## August 10, 2025 10:00 am

#### **Gathering**

"Peace Like a River" Prelude Michael Paladini,

guitar & vocals

**Lindsay LaPointe** 

Lindsay LaPointe Welcome & Announcements

**Chalice Lighting** by Elizabeth McMaster **Neil Saunders** 

**Opening Reflections** 

\* Hymn #166 "Years Are Coming"

#### **Centering**

#### \* Covenant and Affirmation

(Spoken in unison) Love is the spirit of this church, From all that dwell below the skies

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.

(Sung in unison)

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.

**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, Michael Paladini, I Breathe Out Love" 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 lavs 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" guitar & vocals

Michael Paladini.

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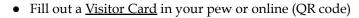
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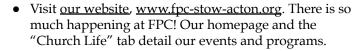
Sharon Brownfield, Zoom Host Brendon Chetwynd, Tech Helper Rick Lent & June McKnight, ushers Our staff and leadership

<sup>\*</sup> Please rise in body or in spirit.

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## **July/August Plate Sharing**

- <u>UU Trauma Response Ministry</u> Provides culturally sensitive spiritual care to congregations after critical and traumatic events.
- <u>UU Mass Action</u> 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.
- <u>Groton Hill Music Center</u> 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 and on Facebook.