

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist



June 28, 2026

It's Time to Slay Goliath: But Do You See What I See?

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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 28, 2026: 10:00 a.m.

Gathering

Prelude "Man in the Mirror" Trish Woods, piano
by Michael Jackson

Welcome & Announcements Amy Osenar, RJTF

Opening Words Excerpt from "The Hill We Climb"
by Amanda Gorman

Chalice Lighting Words by Dr. Pepple Wickenden

*** Hymn #149** "Lift Every Voice and Sing" *STLT*

Centering

*** Covenant and Affirmation**

(Spoken in unison)

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.

(Sung in unison)

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.

Land Acknowledgement

Jessica Batsford

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 Quote by James Baldwin

Hymn# 205 "Amazing Grace"

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.

Make a Donation
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** Please rise in body or in spirit*

Offertory

“You Raise Me Up”
by Josh Groban

Trish Woods, piano

Sermon

“It’s Time to Slay Goliath:
But Do You See What I See?”

Dr. Pepple Wickenden

Returning

* Hymn #1021

“Lean on Me”

* Benediction

* 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

“Stand by Me”
by Ben E. King

Trish Woods, piano

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Thank you to:

Sharon Brownfield, Zoom Host
Webb Tilney, Tech Helper
Our ushers and helpers
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

Prelude: "Man in the Mirror"
composed by Ballard and Garrett
performed by Michael Jackson

I'm gonna make a change
For once in my life
It's gonna feel real good
Gonna make a difference, gonna make it right

As I turn up the collar on my favorite winter coat
This wind is blowin' my mind
I see the kids in the street with not enough to eat
Who am I to be blind, pretending not to see their needs?
A summer's disregard, a broken bottle top
And a one man's soul
They follow each other on the wind, ya know
'Cause they got nowhere to go

I've been a victim of a selfish kinda love
It's time that I realize
There are some with no home, not a nickel to loan
Could it be really me pretending that they're not alone?
A willow deeply scarred, somebody's broken heart
And a washed-out dream (a washed-out dream)
They follow the pattern of the wind, ya see
'Cause they got no place to be

That's why I want you to know
I'm starting with the man in the mirror
I'm asking him to change his ways
And no message could have been any clearer
If you wanna make the world a better place
Take a look at yourself and then make a change