate**, Acton-Boxboro Regional High School, Upper Gym
7-8 pm....**Artist's Way Practice**, online

*1-2:30 pm....**Free Seminar: Local Services Available to Seniors**, Fellowship Hall

Janice Long, Director of the Hudson Senior Center, &
Anna Salomao, Social Services Associate

will provide information on local services available to seniors, including...

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| ✓ free senior transportation | ✓ health and wellness programs |
| ✓ assistance with health care & health insurance issues | ✓ nutrition programs |
| ✓ field trips | ✓ meals |
| ✓ other entertainment options | ✓ caregiver support |
| ✓ free help that is available for navigating Medicare | ✓ outreach & referral services |
| | ✓ adult daycare |
| | ✓ social events |

Sponsored by the FPC Endowment Committee.

Questions: John Kendrick, 202-368-6790 or johnburkskendrick@gmail.com.

This Week in Religious Education

This Sunday the Junior Youth, 2nd-5th grades, and PreK-1st grades will all have class after a Time For All Ages

The DRE is currently away attending a UU professional conference in Milwaukee, WI. She will be back next week.



Last week, thanks to Rebecca Stadolnik, the lower grades had a successful fire drill with the Stow Fire Department. The DRE would like to thank her so much for all of her hard work in keeping our congregation safe.



Please let the DRE, Youth Coordinator, or any member of the RE Committee know if you're interested in these volunteer opportunities. Thank you!

- 1) **Halloween celebration** on Sunday, October 29 at 5 pm. We need lots of help for the social time in Fellowship Hall.
- 2) **The Mummer's Play** We are so excited to hold this again in person this December! Please help or participate in the play.

This Week at FPC: October 16–21

17	OCT, TUE	● 10 – 11am	Coffee & Chat (Gazebo)
		● 11:30am – 1pm	Membership Committee mtg. online
		● 7 – 9pm	3rd Tuesday Group, SGM (Community Room)
		● 7 – 9pm	Board of Trustees Mtg. (Fellowship Hall)Room)
		● 7 – 9pm	FPC Social Justice Fall meeting
18	OCT, WED	● All day	The Chronicle: Submission Deadline for next month's issue
		● 12 – 1pm	Worship Committee (online)
		● 7 – 9pm	Ukulele Meetup (Comm Rm)
		● 7:30 – 9:30pm	3rd Wednesday Group, SGM (Community Room)
		● 7:30 – 8:30pm	Meditation (Fellowship Hall & online)
19	OCT, THU	● 9:30 – 11:30am	Archives Committee (Hall)
		● 1:30 – 2:30pm	Arts Committee mtg. (online via Zoom)
		● 5 – 6pm	Peace Vigil (outside)
		● 7:15 – 9pm	Choir Practice (Hall)
		● 7:30 – 9:30pm	3rd Thursday Group, SGM (Community Room)
20	OCT, FRI	● 1 – 3:30pm	Bridge Group (Community Rm)
21	OCT, SAT	● 9 – 10am	Garden Conversations (online)

10/22 Next Sunday's Service: 10am, Sanctuary/Online/Phone

“Fall Sermon Series on Spiritual Practice Types, Part 3: Unity”

Our four-part sermon series on spiritual practice types and connecting them to personality types continues with the "Journey of Unity."

* *Rise in Body and Spirit*

FPC Upcoming Events

Live links in our weekly e-newsletter, *This Week at FPC*.

Ukelele Meetup Wed 10/18, 7-9 pm, Community Room

Ukulele group monthly meeting. Come and play...with a Halloween theme!

Garden Conversations Sat, 10/21, 9 am, Online

Please join us to share questions, tips and sometimes resources for the gardening season. Gardeners with all levels of experience are invited to join the conversation. Contact Rick Lent at rickmlent@gmail.com for the Zoom link.

Reading & Meditation Every Wed 10/18-12/20 (except 11/22), in Fellowship Hall

6:40 - 7:20 pm Gather to read and discuss *A Path with a Heart*, by Jack Kornfield

7:20 - 7:30 pm Transition break

7:30 - 8:45 pm Meditation

Memorial Garden Planting Event Next Sun, 10/22, right after service

FPC's
Memorial Garden Dedication
will take place on Nov 5
during the All-Souls service.
To ensure the garden's
readiness, the Memorial
Garden Committee is
holding one
more volunteer event.
We would love a crowd
to help with these jobs...

Plant 8 big bushes,
16 perennials, and
more pachysandra: **

Remove bittersweet
from a tree

Lay river rock
in our ceremonial
All-Souls bed

Come dressed
accordingly.

We have latex gloves
& ample tools,
or feel free to bring
your own.

Contact
[sonja.furieux@
gmail.com](mailto:sonja.furieux@gmail.com) with
questions.

*Yes, we need more! The bed is huge, and we need coverage, so your pachysandra donations are critical. Please bring what you can spare to the event or drop it off the Friday (10/20) or Saturday (10/21) prior in front of the landscape bay.