#### Sunday November 20, 2022: 10:00 AM

Gathering

Prelude		<i>ner Together</i> Valerius	Sanghee Kim, piano
Land Acknowledgemen	t & Welcon	me	Ann Sadler, Lay Minister
Stewardship Testimonia	al	N	leil Saunders, Lay Minister
Introit	Ubi Caritas		FPC Adult Choir
Opening Words			
Chalice Lighting			
* <b>Hymn</b> #349	We Gath	ner Together	Grey Hymnal
*Covenant Love is the spirit of this and service its law. This is our great covena To dwell together in pea to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.	nt: .ce,	let words o Let joyful through ev	hat dwell below the skies of love and peace arise. songs of praise be sung.
	Cen	itering	
Message for All Ages K	ponunumuk	· Weeâchumu	n's Thanksoiving Story

or All Ages Keepunumuk: Weeachumun's Inanksgiving Story by Danielle Greendeer, Anthony Perry, and Alexis Bunten Aimée Ledwell

**Joys and Sorrows** 

Marcia Rising, Lay Minister

**Prayer or Meditation** 

\* Rise in Body or Spirit

*	Hymn	<b>#J</b> 14

Liberty and Justice for All

on insert

## **Exploring**

**Responsive Reading** Land Acknowledgement Leader: 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.

**Congregation:** 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.

Leader: 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.

**Congregation**: We recognize this is just a first step in moving toward right relationship with Native peoples and healing of the Earth.

Land Acknowledgement Information	Mary Evans
Building Right Relationship	Aimée Ledwell

Reflections

*Gratitude and Mourning* The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Introduction to Guest at Your Table

#### **Sharing Our Gifts**

This month we share our weekly offering with Supporting Asylum Seekers 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

# words on insert

Great Trees Mary Alice Amidon FPC Adult Choir

\* Rise in Body or Spirit

Sharing	Bread	Ceremony
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Junior Youth and Marissa Evans, Acting Director of Religious Ed

#### **Returning**

**\* Hymn** #J37

We Sing for Justice

on insert

\*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 'till we meet again.

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God Sanghee Kim, organ S. Karg-Elert

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Thank you to: Zoom Helper; Marion Scott & Jeff Brown, Ushers FPC Adult Choir, and to our staff and leadership

Our flowers today are given by Sharon Brownfield and Rick Lent in gratitude for all that nature provides

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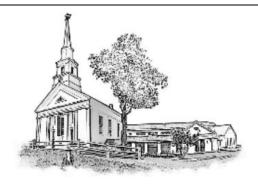
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Sunday, November 20, 2022, 10 am

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum, Minister Marissa Evans, Acting Director of Religious Education Marie Egan, Temporary Parish Administrator 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! It was formatted for 8 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>"x 11" paper. If you cannot print legibly, let us know so we can fix it for next week. <u>office@fpc-stow-acton.org</u>

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 Online Helpers Zoom Host:

# Hymn Lyrics

# \*Hymn #349 We Gather Together

1 We gather together in joyful thanksgiving, acclaiming creation, whose bounty we share; both sorrow and gladness we find now in our living, we sing a hymn of praise to the life that we bear.

2 We gather together to join in the journey, confirming, committing our passage to be a true affirmation, in joy and tribulation, when bound to human care and hope--then we are free.

\*Hymn #14 Liberty and Justice for All

**\*Hymn #**37 We Sing for Justice hymn lyrics on sheet music below.

# **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

Links to additional OOS inserts <u>GAYT-2022-23-OOS-Insert-Gift-Equivalencies.pdf</u> <u>GAYT-2022-23-OOS-Insert-This-Years-Guests.pdf</u> <u>Template-for-homemade-GAYT-box-2022-23-1.pdf (uusc.org)</u>

#### Plate Sharing This Month: Supporting Asylum Seekers



The Supporting Asylum Seekers group is an active part of the Social Justice work of FPC. We work to support asylum seekers and refugees who seek a safe home in our surrounding

communities. We greatly appreciate the Congregation's ongoing support and plate sharing!

This past year we have extensively helped a local family of 4 from Honduras. We raised money to hire a lawyer, who has filed and will represent them in their Asylum case. We have given funds for rent, and provided transportation, English language lessons, caring, advice, and friendship.

We also coordinate with UU Mass Action, the UU Service Committee, and UUSJ (UUs for Social Justice - UU Advocacy in the Nation's Capital) to work for political change toward our UU values, in our state and nation. We have also expanded to help local Afghan evacuees/refugees and partnered with other area churches to sponsor and support these families. We meet by Zoom on the 1<sup>st</sup> Mondays of each month, and all are invited to join us for a meeting or for any of our actions. Contacts: Susie O'Brien or Steve Evans at **asylumsupport@fpc-stow-acton.org** 

All are welcome to the following FPC weekly events Coffee and Chat Tuesdays 10 - 11 am Meet at the Town Park adjacent to FPC. Bring your own coffee!

Meditation Wednesdays 7:30-8:30 pm Hall and online Contact meditation@fpc-stow-acton.org for more information

**Peace Vigil Thursdays 5 – 6 pm** Not meeting at FPC this week. Place a candle in your window instead.

**Bridge Group Fridays 12:30-3:30 pm Community Room**. Contact Hector Constantzos **Hconstantzos@gmail.com** for more information.

## Today, Sunday November 20, 2022 at FPC

10 am Service, Sanctuary/online

- 11 am Coffee Hour Potluck in Fellowship Hall
  - also Junior Youth Bread Fundraiser Christmas Flowers,
  - Net Zero Kitchen Tour, New Revival Coffee House tickets,
- 1 pm Transgender Day of Remembrance Service, Sanctuary/Online

Welcome to members of Unitarian Church of Marlborough and Hudson who are joining us today.

# This Week in Religious Education

Intergenerational Service. All RE students should remain in the Sanctuary.

Junior Youth Bread Fundraiser at Coffee Hour Potluck. Junior Youth will host a bread fundraiser on behalf of the Mashpee Wampanoag

# New Revival Coffeehouse Tickets on Sale Today at Coffee Hour Potluck

Tickets for the Thea Hopkins concert will be on sale on Nov. 20 & 27 for \$17. At the door, tickets will be \$20. Tickets are also available on <u>eventbrite.</u> A member of the Aquinnah Wampanoag tribe of Martha's Vineyard, Thea calls her music Red Roots Americana. See more at <u>fpc-</u> <u>stow-acton.org/music/coffeehouse.</u> The concert is Sat, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m.

# **Christmas Flower Decorations Today at Coffee Hour Potluck**

Marcia Allison will be taking orders for flowers to decorate the Sanctuary Christmas Eve. Poinsettias are now \$14 a plant.

# Net Zero Kitchen Tour Today at Coffee Hour Potluck

In November we are focusing on the kitchen. We plan to change out our refrigerators for modern Energy Star rated ones...and to replace the gas appliances with electric ones. This will involve the installation of a state-of-the-art induction cooktop and convection oven. We will have a sample of induction cooking available for you to test. We will answer questions and offer demonstrations to explain the plans.

This Week at FPC

Monday Rake Leaves at FPC. All week.

Tuesday Coffee and Chat, 10-11 am, Town Gazebo

Wednesday Meditation, 7:30-8:30 pm, Hall/online

**Thursday** National Day of Mourning, 12-7 pm (Drop-in), Hall Peace Vigil at Your Home, 5-6 pm,

Friday Bridge Group, 1-3:30 pm, Community Room/Vestry

Saturday

#### Next Sunday's Service

Sunday, November 27, 2022, 10:00 AM in the Sanctuary and Online The Power and Perils of Positivity – Rev. Patricia Hatch, guest minister Positivity can greatly enrich our lives and help us reframe the narratives we tell ourselves and others. And yet, there are times when a positive response is not what is needed, and can even cause harm. Rev. Patricia will reflect on

the great, the good, and the ugly of positivity.

Rev. Patricia Hatch is the minister of the Unitarian Congregation of Mendon and Uxbridge. She also serves as a UU community minister with a specialization in rites of passage ceremonies. She has a Master of Divinity degree from Boston University. She enjoys poetry, nature, and inspiration of all kinds.



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



**Correction:** Services on Christmas Eve (12/24) are at 4pm and **9 pm** in the Sanctuary/Online.

It's Time to Rake the Leaves. This week. For details and sign up link, see *This Week at FPC*.

**National Day of Mourning**. Thur Nov 24, 12-7 pm Drop in. Hall. See what you can do instead of Thanksgiving. We will watch movies, listen to music, read books, do crafts, and more in a casual, family-friendly setting. To respect the Day of Mourning, beverages but not food will be served. You may bring a nut-free snack. Wear a mask.

#### Holiday Gift Drive for Residents of Domestic Violence Shelters

Once again, FPC will be fulfilling the holiday wishes of the guests of two domestic shelters: Renewal House and Voices Against Violence. See details in *This Week at FPC*. Sign up now: https://tinyurl.com/fpcgift2022.

Saturday Morning Breakfast. Online only. Dec 3, 2 pm.

New Revival Coffeehouse: Thea Hopkins. Dec 3, 7:30 pm

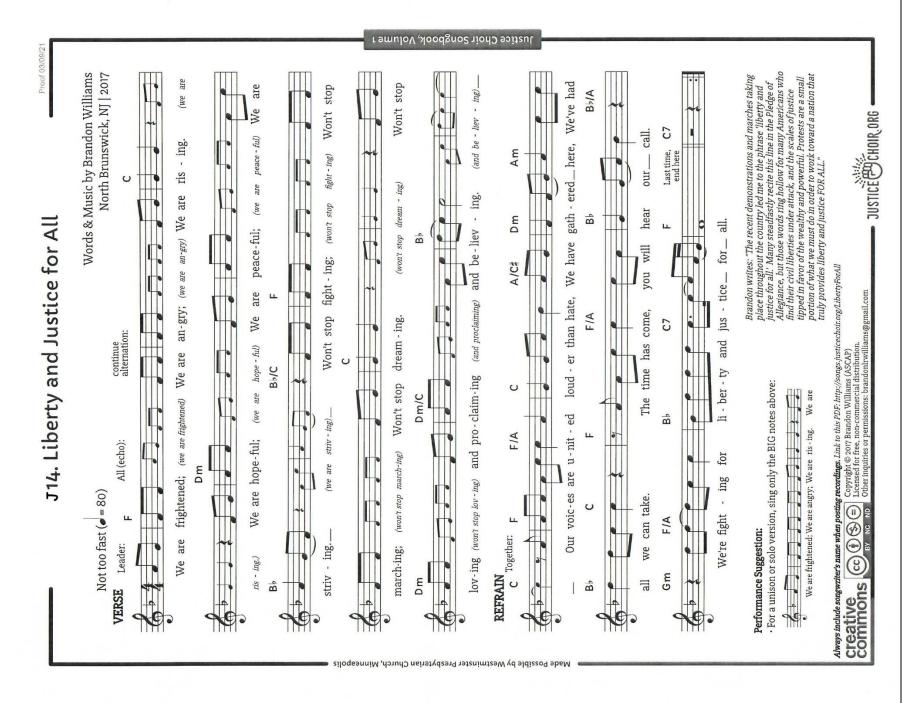
Carol Sing After the Service. Sunday Dec 4. Sanctuary

**FPC Book Group.** Tuesday Dec 6, 7 pm on-line. *The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times* by Jane Goodall and Douglas Abrams with Gail Hudson.

**Guest Table.** Friday Dec 9, 5:30 pm-6:30 pm ~ Doors open at 5 All are Welcome ~ No Charge

**Women's Annual Cookie Swap.** Sun Dec 13, 7 pm Community Rm If you want to swap cookies, bring 3 dozen, NO NUTS. If you don't, join us for poems and stories read by Ann Sadler plus yummy appetizers (please bring some to share), hot mulled cider, seltzer, wine, and cookies. RSVP to Diane Miller at <u>millerdiane@comcast.net</u>

**FPC Jazz Band**. Saturday December 17, 1:30 pm New Horizons, 400 Hemenway St. Marlborough



#### **Great Trees**

Slowly, slowly, they return To the small woodland let alone: Great trees, outspreading and upright, apostles of the living light.

Patient as stars, they build in air Tier after tier a timbered choir, Stout beams upholding weightless grace of song, a blessing on this place.

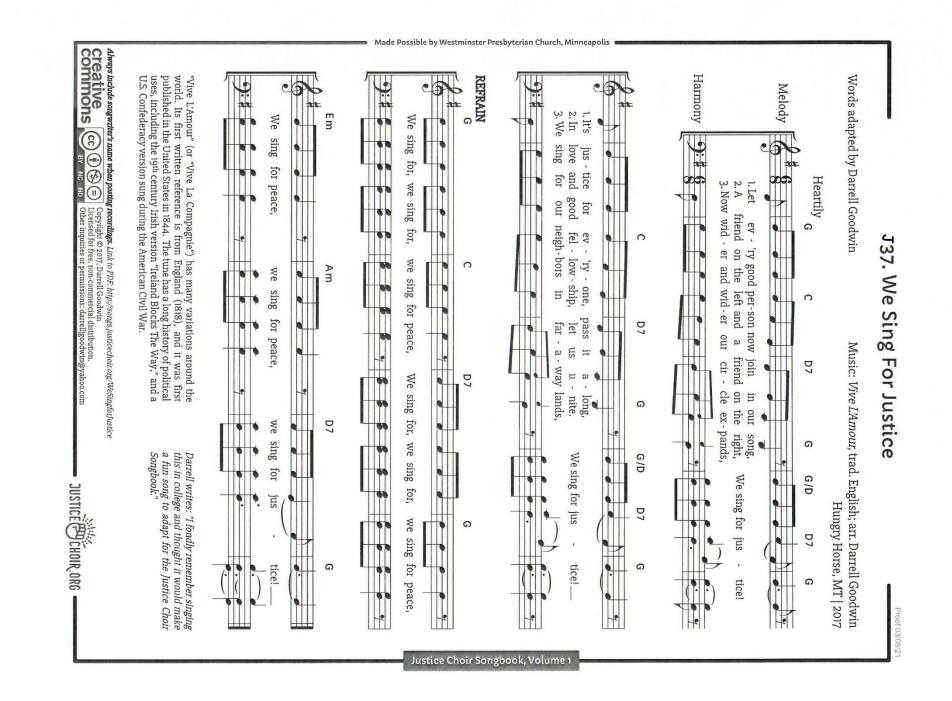
They stand in waiting all around, Uprisings of their native ground, Downcomings of the distant light They are the advent they await.

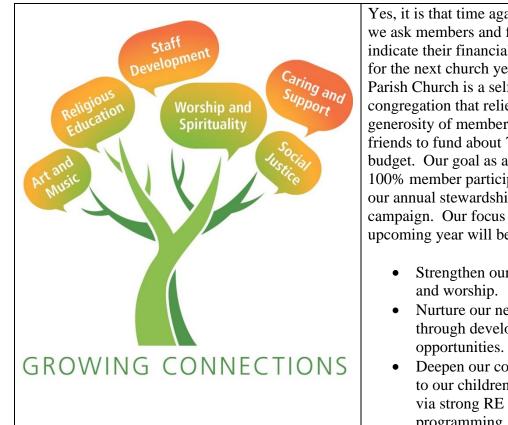
Receiving sun and giving shade, Their life's a benefaction made, And is a benediction said Over the living and the dead.

In fall their brightened leaves, released, Fly down the wind and we are pleased To walk on radiance, amazed. Oh light come down to earth, be praised!

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Yes, it is that time again. When we ask members and friends to indicate their financial intentions for the next church year. First Parish Church is a self-sustaining congregation that relies on the generosity of members and friends to fund about 70% of our budget. Our goal as always is 100% member participation in our annual stewardship campaign. Our focus for the upcoming year will be to:

- Strengthen our music, art, and worship.
- Nurture our new staff through development
- Deepen our commitment to our children and youth via strong RE programming.

Your pledge is a statement of intention to support FPC with a financial contribution. FPC establishes its annual budget based on amounts pledged by Members & Friends. However should circumstances change, you are free to amend your pledge at any time.

We are thankful for the FPC Community that sustains, supports, and celebrates with us. Join us in these goals by making a financial pledge at https://fpc-stowacton.org/stewardship-pledge

Or by submitting the pledge sheet on the back

#### Stewardship Pledge to First Parish Church of Stow and Acton

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Date

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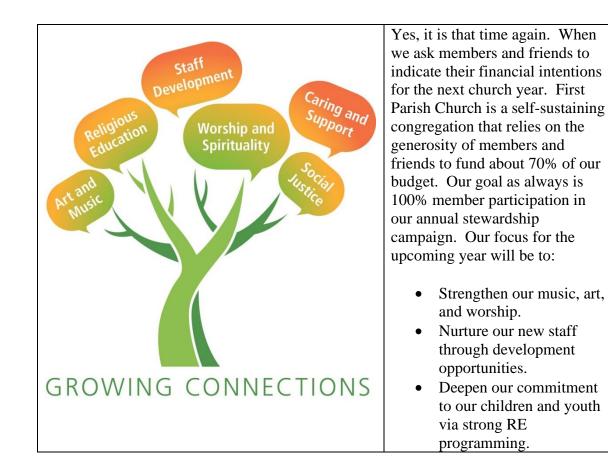
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