

August 10, 2025  
10:00 am

**Gathering**

**Prelude** "Peace Like a River" Michael Paladini,  
guitar & vocals

**Welcome & Announcements** Lindsay LaPointe

**Chalice Lighting** by Elizabeth McMaster Neil Saunders

**Opening Reflections**

**\* Hymn #166** "Years Are Coming"

**Centering**

**\* Covenant and Affirmation** Lindsay LaPointe

<i>(Spoken in unison)</i>	<i>(Sung in unison)</i>
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.

**Joys and Sorrows** Ann Wickham, 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](mailto:caring@fpc-stow-acton.org).

**Further Reflections** Neil Saunders

**Prayer or Meditation** Neil Saunders

from a Peace Service at UU Congregation of Binghamton, NY

**Exploring**

**Sharing Our Gifts**

In July and August we share our weekly offering with four  
recipients, **UU Trauma Response Ministry, UU Mass Action,  
Native Plant Trust, and Groton Hill Music Center.** 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.

**Offertory** "When I Breathe in Peace, I Breathe Out Love" Michael Paladini,  
guitar and vocals

**Final Reflections** Neil Saunders

**Returning**

**\* Hymn #170** "We Are a Gentle, Angry People"

**\* Benediction** Neil Saunders

**\* 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** "We Would Be One" Michael Paladini,  
guitar & vocals

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**Thank you**

Sharon Brownfield, Zoom Host  
Brendon Chetwynd, Tech Helper  
Rick Lent & June McKnight, ushers  
Our staff and leadership

*\* Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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

We hope you find 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)
- Visit our website, [www.fpc-stow-acton.org](http://www.fpc-stow-acton.org). There is so much happening at FPC! Our homepage and the "Church Life" tab detail our events and programs.
- Subscribe to our e-newsletters and email groups (QR Code)



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### **July/August Plate Sharing**

- **UU Trauma Response Ministry** Provides culturally sensitive spiritual care to congregations after critical and traumatic events.
- **UU Mass Action** Organizes and mobilizes UUs in Massachusetts to confront oppression.
- **Native Plant Trust** Conserves and promotes New England's native plants to ensure healthy, biologically diverse landscapes.
- **Groton Hill Music Center** A community music school and performing arts venue hosting lessons, lectures, concerts, and recitals.

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

**Sunday, August 10, 2025**

*Peace as a UU Principle & Value*



**The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum**, Minister  
**Rayla Baldwin-Mattson**, Director of Religious Education  
**Meg Rivers-Wright**, Parish Administration & Membership  
**Chris Hossfeld**, Music Director  
**Trevor Berens**, Accompanist  
**Justin Marble**, Nursery Care Coordinator  
**Mike Silkonis**, Sexton  
**Brendon Chetwynd**, President,  
**Trisha Guditz**, Vice President  
**Bill Froberg**, Treasurer  
**Johanna Pyle**, Clerk

*First Parish is a UU Association Welcoming Congregation. We warmly welcome gay, lesbian, bisexual, & transgender people into our community.*

Large print orders of service & 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, back rows with accessible seating are "mask-required."

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