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Thank you to: Zoom Host Joe Stadolnik, Tech Helper Felix Freeman, Tech Assistant Nancy Cataldo and Judy Holmes, Ushers Jeff Brown, Coffee Hour Host and our staff and leadership

Our flowers today are given by Dave Kay and Katy Weeks in memory of members of our families who have gone before

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### How to Connect with First Parish Church:

 <u>Sign our visitor log at tinyurl.com/visitfpc</u>: We'll send you information on request.

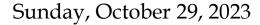


□ Come to Sunday's 10 am service and 11 am social hour, in person or online.

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# FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON Unitarian Universalist



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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. Several rows in the back of the Sanctuary are designated "mask-required." They are a greater distance from unmasked speakers and include accessible seating.

FPC is on the web at <u>fpc-stow-acton.org</u> and on Facebook.



# October 29, 2023 10:00 am

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Prelude	"Verrufene Stell	le" (Condemned Place)	Trevor Berens, piano		by Elizabeth G
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<b>Opening Words</b>		The Rev	v. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum	Anthem	"Psaln from the Bay Psalm
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* Hymn #1067	<b>1 #1067</b> "Mother Earth, Beloved Garden "			<ol> <li>I lift my soul to thee, O Lord,</li> <li>My God I trust in thee, Let me not be asham'd, nor let</li> </ol>	
Centering				my foes joy over me.	
* Covenant and AffirmationLove is the spirit of this church, and service its law.From all that dwell let words of love an Let joyful songs of j through every land,To dwell together in peace,through every land,		nd peace arise. f praise be sung	3 Yea, let not them that wait on thee; be fill'd with shamefulness, But let them all ashamed be, who causelessly transgress.		
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Going Forth with the	e Light			-	Dunungu
Joys and Sorrows			Kate Hart, Lay Minister	* Benediction	
Prayer or Meditation * Hymn #52		"Sweet Fields of Autumn"		* 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	"It Was Always

### Excerpt from The Witch of Blackbird Pond Reading by Elizabeth George Speare S C we share our weekly offering with Out MetroWest (see insert). vith a check made out to First Parish Church, oc-stow-acton.org/donate, or text to (978) 310-3309. "Psalm 25" FPC Adult Choir from the Bay Psalm Book (1640/1698) Trevor Berens, piano thee, O Lord, 4 Thy ways, Jehovah to me show, thy paths make me discern, in thee. 5 Make thou me in thy truth to go, asham'd, nor let 6 and cause thou me to learn. er me. 10Jehovah's paths they mercy are; em that wait on thee; hamefulness, and truth all of them too, l ashamed be, To them that keep his covenant, and testimonies do. y transgress. "FPC & the Salem Witch Trials" The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

**Exploring** 

## Returning

"Building a New Way"

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

# vith you 'til we meet again! s its task before you, s banner floating o'er you.

"It Was Always You, Helen" **Philip Glass** 

Trevor Berens, piano

# **October Plate Sharing:**

# METROWEST

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 <u>OUTMetrowest.org</u>.

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### 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.
    - <sup>‡</sup> 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.
      - If We recognize that this is just a first step in moving toward right relationship with Native peoples and healing of the Earth.

# **Today at FPC**

10 am.....**Service**, Sanctuary/online 11 am....**Coffee Hour,** Fellowship Hall 5-7 pm **Halloween Party**, Lower Hall

# This Week in Religious Education

See our weekly e-newsletter, This Week at FPC, for details.

### Today 10/29

Explorations for HSHalloween party prepGr.6-8Halloween party prepGr.K-5Halloween fun day

# Thu 11/9 & Sun 11/12



Our Whole Lives: Lifespan Sexuality Education -Parent orientation for next OWL session in January 2024.

<u>5 pm</u>: Youth group haunted house and **RE Halloween Party**: Haunted room,

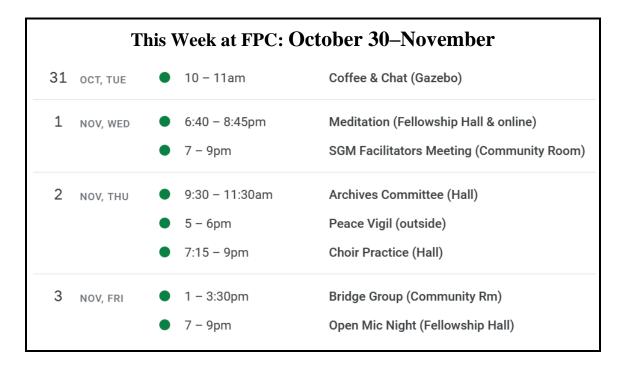


games & prizes, crafts, movies. Please bring your favorite dish for our potluck!

Sun 11/5 Children & Youth Children's Chapel.

Sun 11/12 after worship <u>RE Meet & Greet</u>

<u>Please contact our DRE as soon as</u> <u>possible</u> if your youth in grades 7-9 would like to participate or if your older youth who missed out during covid would like to, too.



# <u>Next Sunday's Service</u>: 11/5, 10am, Sanctuary/Online/Phone "All Souls Day Celebration and Memorial Garden Dedication"

- Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum - Bring photos or mementos or upload pictures to <u>https://tinyurl.com/fpcallsouls23</u> to share as we remember those in our lives who died this year. The service will include a special dedication of our new Memorial Garden. In addition, children will go straight to our new monthly "Children's Chapel" and then join the rest of us in the Memorial Garden.

# **FPC Upcoming Events**

## Reading & Meditation Every Wed 10/18-12/20

(but 11/22), Fellowship Hall 6:40 - 7:20 pm Read & discuss *A Path with Heart*, by Jack Kornfield 7:20 - 7:30 pm Transition break 7:30 - 8:45 pm Meditation



# Open Mic Night Fri 11/3, 7 pm in Fellowship Hall



Please join us as a performer, listener, or both! Share a song, story, poems, spoken word/dance/movement, instrumental piece, or whatever else you'd like. All ages are welcome & encouraged to participate! Last year's attendees were *very* supportive, so don't be shy! Refreshments provided.

Contact Katy Weeks to sign up: <u>katy.brightleaf@gmail.com</u>

# <u>The UU Journey at FPC</u>: Sun 11/5 and 12/10, 12 -2:30 pm A Two-Session Course on UU History, Spirituality, Mission, and Traditions



Rev. Cindy Landrum leads class Opportunities to share your own spiritual journey, ask questions, and get to know others in the church.

You do not need to be new to FPC to participate. All are welcome!

Please contact Meg Rivers-Wright, Parish Administrator, at <u>office@fpc-stow-</u> <u>acton.org</u> or <u>617-291-3351</u>

# **ONLINE SUPPLEMENT PAGE: Information for folks joining us online**

1. <u>Closed captioning</u> 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
- 3. <u>Hymn lyrics</u> will be in a slide presentation today.

# **Sharing Our Gifts**

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

<u>Pledges</u> :
Attn: Pledge Secretary
PO Box 215
Stow, MA 01775

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