

Sunday, January 15, 2023, 10:00 AM

Gathering

Prelude *Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing* Brad Dumont, piano

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome Karen Kinnear,
Small Group Ministry Coordinator

Introit *One Foot/Lead with Love* FPC Choir
by Melanie DeMore

Opening Words The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Landrum

Chalice Lighting

*** Hymn #298** *Wake Now My Senses* (v.1,3,4)

* Covenant	* Affirmation
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.

Centering

Message for All Ages	<i>Let the Children March</i>	Marissa Evans,
	by Monica Clark	Acting Director of
	Robinson	Religious Education

Going Forth with the Light

Joys and Sorrows Susie O’Brien, Lay Minister

Prayer and Meditation

*** Hymn #95** *There is More Love Somewhere*

Exploring

Responsive Reading "A Network of Mutuality" The Rev. Dr. C. Landrum
by Martin Luther King, Jr.

We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied to a single garment of destiny.
Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

There are some things in our social system to which all of us ought to be maladjusted.
Hatred and bitterness can never cure the disease of fear, only love can do that.

We must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression, and retaliation.
The foundation of such a method is love.

Before it is too late, we must narrow the gaping chasm between our proclamations of peace and our lowly deeds which precipitate and perpetuate war.
One day we must come to see that peace is not merely a distant goal that we seek but a means by which we arrive at that goal.

We must pursue peaceful ends through peaceful means.
We shall hew out of a mountain of despair, a stone of hope.

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Sharing Our Gifts

This month we share our weekly offering with Acton and Stow Area Interfaith Partnership to Support Afghan Refugees (ASAIPSAI). Checks may be made to “First Parish Church” or donate online at <https://fpc-stow-acton.org/donate> or by text to (978) 310-3309.

Anthem Like a Mighty Stream FPC Adult Choir
 by Moses Hogan

Sermon “Conscience and Courage” The Rev. Dr. C. Landrum

*** Hymn #121** **Returning**
 We'll Build a Land

Benediction

Postlude *We Shall Overcome* Brad Dumont, piano



Thank you to:
Kim Kinnear, Zoom Host
Peter Fiske, Lisa Rydin, Ushers
and to our staff and leadership

Last Sunday, January 8, our flowers were given by
Trish & Anatol Kwartler in memory of Ken Johnson.
Today our flowers are given by Marcia Allison, remembering
Dad Charlie L'Ecuyer. The 12th would have been his 90th birthday.



Land Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge that this service is being held by a community that gathers on the stolen traditional lands of the Massachusett, Nipmuc, Pawtucket, and Wampanoag People. We pay respect to those Indigenous Peoples who lost their lives in the colonization of this land and recognize that these Indigenous tribes are still today facing violations of sovereignty, territory, and water. We also give thanks for the Earth we walk upon, the waters, the lifegiving plants, and all the Earth's creatures, as well as the winds, sun, moon, and stars. We recognize this is just a first step in moving toward right relationship with Native peoples and healing of the Earth.

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Services Sunday at 10 am, in person and online



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The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum,
Minister

Marissa Evans, Acting Director of
Religious Education

Meg Rivers-Wright,
Administration & Membership
Development

Brad Dumont, Music Director

Sanghee Kim....Organist/Pianist

Mike Silkonis.....Sexton

Ben Child.....Tech Assistant

Janet Beatrice...External Publicity

Sharon Brownfield.....President

Jenni Edgerton.....Vice President

Bill Froberg.....Treasurer

Johanna Pyle.....Clerk

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

To help everyone be a part of worship in the fullest way possible, the ushers can provide large print orders of service and hymnals or, for people who need to step out during the service for any reason, an assisted listening device (portable radio) which works throughout the building.

On the web at fpc-stow-acton.org and on Facebook.

ONLINE SUPPLEMENT PAGE

This page contains information specifically for folks joining us online! FPC now has a closed captioning option in online services. If the Closed Captioning option is not turned on, you can use the button at the bottom of your screen to request that the host turn it on.

Today's Zoom Host: Kim Kinnear



Hymn #298

Wake Now My Senses

1. Wake, now, my senses,
and hear the earth call;
feel the deep power
of being in all;
keep, with the web of
creation your vow,
giving, receiving
as love shows us how.

3. Wake, now, compassion,
give heed to the cry;
voices of suffering
fill the wide sky;
take as your neighbor
both stranger and friend,
praying and striving
their hardship to end.

4. Wake, now, my conscience,
with justice thy guide;
join with all people
whose rights are denied;
take not for granted
a privileged place;
God's love embraces
the whole human race.

Hymn #95

There is More Love Somewhere

1. There is more love somewhere. There is more love somewhere.
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it. There is more love somewhere.

2. There is more **hope** somewhere...
3. There is more **peace** somewhere...
4. There is more **joy** somewhere...

Hymn #121 *We'll Build a Land*

1. We'll build a land where we bind up the broken.
We'll build a land where the captives go free,
where the oil of gladness dissolves all mourning.
Oh, we'll build a promised land that can be.

(Chorus) Come build a land where sisters and brothers,
anointed by God, may then create peace:
where justice shall roll down like waters,
and peace like an ever-flowing stream.

2. We'll build a land where we bring the good tidings
to all the afflicted and all those who mourn.
And we'll give them garlands instead of ashes.
Oh, we'll build a land where peace is born.
(Chorus)

3. We'll be a land building up ancient cities,
raising up devastations from old;
restoring ruins of generations.
Oh, we'll build a land of people so bold.
(Chorus)

4. Come, build a land where the mantles of praises
resound from spirits once faint and once weak;
where like oaks of righteousness stand her people.
Oh, come build the land, my people we seek.
(Chorus)

Sharing Our Gifts

If you are mailing a pledge or a donation, here is the information:

Pledges: attn: Pledge Secretary, PO Box 215, Stow MA 01775
Donations: attn: Treasurer, 353 Great Rd, Stow MA 01775

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**Plate Sharing
This Month:
Acton and Stow
Area Interfaith
Partnership to
Support
Afghan Refugees
(ASAIPSAR)**

This Partnership was created last year when the FPC’s Asylum Seekers Task Force learned of a group of churches organizing to help Afghans being evacuated en-mass. We joined the group to form the ASAIPSAR. We’ve since provided food and made deliveries to newly arrived Afghan families, created an ongoing food pantry in Lowell, and aligned with the IINE (International Institute of New England) to support a family of six in Lowell and another in Maynard. We’re looking for ways to sustain this Interfaith effort and investigating how to help people in Haiti.

This Week in Religious Education

PreK-1st Grade and 2nd-5th Grade: In this first day of a new trimester, we will explore *decentering* whiteness and *centering* anti-racist, multicultural community through stories, music, and games.

6th-8th Grade: We begin our study of Islam by getting a glimpse into Islam's core beliefs and practices, and by looking at Islam's many contributions to Western civilization.

9th-12th Grade: High schoolers are invited to stay in the service for the MLK Day sermon, and then go to the Fellowship Hall to host the CityReach clothing & supply drive.

What do you value most about the church and RE program, and what might enhance their vitality? What elements of worship and RE classes would your children be most excited about? Hour-long meetings will pose these kinds of questions to generate reflection and visioning. Sign up now to join a meeting: <https://bit.ly/recottage> There will also be an accompanying online survey for any participating community members. Please pass this on to young adults who’ve graduated from the RE program - we have a special virtual cottage meeting for youth and young adults! Participants will be entered into a raffle for \$25 gift cards when they sign up.

**Religious
Education
Cottage
Meetings:**
We want to hear from you about our programming for children, youth, and families!

FPC Announcements: Sunday, January 15, 2023

Today at FPC
10 am Service, Sanctuary/Online
11 am Social Hour, Fellowship Hall
2 pm RJTF Tour of Jackson Homestead in Newton, carpool after service

Clothing and Supply Drive for CityReach
Sunday, January 15, 11:15am - Noon, Fellowship Hall
This March, our Senior Youth will participate in the overnight CityReach program. CityReach gives youth and adults a chance to learn about homelessness from people who have experienced it. Youth learn from unhoused mentors and offer hospitality (including food and clothing) to guests. This drive is an opportunity to donate clean, seasonally appropriate clothing and supplies to CityReach. Please review the information below before selecting your donations.

CityReach ACCEPTS		WON'T ACCEPT
Practical, unisex clothing in all sizes, but XL, XXL, XXXL are especially in demand for layering NEW CLOTHING: <ul style="list-style-type: none">women’s and men’s underwear & bras in all sizes and styles (color pref. over white)white socks USED CLOTHING: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Warm coatsSweatshirts (esp. hooded)SweatpantsSweatersT-shirtsLong-sleeve shirtsJeans, khakis, casual pantBelts	USED CLOTHING: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Waterproof boots, comfortable shoes, sneakersHats, waterproof gloves, scarvesAll kinds of carrying cases: backpacks, tote bags, fanny packs, small suitcases with wheelsTravel-size toiletries such as soap, shampoo, deodorant, lotion, Chapstick, toothpaste, shaving creamToothbrushes, disposable razors, tamponsSleeping bags & blankets (clean and in good condition)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">out-of-season clothingchildren’s clothesdress clothesslippersbathrobespajamasaftershave or mouthwash containing alcohol

This Week at FPC: January 16 -21

- Mon 1/16** Kick-off meeting for FPC Spring Auction, 7-8 pm, Community Room
- Tue 1/17** Coffee and Chat* 10-11 am, Town Gazebo
Town Park, adjacent to FPC. Bring your own coffee!
Trustee Meeting, 7-9:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
- Wed 1/18** Ukulele Meetup, 7-9 pm, Community Room
Meditation* 7:30-8:30 pm, Hall/Online
Contact meditation@fpc-stow-acton.org for more info.
- Thu 1/19** Peace Vigil* 5-6 pm, in front of FPC, btwn Common & Great Rds
Contact Neil Saunders neilsaund@verizon.net for more info.
Choir Rehearsal, 7:15-9 pm, Sanctuary
- Fri 1/20** Bridge Group* 1-3:30 pm, Community Room
Contact Hector Hconstantzos@gmail.com for more info.
Family Social Night, 6:30-8:30pm, Community Room

* All are welcome to these weekly FPC events!

Next Sunday's Service in the Sanctuary or online

"50 Years Later: Reproductive Freedom" - Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum
10 AM in the Sanctuary or online/phone

This day marks the 50th anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision. With Roe v. Wade now overturned, we'll look at the history of Roe v. Wade, the current reality of reproductive freedom, and how our UU theologies and values inform us on this issue.



Join Worship by Video: <https://tinyurl.com/2223fpc>
Meeting ID: 9990 7077 00266 Passcode: 01775
Join Worship by Phone: (929) 205-6099 (toll call)



Additional Announcements Live links in *This Week at FPC* Friday email

RJTF Tour of Jackson Homestead in Newton Sun Jan 15, 2 pm. Carpool after service. Learn more about the homestead's ties to the underground railroad. Open to everyone in community. RSVP: junebmcknight@yahoo.com

FPC Spring Auction Kick-Off Meeting Mon Jan 16, 7-8 pm, Comm Rm
The FPC Spring Auction will be held on April 1, 2023 at FPC. We need a few additional members to our committee to pull off this event. It takes a large team to put on FPC's largest fundraiser and biggest party, and we have a great time doing it. Lots of opportunities - Decorations, Data, Planning, Food, Local Business Outreach - choose your interest! You will be working with a deeply experienced team who will help the newcomers! New ideas make for a better event.

Family Social Night Fri Jan 20, 6:30-8:30pm, Community Room
This month we are trying a combined Club UU and Parent Social Night. This is a time for parents and children in PreK-5th Grade to gather and enjoy different craft, activity, and game stations in a common space. Since there will not be chaperones, parents need to stay at the event with their children.

Spiritual Conversations Through Poetry Jan 22, Noon, online

Small Group Ministry (SGM) Registration DEADLINE EXTENDED to Sunday January 22, 1pm

Last chance to be in on the formation of the SGM 2023 new groups. We welcome new and returning folks as we create new groups of 8-10 people. We meet 2 hours monthly starting in February for a facilitated discussion with the goal of getting to know ourselves and each other more closely. Past topics have included A Question of Balance, Finding Joy, and Teachers and Mentors. We hope you will give it a try. Feel free to bring a friend.

Returning group members: please re-enroll either for your current time or let us know your availability.

Registration: <https://fpc-stow-acton.org/sgm> by January 22, 1pm

Refresh, Renew, Revitalize: Vespers Service Thu Jan 26, 6pm Comm. Rm