

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist



June 14, 2026

There is a Love: Reflections from an Intern Minister

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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 and on Facebook.

June 14, 2026: 10:00 a.m.

Gathering

Prelude

“Wayside Inn”
Robert Schumann

Trevor Berens
Accompanist

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

“May This Be An Opening”
Gretchen Sleicher

FPC Choir
Chris Hossfeld
Music Director

May this be an opening
May I be an opening
May we be an opening
An opening to love

May this be an opening
May I be an opening
May we be an opening
An opening of love

May this be an opening
May I be an opening
May we be an opening
An opening for love

Opening Words

Yaakov Trek Reef

Chalice Lighting

*** Hymn #361**

“Enter, Rejoice and Come In”

STLT

Centering

*** Covenant and Affirmation**

Land Acknowledgement

Greet Your Neighbor

A Time for All Ages

Volunteer Recognition

Rayla D. Baldwin-Mattson
Director of Religious Education



RE Registration

FPC Parents and Guardians and anyone interested in becoming an RE Volunteer for 2026-2027, please access our Registration Form using the QR code here.

Going Forth With the Light “Our Love Surrounds You”

Chris Hossfeld

Sing Out Love

** Please rise in body or in spirit*

Joys and Sorrows

Mark Koenig, 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

Yaakov Trek Reef
Intern Minister

In Words

Loving Kindness Meditation
Jon Kabat-Zinn, adapted

In Silence

In Song

“There Is a Love”

Sing Out Love



1. There is a Love hold - ing me. There is a Love hold-ing all that I love.
There is a Love hold - ing us. There is a Love hold-ing all that we love.

2. There is a Love hold - ing all. I rest in this Love.____
There is a Love hold - ing all. We rest in this Love.____

3. There is a Love hold - ing all. I rest in this Love.____
There is a Love hold - ing all. We rest in this Love.____

4. There is a Love hold - ing all. I rest in this Love.____
There is a Love hold - ing all. We rest in this Love.____

Lyrics: Rebecca Parker; Music: © 2014, Elizabeth Norton
Sing Out Love expiration July 2028

Exploring

Reading

“Love”
Czesław Miłosz

Yaakov Trek Reef

Sharing Our Gifts



This month we share our weekly offering with **Out MetroWest**.
You may donate by check made out to First Parish Church,
online at fpc-stow-acton.org/donate, or text (978) 310-3309.

Anthem

“The Road Home”
Stephen Paulus

FPC Choir
Caitlin McIntyre, solo

Tell me, where is the road
I can call my own,
That I left, that I lost,
so long ago?
All these years I have wan-
dered, when will I know
There's a way, there's a road
that will lead me home?

After wind, after rain,
when the dark is done.
As I wake from a dream
in the gold of day,
Through the air there's a
calling from far away,
There's a voice I can hear
that will lead me home.

Rise up, follow me,
come away, is the call,
With the love in your heart
as the only song;
There is no such beauty
as where you belong:
Rise up, follow me,
I will lead you home.

Sermon

“There is a Love:
Reflections from an Intern Minister”

Yaakov Trek Reef,
Intern Minister

Returning

* Hymn

“Swimming to the Other Side

Chorus:

We are living 'neath the great big dipper
We are washed by the very same rain
We are swimming in this stream together
Some in power and some in pain
We can worship this ground we walk on
Cherishing the beings that we live beside
Loving spirits will live forever
We're all swimming to the other side

1. I am alone and I am searching
Hungering for answers in my time
I am balanced at the brink of wisdom
I'm impatient to receive a sign
I move forward with my senses open
Imperfection, it be my crime
In humility I will listen
We're all swimming to the other side.

Chorus.

2. On this journey through thoughts
and feelings
Binding intuition, my head, my heart
I am gathering the tools together
I'm preparing to do my part
All of those who have come before me
Band together and be my guide
Loving lessons that I will follow
We're all swimming to the other side.

Chorus.

3. When we get there, we'll discover
All of the gifts we've been given to share
Have been with us since life's beginning
And we never noticed they were there
We can balance at the brink of wisdom
Never recognizing that we've arrived
Loving spirits will live together
We're all swimming to the other side.

Chorus

* Please rise in body or in spirit

* **Benediction**

“Living the Questions”
Rainer Maria Rilke

Yaakov Trek Reef

* **Closing Song**

Postlude

“All You Need is Love”
Lennon/McCartney

Trevor Berens, piano
Caitlyn and Ian McIntyre,
violins

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Thank you to:

Zoom Host

Lisa Rydin, Marion Scott, Ushers

Susie O’Brien, Coffee Host

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
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** - We will honor our volunteers during the morning worship and have our final class of the program year.

➤ **After the Service** -

Coffee Hour - in Fellowship Hall - Sign up to volunteer at the Assabet Craft Beer & Food Truck Festival!

Elder/Memory Care Peer Support Group - In the Parlor until 12:30 pm

≧ Announcements ≦

➤ **Plate Share for June:** **OUT MetroWest** is a non-profit organization that builds communities in which LGBTQ+ youth can thrive. They offer FREE drop-in and structured programs for LGBTQ+ and allied youth, from pre-K through age 29. They offer programs for families of these youth as well as more general LGBTQ+ trainings and community events. You may donate by check made out to First Parish Church, text to (978) 310-3309, or online at fpc-stow-acton.org/donate.



➤ **The LGBTQ+ Task Force** will be at one more local Pride event in June:



Sunday, 6/27, 12-3 pm
Nara Amphitheater
71 Quarry Road
Acton, MA





*Join us for a joyful day of equality,
family fun, and community!*

We give out ribbons and buttons and have lots of fun, so stop by! If you want to join us, you can sign up to help by going to <https://tinyurl.com/help-at-Pride>.

≧ This Week at FPC ≦

- Wed 6/17, 5 pm **Submission Deadline for the Summer Issue of The Chronicle** - Please email your submissions to Meg at office@fpc-stow-acton.org.
- Wed 6/17, 7 pm **Ukulele Meetup** - Community Room
Pat Sorn and Sue Stewart, Coordinators
FPC hosts monthly ukulele gatherings for ukulele players wanting to practice with other players. Uke lovers of all levels (including beginners!) are welcome to come and play, sing, and share music with the group. We have extra ukes for anyone who'd like to try them out. If not, you can just come and sing along!
- Fri 6/19, 7-9 pm **Game Night** - Vestry
Led by Chip Beauvais. All are welcome. Feel free to bring a game or join in and play one of ours! Fun, community, and snacks.
- Sun 6/21, 10 am **Next Sunday's Service** - "The Gift of Summer"
- Community Room (in-person only)
Ann Sadler leads our first summer service: Summer invites us to slow down, to notice, to delight. Please join us to celebrate and share the simple joys that summer brings.

≧ Every Week at FPC ≦

<p>Tue. 10 AM <u>Coffee and Chat</u> Town Center Park Gazebo*</p> 	<p>Wed. 6:40 PM <u>Meditation & Reading</u> Fellowship Hall & Online</p> 	<p>Thu. 5 PM <u>Peace Vigil</u> Town Common in front of FPC</p> 	<p>Thu. 7:15 PM <u>Choir Rehearsal</u> Fellowship Hall - Join the choir! music@fpc-stow-acton.org</p>	<p>Fri. 1 PM <u>Bridge Playing</u> 34 Meeting House Ln, Main Entrance, Stow</p> 
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* In inclement weather, we meet at The Boston Bean House in Maynard, 102 Main Street

≧ This Summer's Services ≦

- Jun 21 "The Gift of Summer" - Ann Sadler - Community Room
Jun 28 "It's Time to Slay Goliath: But Do You See What I See?"
The RJTF Presents Dr. Pepple from the Reframe Institute in Worcester -
Sanctuary
Jul 5 GA service - online
Jul 12 "Building a New Way" - Rev. Cindy - Sanctuary
Jul 19 "Love, Quiet and Out Loud" - FPC Jazz Band - Sanctuary
Jul 26 "Blessing of the Animals" - Shana Garr - Outdoors, weather permitting
Aug 2 Joint Summer Service at UUCAV - Trek Reef - Sanctuary
Aug 9 "Meeting the Moment" - Rev. Tom Rosiello, Minister emeritus - Sanctuary
Aug 16 "Spiritual Conversations through Poetry" - Hector Constantzos - Hall
Aug 23 "The Art of Dying" - Dave Sansone - Sanctuary
Aug 30 "The Power of Music" - Margot Law, Caitlyn and Ian McIntyre - Sanctuary
Sep 6 "Weetamoo's Dream" - Andy Derr - Sanctuary

≧ Save the Date ≦

