

January 9, 2022

Gathering

Prelude -- *Arioso* from *Cantata BWV 156* --
J.S.Bach -- Sanghee Kim, organ

**Land Acknowledgement, Welcome &
Announcements** -- Sarah Hanselman, Small
Group Ministry Facilitator

Call to Worship The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Chalice Lighting

Hymn #38 -- *Morning Has Broken* -- Ken Langer,
vocals

1. Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

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

Joys and Sorrows -- Marcia Rising, Lay Minister

Prayer or Meditation

Hymn #1009 -- *Meditation on Breathing*

Melody and Descant:

When I breathe in, I'll breathe in peace.

When I breathe out, I'll breathe out love.

Drone: Breathe in, Breathe out, Breathe in,
Breathe out

Exploring

Message for All Ages Michelle Coté, Director
of Religious Education

Sharing Our Gifts -- Diane Miller

This month we share our weekly offering with
RIA House

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or by text to (978) 310-3309 or mail checks made
to “First Parish Church” at:

Pledges: attn: Pledge Secretary, PO Box 215, Stow
MA 01775

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MA 01775

Anthem -- *Weather the Storm* by Ken Langer,
adapted from a text by Nayyirah Waheed -- Ken
Langer, vocals & instruments

Sermon -- *Living with Intention* -- The Rev. Dr.
Cynthia L. Landrum

Returning

Hymn #1064 -- *Blue Boat Home*

1. Though below me, I feel no motion
standing on these mountains and plains.
Far away from the rolling ocean
still my dry land heart can say:
I've been sailing all my life now,
never harbor or port have I known.
The wide universe is the ocean I travel
and the earth is my blue boat home.
2. Sun my sail and moon my rudder
as I ply the starry sea,
leaning over the edge in wonder,
casting questions into the deep.
Drifting here with my ship's companions,
all we kindred pilgrim souls,

making our way by the lights of the heavens in our beautiful blue boat home.

3. I give thanks to the waves up holding me,
hail the great winds urging me on,
greet the infinite sea before me,
sing the sky my sailor's song:
I was born up on the fathoms,
never harbor or port have I known.
The wide universe is the ocean I travel,
and the earth is my blue boat home.

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 *Allegro non troppo op.53 no.2* from
Songs without Words -- F.Mendelssohn -- Sanghee
Kim, piano



Introducing our new Tech Assistants: Ali and Ben!

Thank you to:

Zoom Helper, Kim Kinnear; Tech Helper, Hector
Constantzos

and to our staff and leadership



**FIRST PARISH CHURCH
OF STOW & ACTON**

Unitarian Universalist



Sunday, January 9, 2022

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum, Minister
Michelle Cote, Director of Religious Education
Deedee Perkins, Parish Administrator
Brad Dumont, Music Director
Sanghee Kim, Organist/Pianist
Joleen Trotta, Welcoming & Membership
Coordinator
Mike Silkonis, Sexton
Marissa Evans, Youth Coordinator
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 and on Facebook.

FPC Announcements

Sunday, January 9, 2022

TODAY AT FPC

This Week-January 9th-in Our Religious Education Program:

All our programs will be virtual this week.

Here is the schedule for Sunday:

9:15: Prek-5th graders will meet on zoom to connect and have fun!

10am Church Service on Zoom

11:00 Junior Youth Group will meet on zoom with Marissa to hang out and play virtual games.

12:00 Senior Youth Group will meet on zoom with Marissa to hang out and play some games.

If you have any questions please contact Michelle Cote or Marissa Evans.

THE WEEK OF January 10 - 15, 2021

Monday -- SGM 7pm zoom

-- Sounds of Stow 7pm zoom

-- Climate Task Force 7:30 pm, zoom

**Tuesday -- Coffee at the Gazebo 10:00 am
Gazebo**

-- Racial Justice Task Force 7:00 pm zoom

Wednesday -- Meditation 7:00 pm zoom

Thursday -- SGM zoom 9:30am

-- Staff Meeting 12:30 pm

-- Peace Vigil outside front of church 5:00 pm

-- Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm

Friday -- SGM zoom 9:30 am

SUNDAY JANUARY 16, 2022

“Critical Race Theory: Truth and Fiction”

Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

10:00 Online Service only

On this Martin Luther King, Jr. Day weekend, Rev. Cindy will look at some of the debates going on across the country about Critical Race Theory and clarify what it is, what the objections are about, and

how this connects to our faith.

Join by video: <https://tinyurl.com/fpcdecjan>

Meeting ID: 931 5354 4388

Passcode: 11762

Join by phone: 1 929 205 6099 US (long distance rates will apply)

Time to sign up for Small Group Ministry for 2022!

We are forming new groups of 8-10 people who will meet monthly, starting in February, with a trained facilitator to discuss a session topic. The topics are chosen to provide an opportunity for Intimacy and Ultimacy – increasing awareness of yourself and connections to other group members.

We encourage existing participants to join again, either in the same or in a new group, and particularly welcome those new to the program or

new to the church. This is an excellent way to become part of this beloved community.

Please register by January 16th

online at: <http://fpc-stow-acton.org/sgm>

questions, contact:

Karen Kinnear, SGM facilitator - sgm@fpc-stow-acton.org

Joleen Trotta, Membership Coordinator
- mdc@fpc-stow-acton.org

PLATE SHARE FOR JANUARY

RIA (**Ready. Inspire. Act.**) is thankful once again to be one of the Plate Sharing recipients. Covid and all its variants has shut down most of what we'd taken for granted. What is not shut down is the continued need for women (men and children) to be trafficked. What is that?? It's today's version of SLAVERY where a person can be bought for the

satisfaction of another. Yes, it exists today and RIA House is fighting every day to support women find their way out of this horrific web.

Coffee and Chat

will continue on Tuesday mornings from 10-11AM

Meet at the Town Park adjacent to FPC.

Wear a mask, dress for the weather, and bring your own coffee!

If the weather is poor an FPC Announce will be posted with a link for a Zoom meetup instead.

~Ann Sadler

Racial Justice Task Force News:

The FPC Racial Justice Task Force will be holding

our **monthly meeting** via Zoom on the following date:

Tuesday, Jan. 11th at 7 P.M.

We'd love to have new and returning participants who are interested in joining us in the important work of racial justice. Please contact Lisa Fagerstrom, RJTF Chair (lfager@aol.com), if you'd like to be added to the group's e-mail list and receive notices/zoom links for our meetings.

Also, we've been having some interesting conversations around various topics related to racial justice at our **monthly RJTF drop-in** Zoom gatherings.

The next one will be on Monday, Jan. 24th at 7 P.M. Zoom link will be sent out closer to that date. Topic TBA.