

# FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

*Unitarian Universalist*



Sunday, April 27, 2025  
*Moving On*

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

**Rev. Susan  
Suchocki Brown**  
Sabbatical Minister

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**Trevor Berens**  
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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.*

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.  
In the Sanctuary, several back rows with accessible seating are "mask-required."

FPC is on the web at [fpc-stow-acton.org](http://fpc-stow-acton.org) and on Facebook.

**April 27, 2025: 10:00 a.m.**

**Gathering**

<b>Prelude</b>	Adagio, K. 356 W. A. Mozart	Trevor Berens Accompanist
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<b>Welcome &amp; Announcements</b>	Ann Wickham, Worship Host
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<b>Introit</b>	“A Seth and Missa Sort of Walk” Roger Zahab	Caitlin McIntyre, violin Ian McIntyre, viola
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<b>Opening Words</b>	“The Web of Life” by Rev. Robert Weston
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<b>Chalice Lighting</b>	Ann Wickham
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<b>* Hymn #188</b>	“Come, Come, Whoever You Are”
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**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.
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<b>Land Acknowledgement</b>	Ann Wickham
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<b>A Time for All Ages</b>	Rayla D. Baldwin-Mattson Director of Religious Education
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<b>Joys and Sorrows</b>	Kate Hart, Lay Minister
Joys and Sorrows is a time for the things on our hearts and minds to be heard by the gathered community. If you would like a follow-up call by a lay minister or the minister, email <a href="mailto:caring@fpc-stow-acton.org">caring@fpc-stow-acton.org</a> .	

<b>Prayer or Meditation</b>	Rev Susan Suchocki Brown
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<b>* Hymn #128</b>	“For All That Is Our Life”
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*\* Please rise in body or in spirit*

## Exploring

### Reading

### Sharing Our Gifts

This month we share our weekly offering with the **Southeast India Project**. You may donate by check made out to First Parish Church, at [fpc-stow-acton.org/donate](http://fpc-stow-acton.org/donate), or text (978) 310-3309.

<b>Anthem</b>	"Gestillte Sehnsucht (Longing at Rest)" Op. 91, No. 1 Johannes Brahms	Caitlin McIntyre, violin Ian McIntyre, viola Trevor Berens, piano
<b>Sermon</b>	"Moving On"	Rev Susan Suchocki Brown

## Returning

\* Hymn #311 "Let It Be a Dance"

\* Benediction #688

### \* 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 'til we meet again.

<b>Postlude</b>	Improvisation	Trevor Berens
<b>Greet Your Neighbor</b>		

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*Thank you to:*

Kim Kinnear, Zoom Host  
Rebecca and John MacNeill, Ushers  
Peter Fiske, Kate Hart, Coffee Hosts ♥ ☒  
Our staff and leadership

## **To our visitors, thank you for coming!** □

We hope you found what you're looking for and that you'll return. Here's how to keep connecting with our people and programs:

- Fill out a Visitor Card in your pew or online (QR code)
- Watch these pages for newcomer events:
  - **Newcomer Coffees** - Meet the minister and other newcomers
  - **UU Journey classes** - Learn about UU history, spirituality, mission, and traditions
- Check out our website, [www.fpc-stow-acton.org](http://www.fpc-stow-acton.org)  
There is so much happening at FPC! Our homepage and "Church Life" tab detail our events and programs.
- Subscribe to our e-newsletters & email groups (QR code)



Visitor Card



E-Newsletters

## **Today at FPC**

### **Religious Education**

Ferry Beach Weekend - No RE classes at FPC today. We hope our families will attend this retreat for rest and community. Please see Margaret Tucker for more information or to register.

## **Announcements**

### **Lead a Summer Service**

The Worship Committee has started the planning process for this year's lay-led summer services, which will begin on June 15th and end on August 31st. If you are interested in leading one of these services, please let us know what you have in mind. We will assign a worship host, who will help you with the process. Please send your request by May 1st to [junebmcknight@yahoo.com](mailto:junebmcknight@yahoo.com) or call me at 978-844-3214. We look forward to hearing from you!

## **Plate Sharing for April: Southeast India Project**

For 21 years FPC has fostered and supported the Southeast India Project, which works with poor villages in the tsunami-affected area of Tamil Nadu, India, as well as WIDE Orphanage for dalit (the caste formerly known as Untouchables)



children, provides micro-lending for financing new opportunities for women, and establishes Self Help Organizations for women. More children are being sponsored by FPC families, providing these children with a healthy, safe, caring environment, as well as an education. Plate Sharing contributions have also

helped us drill a bore well for a village, build pre-schools, a tailoring school with foot-treadle sewing machines for women in a tribal village, fund herds of dairy cows managed by Women Self Help Groups, and to reclaim arable land for organic farming in dalit villages. We also fund micro-lending projects and a seed bank for farmers. Thank you for your generous and continued support.

## **The FPC Auction is closed, but there's still more!**

**Several seats have sold since last Sunday,  
but there are still seats for several auction events.**

Contact Sue Stewart at [dnasue@gmail.com](mailto:dnasue@gmail.com).

First come, first served. Thank you, everyone!

**Beginner Zentangle Workshop** Sun 5/11, 3-5pm, FPC. 7 seats at \$25.

**Canasta with Cindy & Rayla** Sun 5/18, 1-3pm, FPC. 10 seats at \$15.

**Chuck Wagon Dinner** Marlborough. 4 seats at \$35, children free

**FPC Disco Party** Sat 8/16, FPC. 32 seats for individ at \$20; 30 seats for fam at \$50.

**Sat. Morning Meditation Retreat** 1/10/26, 9am - 12pm, FPC. 10 seats at \$20.

**Nanny's Old Fashioned Chicken Curry Dinner** Sat 2/7/26, 6pm, Rick & Lynda,  
Marlborough. 2 seats at \$50.

**Not Your Boston Tea Party** Sat 3/14/26, 10am-12pm, Evans', Acton. 1 seat \$85.

## **The Auction Committee is also looking for feedback.**

What worked? What didn't? Ideas? Want to join the Committee for next year? Let us know! Reply to [auction@fpc-stow-acton.org](mailto:auction@fpc-stow-acton.org).

## This Week

**Parish Jazz Band Rehearsal** Mon, 4/28, 7-9pm, Sanctuary

Please contact Michael Paladini [mwpaladini@gmail.com](mailto:mwpaladini@gmail.com) for more information.

**Saturday Morning Breakfast** 5/3, 7:30-9:00 am

Last year Rebecca Stadolnick and Pat Sorn travelled to New Zealand at the same time, but on different cruises and in different directions. Join Pat and Rebecca as they recount their experiences in 2024 cruising to ports in Australia and New Zealand and doing additional pre/post-cruise excursions.

Coffee at 7:30 am, breakfast at 8:00. The speaker begins at 8:20 and we try to wrap up by 9:00. Please RSVP to [jab.jeffbrown@gmail.com](mailto:jab.jeffbrown@gmail.com) to be sure we have enough food. (If you forget to RSVP, come anyway as we always make extra.) We ask for a \$8 donation to cover food costs. If this is a hardship for you, please come and enjoy a free breakfast!

## Next Sunday

**"Bridging Ceremony & Sabbatical Return"** 5/4, 10am, Sanctuary/online  
- Rev. Cindy returns from sabbatical this Sunday as we recognize our graduating seniors! Join us as we celebrate our youth who are Bridging: a time when they transition from youth programming into young adult.

♥ After the Bridging Ceremony, the children will leave the Sanctuary and prepare the Vestry for our RE Extravaganza!!!

♥ After service, the RE Committee will be unveiling the renovations to the Vestry and introduce you all to the Cozy Corner which will be opened to all!

♥ We will also be accepting registrations for RE next year for children, youth and volunteers. The Vestry will be decorated and there will be music and freshly popped popcorn. Come celebrate with us!

## Coming Soon

**Singer's Tune-Up Workshop** Sat 5/10, 11:00 am -1 pm, Fellowship Hall  
Come be re-energized, refresh your singing skills, and add a few new tools to your singing tool kit. The focus is on learning to care for your voice, avoiding over-tiring vocal practices, breathing well and effectively to support pitch, and creating uniform vowel production.



Our workshop clinician is soprano Jessica Tunick-Berens. She brings a broad range of musical experience, performing music including Medieval chant, experimental music, standards, folk, Balkan, musical theater, and opera. She has performed at many varied venues such as the Greek Theater, the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion in Los Angeles,

Christchurch in Dublin, UMass Boston, and Helmut List Halle in Graz, Austria. Jessica is a graduate of the California Institute of the Arts and holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in vocal performance, and is a Transformational Voice Institute certified voice teacher.

All are welcome to attend! Suggested donation is \$20.  
Registration is requested, using the link or QR code.  
Questions? Chris Hossfeld at [music@fpc-stow-acton.org](mailto:music@fpc-stow-acton.org).



REGISTER:

<https://fpcosna.breezechms.com/form/singers-tune-up-workshop>

### Every Week at FPC

**Tues. 10AM**

**Coffee and Chat at the Town Center Park Gazebo**



**Wed. 6:40PM**

**Meditation in Fellowship Hall & Online**



**Thurs. 5PM**

**Peace Vigil on the Town Common in front of FPC**



**Thurs. 7:15 PM**

**Choir Rehearsal in the Community Room - Join the choir! [music@fpc-stow-acton.org](mailto:music@fpc-stow-acton.org)**

**Fri. 1PM**

**Bridge Playing in the Community Room**



**Mother’s Day Annual Walk for Peace** Sun 5/11,  
8-11:30 am, Dorchester  
**Members of the Racial Justice Task Force** will be  
participating in this walk organized by the Louis D.  
Brown Peace Institute:

*The Mother's Day Walk for Peace (MDW4P) is a beloved Boston tradition honoring the lives of our loved ones who have been murdered. It is LDBPI’s largest fundraising event to grow and sustain our services, advocacy and training.*

*This year’s theme is "Cultivating Cycles of Peace." In our society, we are constantly looped into cycles of violence that overshadow the transformative power of peace. We have the agency to cultivate these cycles by empowering survivors, supporting returning citizens and their families and investing in Generation Peace, the young people shaping the world. [website]*



There are 2 ways you can participate:

<p><b>Contribute to this cause!</b></p> <p>Go to <a href="https://www.mothersdaywalk4peace.org/Donate">www.mothersdaywalk4peace.org/Donate</a> and click on the “Team” button to donate to a team. Type in our team’s name, <i>FPC for Peace</i>:</p> <div><div>Choose Your Recipient</div><div><div>Team</div><div>Search for a team by name</div><div>×</div></div></div>	<p><b>Walk with us!</b></p> <p>Our team is <i>FPC for Peace</i>, and can be found here: <a href="https://www.mothersdaywalk4peace.org/Team/View/204483/FPC-for-Peace">https://www.mothersdaywalk4peace.org/Team/View/204483/FPC-for-Peace</a></p> <p>Navigate to the lower right half of the page and click on "JOIN OUR TEAM". Everyone is welcome!</p>
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Please reach out to June McKnight or Johanna Pyle if you have any questions.  
Thank you so much for your generosity! - The Racial Justice Task Force