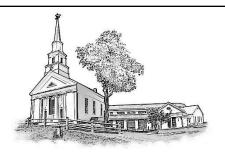
FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist



Sunday, April 27, 2025 Moving On

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum Minister

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> Trevor Berens Accompanist

Mike Silkonis Sexton

> **Bill Froberg** Treasurer

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 and on Facebook.

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

Gathering

Prelude

Adagio, K. 356 W. A. Mozart Trevor Berens Accompanist

Ann Wickham, Worship Host

Caitlin McIntyre, violin

Ian McIntyre, viola

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

"A Seth and Missa Sort of Walk" Roger Zahab

Opening Words

"The Web of Life" by Rev. Robert Weston

Chalice Lighting

* Hymn #188

Ann Wickham

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"Come, Come, Whoever You Are"

Centering

* Covenant and Affirmation

Love is the spirit of this church,
and service its law.From
let wThis is our great covenant:LetTo dwell together in peace,
to seek the truth in love,
and to help one another.Her

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.

Rayla D. Baldwin-Mattson Director of Religious Education

Joys and Sorrows

A Time for All Ages

Land Acknowledgement

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 caring@fpc-stow-acton.org.

Prayer or Meditation

Rev Susan Suchocki Brown

* Hymn #128

"For All That Is Our Life"

* 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 <u>fpc-stow-acton.org/donate</u>, or text (978) 310-3309.

Anthem	"Gestillte Sehnsucht (Longing at Rest)"	Caitlin McIntyre, violin
	Op. 91, No. 1	Ian McIntyre, viola
	Johannes Brahms	Trevor Berens, piano
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Sermon

"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.

Postlude

Improvisation

Trevor Berens

Greet Your Neighbor

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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:
 - o **Newcomer Coffees -** Meet the minister and other newcomers
 - o **UU Journey classes -** Learn about UU history, spirituality, mission, and traditions
- Check out our website, <u>www.fpc-stow-acton.org</u> 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)

Today at FPC

Religious Education

Ferry Beach Weekend - <u>No RE classes at FPC today</u>. 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 <u>summer services</u>, which <u>will begin on June 15th and end on August 31st</u>. 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 <u>junebmcknight@yahoo.com</u> or call me at 978-844-3214. We look forward to hearing from you!



Visitor Card



E-Newsletters

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 <u>dnasue@gmail.com</u>. 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 <u>auction@fpc-stow-acton.org</u>.

This Week

Parish Jazz Band Rehearsal Mon, 4/28, 7-9pm, Sanctuary Please contact Michael Paladini <u>mwpaladini@gmail.com</u> 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 <u>jab.jeffbrown@gmail.com</u> 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 - <u>Rev. Cindy</u> 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!

♥ <u>We will also be accepting registrations for RE next year for children,</u> <u>youth and volunteers</u>. 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.

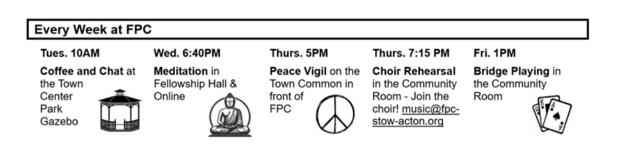
All are welcome to attend! Suggested donation is \$20. Registration is requested, using the link or QR code. Questions? Chris Hossfeld at <u>music@fpc-stow-acton.org</u>.



Register for Tune-Up Workshop

REGISTER:

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



Mother's Day Annual Walk for Peace Sun 5/11,

8-11:30 am, Dorchester <u>Members of the Racial Justice Task Force</u> 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:

Contribute to this cause!	Walk with us!
Go to <u>www.mothersdaywalk4peace.org/Donate</u> and click on the "Team" button to donate to a team. Type in our team's name, <i>FPC for Peace</i> :	Our team is <i>FPC for Peace</i> , and can be found here: <u>https://www.mothersdaywalk4peac</u> <u>e.org/Team/View/204483/FPC-for- Peace</u>
Choose Your Recipient Team Search for a leam by name ×	Navigate to the lower right half of the page and click on "JOIN OUR TEAM". Everyone is welcome!

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