



## Sharing Bread Ceremony

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



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



### Connect with First Parish Church

Sign our visitor's log at [tinyurl.com/visitfpc](https://tinyurl.com/visitfpc)

Services Sunday at 10 am, in person and online

Subscribe to *The Chronicle*, our monthly emailed newsletter,  
*This Week at FPC*, our weekly Friday email,  
and our email groups FPC Announce and FPC Forum, all at  
<https://www.fpc-stow-acton.org/subscribe-newsletters>



\* *Rise in Body or Spirit*

# FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

*Unitarian Universalist*



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](https://www.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 1/2"x 11" paper. If you cannot print legibly, let us know so we can fix it for next week. [office@fpc-stow-acton.org](mailto:office@fpc-stow-acton.org)

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

[GAYT-2022-23-OOS-Insert-Gift-Equivalencies.pdf](#)

[GAYT-2022-23-OOS-Insert-This-Years-Guests.pdf](#)

[Template-for-homemade-GAYT-box-2022-23-1.pdf \(uusc.org\)](#)



## 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](mailto:asylumsupport@fpc-stow-acton.org)

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### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

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**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 [eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com). A member of the Aquinnah Wampanoag tribe of Martha's Vineyard, Thea calls her music Red Roots Americana. See more at [fpc-stow-acton.org/music/coffeehouse](https://fpc-stow-acton.org/music/coffeehouse). 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: <https://tinyurl.com/2223fpc>

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 [millerdiane@comcast.net](mailto:millerdiane@comcast.net)

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

# J14. Liberty and Justice for All

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Words & Music by Brandon Williams  
North Brunswick, NJ | 2017

Not too fast (♩ = 80)

**VERSE**  
Leader: F All (echo):

continue  
alternation: C

We are frightened; (we are frightened) We are an-gry; (we are an-gry) We are ris-ing. (we are

ris-ing.) We are hope-ful; (we are hope-ful) We are peace-ful; (we are peace-ful) We are

striv-ing. (we are striv-ing) We are

march-ing; (won't stop march-ing) Won't stop dream-ing. (won't stop dream-ing) Won't stop

lov-ing (won't stop lov-ing) and pro-claim-ing (and proclaiming) and be-liev-ing. (and be-liev-ing)

**REFRAIN**  
Together: F F/A C A/C# Dm Am

Our voic-es are u-nit-ed loud-er than hate, We have gath-ered here, We've had

all we can take. The time has come, you will hear our call.

We're fight-ing for li-ber-ty and jus-tice for all.

Last time, end here

**Performance Suggestion:**

• For a unison or solo version, sing only the BIG notes above:

We are frightened; We are an-gry; We are ris-ing. We are

Brandon writes: "The recent demonstrations and marches taking place throughout the country led me to the phrase 'liberty and justice for all.' Many steadfastly recite this line in the Pledge of Allegiance, but those words ring hollow for many Americans who find their civil liberties under attack, and the scales of justice tipped in favor of the wealthy and powerful. Protests are a small portion of what we must do in order to work toward a nation that truly provides liberty and justice FOR ALL."

Always include songwriter's name when posting recordings. Link to this PDF: <http://songs.justicechoir.org/LibertyForAll>

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## 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!

Words: "Slowly, slowly, they return" from  
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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-stow-acton.org/stewardship-pledge>

Or by submitting the pledge sheet on the back

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

*Our primary Stewardship goal this year is 100% member participation in the pledge drive.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**I/We:**

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Wish to make the above pledge a Renewing Pledge, which will carry over from year to year with an automatic annual increase of \_\_\_\_\_% per year.

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Comments (optional):

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