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

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*The Chronicle* - monthly e-newsletter

*This Week at FPC* - weekly e-newsletter

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**FIRST PARISH  
CHURCH  
OF STOW & ACTON**  
*Unitarian Universalist*



Sunday, November 5, 2023

**The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum**  
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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 [fpc-stow-acton.org](https://www.fpc-stow-acton.org) and on Facebook.

November 5, 2023: 10:00

**Gathering**

**Prelude** *Nocturnal* Trevor Berens, piano  
Ola Gjeilo

**Land Acknowledgement & Welcome** Ruth Lull, Board of Trustees

**Opening Words** Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

**Chalice Lighting**

\* **Hymn #103** *For All the Saints*

**Centering**

\* **Covenant and Affirmation**

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.

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.

**Introduction to Memorial Garden** Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

**Recognition of Memorial Garden Committee**

**Plate Sharing Introduction** Tess Homan

**Sharing Our Gifts**

This month we share our weekly offering with **The Food Project**.  
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** *In My Life* lyrics on next page FPC Adult Choir  
John Lennon & Paul McCartney Trevor Berens, piano  
arr. Greg Jasperse

“In My Life” by John Lennon and Paul McCartney, Arr. Greg Jasperse

1 There are places I'll remember  
All my life, though some have changed.  
Some forever, not for better,  
Some have gone and some remain.

4 Though I know I'll never lose affection  
For people and things that went before.  
I know I'll often stop and think about them.  
In my life, I love you more

2 All these places had their moments  
With lovers and friends, I still can recall.  
Some are dead and some are living.  
In my life, I've loved them all.

5 There are places I'll remember  
All my life, though some have changed.  
Some forever, not for better,  
Some have gone and some remain.

3 But of all these friends and lovers  
There is no one compares with you,  
And these memories lose their meaning,  
When I think of love as something new.

6 Though I know I'll never lose affection  
For people and things that went before.  
I know I'll often stop and think about them.  
In my life, I love you more

**In Memoriam**

*You are invited to place a memento or photo on our altar, and to label a rock with a name or symbol. Please take the rock with you to place in the Memorial Garden.*

**Prayer or Meditation**

**Transitioning**

\* **Going Forth with the Light**

*Please join us in the Memorial Garden for the dedication. For those who choose to remain in the Sanctuary and those who are online, we will continue to livestream the service.*

\* **Processional Song #95** *There Is More Love Somewhere*

1. There is more love somewhere.  
There is more love somewhere.  
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it.  
There is more love somewhere.
2. There is more hope somewhere...
3. There is more peace somewhere...
4. There is more joy somewhere...

## Memorial Garden Dedication

### Placing the Lanterns

### Opening Words

Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

### Reading

“Reluctance”  
Robert Frost

### Blessing the Rocks

### Anthem

*Vieni Spirito Creatore* FPC Adult Choir  
Jacques Berthier  
Translation: *Come, Spirit of Creation*

*During the Choir’s song, you are invited to place your rocks in the designated bed.*

### Dedication of Garden

*Please join in these words of dedication*

May the paths of this garden remind us of the paths of life:

*We come through different ways and have different beliefs about life and death,  
and that we honor each person’s journey.*

May the plants in this garden remind us of nature:

*We create this garden in recognition of the earth and all its creatures, and our  
part in the interdependent web.*

May the rocks in this garden remind us of the eternal:

*Throughout the seasons of our life, the rocks remain, honoring those that have  
come before us and honoring us in our time.*

May the benches in this garden remind us of community:

*We create space in this garden for loved ones to sit and rest as they remember, as  
we remember that the living are who this garden is for, as much as for the dead.*

With this we dedicate this memorial garden, of the First Parish Church of Stow and Acton.

*May it be a place of memory, of love, of peace. May it be a place of connection to  
the earth, and a connection to past and future.*

## Returning

### \* Benediction

### \* Closing Hymn #205

*Amazing Grace*

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch\* like me!  
I once was lost but now am found,  
was blind but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to  
fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!
3. Through many dangers, toils and  
snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.
4. When we've been there ten thousand  
years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.

### **Thank you to:**

Kim Kinnear, Zoom Host  
Felix Freeman, Tech Assistant  
Nancy Cataldo and Judy Holmes, Ushers  
Kirsten Chetwynd, Coffee Hour Host  
and our staff and leadership

Our flowers today are given by Johanna Pyle  
in memory of our parents.

## November Plate Sharing



The Food Project

At The Food Project, we believe that everyone has the right to fresh, healthy, affordable food. Our goal is to transform the food system into a more just, community-engaged model that supports food security for all while connecting diverse communities to each other and to the land.

Young people are the driving force of The Food Project. They work on our farms and with community members to realize the right to food that nourishes our communities and the planet we share. Each summer, we employ 140 teenagers on 70 acres of urban and suburban farmland in Lincoln, Wenham, Boston, and Lynn. On Saturdays throughout the academic year, a smaller cohort builds raised bed gardens, leads educational workshops, and learns together about food and social justice.

We focus our food security efforts on the two communities we are most deeply connected to: Boston's Dudley neighborhood and the City of Lynn.

<https://thefoodproject.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.

## Today at FPC

10 am.....**Service/Memorial Garden Dedication**, Sanctuary/online/Garden

11 am.....**Coffee Hour**, Fellowship Hall

Tickets on sale for the Nov 11 Polarized Guru concert

12 pm....**UU Journey Class**, Session 1, Community Room

## This Week in Religious Education

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

**Today** is our first

### **Chapel for Children and Youth:**

10 am.....Meet in the Community Room

10:15.....Senior Youth head to class

10:30(ish)..We will meet the adults at the Memorial Garden for the dedication.

### **Thu 11/9 & Sun 11/12**

#### **Our Whole Lives: Lifespan Sexuality Education -**

Parent orientation for next OWL session in January 2024.



Please contact our DRE as soon as possible 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.

### **Fri, 11/10 6:30-8:30pm Club UU**

Youth ages 4-11 are invited to join Youth Coordinator Cindy Koegler and Club UU veteran Justin Marble for a night of gratitude and fun.

### **Sun, 11/12** after worship

Cindy Koegler,  
our Youth  
Advisor, and  
Rayla D.

Baldwin-

Mattson, our DRE, will have a **meet and greet**. It will be a chance for the children, youth, family and anyone else who would like to get to know us better a chance to do so. We will be sharing a bit more about ourselves and what we will be working on at FPC for the remainder of the church year.



## This Week at FPC: November 6 – 11

7	NOV, TUE	● 10 – 11am	Coffee & Chat (Gazebo)
8	NOV, WED	● 6:40 – 8:45pm	Meditation (Fellowship Hall & online)
9	NOV, THU	● 9:30 – 11:30am	Archives Committee (Hall)
		● 5 – 6pm	Peace Vigil (outside)
		● 7:15 – 9pm	Choir Practice (Hall)
10	NOV, FRI	● 9:30 – 11:30am	2nd Friday Group, SGM (Community Room)
		● 12 – 8pm	Guest Table, prep-serve-clean (Hall/Kitchen)
		● 1 – 3:30pm	Bridge Group (Community Rm)
		● 6:30 – 8:30pm	Club UU (Community Room; Sanctuary for Hide & Seek))
11	NOV, SAT	● 7:30 – 9am	Saturday Morning Breakfast (Hall)
		● 12 – 5pm	Sounds of Stow Chorus & Orchestra rehearsal (Hall)
		● 5 – 10pm	New Revival Coffeehouse Benefit Concert: Polarized Guru (Hall, Youth Rm)

**Next Sunday's Service:** 11/12, 10am, Sanctuary/Online/Phone

### “Roots and Wings”

- Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum – This service will look at FPC's heritage, future, and the importance of community

## 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,*

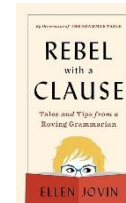
by Jack Kornfield

7:20 - 7:30 pm Transition break

7:30 - 8:45 pm Meditation



### FPC Book Club Tue. 11/7, 7 pm on Zoom



We'll be discussing the book, *Rebel with a Clause* by Ellen Jovin. You thought grammar was dull and boring... Ellen Jovin embarked on a delightful journey around the country setting up a "grammar table" having very interesting conversations with people around issues of grammar. Contact Sharon Brownfield at [sharonbrownfield@gmail.com](mailto:sharonbrownfield@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

### Guest Table Fri 11/10

5:30 pm-6:30 pm ~Doors open at 5 ~All are Welcome ~No Charge



**The New Revival Coffeehouse** Sat. 11/11 will open a stellar '23-'24 season with a concert by jazz fusion band, Polarized Guru, in a concert to benefit First Parish Church. Tickets for the **Polarized Guru concert** will be on sale at coffee hour.

Tickets at the advance sale price of \$17 are also available at EventBrite, with a processing fee. Tickets the day of the concert are \$20.

Polarized Guru plays jazz, Latin, and fusion, and much of their repertoire is original compositions.



**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: **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