

October 9, 2022 – 10:00 AM

Gathering

Gathering Music

Today we welcome members of VOICES 21C!
You can learn more about them on the back page.

Land Acknowledgement, Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Dr. Cynthia Landrum & Brad Dumont

Introit *Adhan - Call to Prayer* Muslim Choral Ensemble

Opening Words & Call to Worship André de Quadros

Chalice Lighting &

* Hymn #1032 *Daoona Nayeesh*

*** Covenant**

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.

*** Affirmation**

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 Yusoof family from Sri Lanka

Going Forth with the Light

Joys and Sorrows *Adinu* by André de Quadros

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

Exploring

Reflection World Muslim Choral Ensemble Brad Dumont
 & Islamic Devotional Singing

Song *Salawat / Dona Nobis Pacem*

Reflection Wearing a Hijab Krystal Morin

Sharing Our Gifts

This month we share our weekly offering with

Out Metrowest

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.

Song *Would You Harbor Me?*
By Ysaye M. Barnwell

Reflection Islamophobia and the Power of Proximity
 Members of VOICES 21C

Returning

Song Improvisation on *Deen as Salaam*

* **Benediction** Sri Lanka and Monkeys Brad Dumont

* **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 *Ya Hanana*
 O Our Joy!



Brad’s participation in the World Muslim Choral Ensemble in July 2022 was supported in part by a portion of his professional development funds from FPC.



Thank you to:
Deb O'Connell, Zoom Helper,
Marcia Allison & Peter Fiske, Ushers
VOICES 21C
Coffee Hour Hosts
and to our staff and leadership

Our flowers today are given by
Johanna Pyle & Peter Karb
in memory of
all of our ancestors



Today we are joined by VOICES 21C, an artists' collective that is devoted to exercising the choral art in pursuit of human rights and justice, dedicated to a mission of global understanding through music. VOICES 21C has had a particular focus on Islamic devotional singing and having conversations to combat Islamophobia in the United States, including annual participation with Vilna Shul in Boston, the Center for Jewish Culture as part of their interfaith concert.

Connect with First Parish Church
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>

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist



Sunday, October 9, 2022

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.*

Large print orders of service and hymnals are available from an usher to help everyone be a part of worship in the fullest way possible. Assisted Listening Devices are available when worship is in the sanctuary.

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!

Today's Online Helpers

Zoom Host:

Online Greeter:

Hymn #1032

Daoona Nayeesh

Daoona nayeesh beesalaam;
daoona nayeesh Beeamaan;
daoona nansij;
Ahlaam;
daoona namoot beesalaam.

[translation from Arabic: Let us live in peace. Let us live in inner peace. Let us weave our dreams together. Let us die in peace.]

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

Plate Sharing This Month

OUT MetroWest



METROWEST

Out MetroWest is a non-profit organization that offers free programs for LGBTQ+ young people from pre-K through high school, including specific programs for trans and gender expansive children and youth.

Out MetroWest offers a safe and welcoming physical space for youth and their families to be themselves, to find friends and support.

Out MetroWest offers nearly 20 programs each month at 6 locations including their center in Framingham and satellite locations in Acton, Medway, Needham, Waltham, and Westborough.

The director of Out MetroWest is FPC's former Youth Coordinator - Whitney Retallic. For more information see OUTMetrowest.org.

Coffee and Chat

Tuesday mornings from 10AM-11AM



Meet at the Town Park adjacent to FPC.

Everyone welcome. Bring your own coffee!

Thank you!

~Ann Sadler

FPC Announcements

October 9, 2022

Today at FPC

Service 10 am

Coffee Hall 11 am Fellowship Hall

Climate Task Force Tours: Sanctuary Windows 11 am

Spiritual Conversations noon on-line

RJTF Black Heritage Trail Visit, meet in parking lot at 12:30

This Week in Religious Education

PreK-5th grade: In a combined class taught by Trish Geraghty, our former DRE, we will explore the topic of whole-hearted courage to be yourself.

6-8th Grade: This week we start our study of Judaism.

9-12th Graders are welcome to stay and enjoy the service, or go downstairs to help in the RE class.



Halloween Party

Saturday October 29

5:30-8 pm Fellowship Hall

All Ages

Volunteers needed. See link in Friday email or Chronicle to sign up.

This Week at FPC

- Monday** FPC Jazz Band Rehearsal 7-9 pm Sanctuary
Sounds of Stow Rehearsal 7-9 pm Fellowship Hall
SGM 7 - 9pm Community Room
- Tuesday** Coffee and Chat, 10 am, Town Park Gazebo
Racial Justice Task Force Meeting, 7-8 pm on-line
Climate Task Force Meeting, 7:30-9:30 pm on-line
- Wednesday** Deadline for November's The Chronicle
Joint Program Council & Social Justice Council
Meeting 7-9 pm on-line
Meditation 7:30-8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall, on-line
- Thursday** SGM 9:15 – 11:15 am Fellowship Hall
Archives 9:30-11:30 am Vestry
Peace Vigil 5-6 pm outside
Choir Rehearsal, 7:15-9 pm Sanctuary
- Friday** Guest Table Dinner 5:30 pm Fellowship Hall
Club UU 6:30 pm Lower Hall
Junior Youth 6:30 pm outside
- Saturday** Saturday Morning Breakfast, Hall
Coffee 7:30 am Breakfast 8, Drum Circle 8:30

Sunday October 16,

"Being a Learning Community: History and Future"

Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

10:00 am in the Sanctuary and Online

Unitarian Universalists in history were radical thinkers in education and in creating the current models of Sunday school. How do we continue this tradition of being a learning community? What are our goals in education for all ages?

Join Worship by Video: <https://tinyurl.com/2223fpc>

Meeting ID: 9990 7077 00266 Passcode: 01775

Join Worship by Phone: (929) 205-6099 (toll call)

Spiritual Conversations

Gathering to read a poem and see where it takes us.

October 9 and October 23 at noon on-line

<https://tinyurl.com/FPC-SCTP>

Meeting ID: 920 5614 2739 Passcode: 086996

Contact Hector Constantzos Hconstantzos@gmail.com for more information.

Guest Table

Friday October 14,

5:30 pm-6:30 pm ~ Doors open at 5

All are Welcome ~ No Charge

FPC Guest Table



Saturday Morning Breakfast Returns! Live in Fellowship Hall

Saturday October 15, Coffee 7:30 Breakfast 8:05AM

Drum Circle! Dave Curry will lead us after breakfast. Please RSVP if you are coming to eat so we will be sure to have enough food. Also RSVP if you'd like to participate in the drum circle so we will be sure to bring enough instruments. We ask for a \$6 donation to help cover food costs. Masks will be optional. There is plenty of room in Fellowship Hall if you want to maintain distance from other attendees.

Jeff Brown jab.jeffbrown@gmail.com

Second FPC Play Reading

Sunday October 16, 7 pm Hall and on-line

Join us online and listen to your friends read through two plays.

<https://tinyurl.com/fpcplay>

Teaser on 2nd play: One of the oldest written stories in Western world – hint: set in Troy. You all know the scene...here we are again at the walls of Troy with our favorite Greeks and their gods. Only darn few of them have a maturity level over 13. Except of course Odysseus, the only adult in the whole 10-year drama.