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Our flowers today are given by Marcia Rising
in honor of all those men and women of our Greatest Generation.



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



Sunday, November 12, 2023

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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 12, 2023 10:00 am

Gathering

Prelude "The Birch Tree" Trevor Berens, piano
Jean Sibelius

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome Andy Derr, Stewardship Committee

Net Zero Update Sharon Brownfield,
Climate Change Task Force

Opening Words The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Chalice Lighting

* **Hymn #347** "Gather the Spirit"

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 Stewardship Campaign Andy Derr, Stewardship Committee

Time for All Ages Rayla D. Baldwin-Mattson
Director of Religious Education

Going Forth with the Light

Joys and Sorrows Ingrid Holcomb, Lay Minister

Prayer or Meditation

* **Hymn #123** "Spirit of Life"

* *Rise in Body and Spirit*

Exploring

Congregational Reflection



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Homily "Roots" The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Sharing Our Gifts

This month at FPC we share our weekly offering with The Food Project (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 "Be the Change" FPC Adult Choir
Music: Marc Caplan and Colin Brit Trevor Berens, piano
Words: attributed to Ghandi, adapt.

Be the change you want to see in the world,
And change will come to you.
Be the voice you want to hear in the world,
And change will come to you.
Be the light you want to shine in the world,
And change will come to you.

Congregational Reflection, Part II

Homily "Wings" The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Returning

* **Hymn #1028** "Fire of Commitment"

* **Benediction** The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

* **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 "Butterfly" Trevor Berens, piano
Edvard Grieg

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/>

South East India Project is collecting donations of vitamins and photos

We are again collecting items for the children at WIDE Children's Home, an orphanage for Dalit children (formerly Untouchables) in SE India. It has, however, become difficult to put together friendship kits (four, 50-lb boxes) and transport them all the way to India, which requires many hours of arduous travel. We want to make this a bit easier by collecting only the usual photos of your families plus a year's worth of children's vitamins (in large plastic jars) and a year's worth of toothpaste. We will attempt to pick up other items in India. We would like it if you (and your child) would include letters in which you can tell a little about yourselves and receive back a photo and perhaps a letter from a child in India. This could spark meaningful conversation around the kitchen table. We will begin collecting photos, toothpaste, and vitamins today after service today.



- Russell Hart, on behalf of Bob and Vicky Tabor

Today at FPC

9 am.....**Open Choir**, Sanctuary
10 am.....**Service**, Sanctuary/online
11 am.....**Coffee Hour**, Fellowship Hall
.....**Religious Education Meet and Greet**
12 pm.....**Spiritual Conversations about Poetry**, Parlor and Online
2-4 pm....**Craftivism**, Vestry
7-8 pm....**Artist's Way Practice**, online

This Week in Religious Education

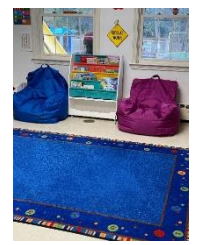
Today there will be a *Time for All Ages* followed by age-appropriate classes for all grade levels.

After worship – Meet & Greet with Cindy Kogler, our Youth Advisor, and Rayla D. Baldwin-Mattson, our DRE. A chance for children, youth, family, and anyone else to get to know us better. 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.



Last week we had our first Chapel for Children and Youth. It was very well attended, and they were full of thoughts and ideas. We will continue to have Chapel on a regular basis. More information to follow.

The two youngest children of the DRE plan to join their parent each week here at FPC. They enjoy being in community with you all and feel so welcomed here. Since they spend long hours here on Sunday and sometimes during the week, the DRE is working to make the DRE office a more welcoming place for them. If you have one or two bean bags or something similar that you wouldn't mind donating, Rayla would be happy to accept them. Thanks.



This Week at FPC: November 13 – 18

13	NOV, MON	● 7 – 9pm	2nd Monday Group, SGM (Parlor)
		● 7 – 9pm	Jazz Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
14	NOV, TUE	● 10 – 11am	Coffee & Chat (Gazebo)
		● 7:30 – 9:30pm	Climate Task Force (online)
15	NOV, WED	● All day	The Chronicle: Submission Deadline for next month's issue
		● 12 – 1pm	Worship Committee (online)
		● 6:40 – 8:45pm	Meditation (Fellowship Hall & online)
		● 7 – 9pm	Ukulele Meetup (Comm Rm)
		● 7:30 – 9:30pm	3rd Wednesday Group, SGM (Community Room)
16	NOV, 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)
17	NOV, FRI	● 1 – 3:30pm	Bridge Group (Community Rm)
		● 7 – 9pm	Multigen Game Night (Hall)
18	NOV, SAT	● 9 – 10am	Garden Conversations (online)
		● 9 – 10am	Spanish Conversations (Vestry) Vestry

Next Sunday's Service: 11/19, 10am, Sanctuary/Online/Phone

“Thanksgiving Ethnic Bread Celebration” – Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum – Bring bread to share representing your family's heritage as we break bread together and give thanks. There will be at least one gluten free option!

FPC Upcoming Events

Reading & Meditation Wed 11/15, 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



Ukelele Meetup Wed 11/15, 7-9 pm, Community Room Ukulele group monthly meeting. Come and play...with a Halloween theme!

Multigen Game Night Fri 11/17, 7-9 pm, Fellowship Hall

Transgender Day of Remembrance Service Sun 11/19, 7:00 pm

Unitarian Church of Marlborough & Hudson, 80 Main Street, Hudson, MA
Join us as we honor the lives of transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of violence this year with music, poetry, prayer, and a reading of the names. Hosted by the First Parish Church of Stow & Acton and the Unitarian Church of Marlborough & Hudson.

Hanging of the Greens Thu 11/30, 3-5 pm, FPC

Join with FPC members, Meg, and Rev. Cindy in decorating the church for Christmas! Hot cider provided for all helpful elves. Especially needed: help with wreaths on doors and organ.

The UU Journey at FPC: Sun 12/10, 12 -2:30 pm

A One-Session Whirlwind Tour of 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!



To sign up, please contact Meg Rivers-Wright, Parish Administrator, at office@fpc-stow-acton.org or [617-291-3351](tel:617-291-3351).

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:

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PO Box 215
Stow, MA 01775

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353 Great Rd
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