

**FIRST PARISH
CHURCH
OF STOW & ACTON**
Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, May 19, 2024

**The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L.
Landrum**
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*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.
Assisted Listening Devices are available when worship is in the Sanctuary.

FPC currently has a masks-optional policy throughout the church.
In the Sanctuary, several back rows with accessible seating are “mask-required.”

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

May 19, 2024: 10:00 am

Gathering

Prelude "With Sweet Lavender" Trevor Berens, piano
Edward MacDowell

Welcome & Announcements Sue Stewart, RE Committee

Opening Words Rayla D. Baldwin-Mattson
Director of Religious Education

Chalice Lighting

* Hymn #311 "Let It Be a Dance"

Centering

* Covenant and 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.

Land Acknowledgement Sue Stewart

RE Extravaganza! "A Twist in the RE Tail" RE Committee Members
& Rayla D. Baldwin-Mattson

Registration



Volunteers



Joys and Sorrows Ann Sadler, Lay Minister

Prayer or Meditation Rev. Dr Cynthia L. Landrum

* Hymn #123 "Spirit of Life"

Exploring

Teacher Recognition Rayla D. Baldwin-Mattson

Sharing Our Gifts

This month we share our weekly offering with Boston Area Gleaners.
You may donate with a check made out to First Parish Church,
online at <https://fpc-stow-acton.org/donate>, or text (978) 310-3309.

Anthem

“Wanting Memories”
Ysaye M. Barnwell

FPC Adult Choir

Refrain:

**I am sitting here wanting memories to teach me
To see the beauty in the world through my own eyes**

You used to rock me in the cradle of your arms
You said you'd hold me till the pains of life were gone
You said you'd comfort me in times like these
And now I need you, now I need you, and you are gone

Refrain

Since you've gone and left me, there's been so little beauty
But I know I saw it clearly through your eyes

Now the world outside is such a cold and bitter place
Here inside I have few things that will console
And when I try to hear your voice above the storms of life
Then I remember all the things that I was told

Refrain

I think on the things that made me feel so wonderful when I was young
I think on the things that made me laugh, made me dance, made me sing
I think on the things that made me grow into a being full of pride
I think on these things, for they are truth

Refrain

I thought that you were gone, but now I know you're with me
You are the voice that whispers all I need to hear

I know a please, a thank you, and a smile will take me far
I know that I am you and you are me and we are one
I know that who I am is numbered in each grain of sand
I know that I've been blessed again, and over again

Refrain

Bridging Ceremony

Graduating Seniors

Meredith Jablonowksi
Kennedy Mattson
ZemZem Osenar

Young Adults:

Emmeline Jones
Bradshaw Mattson

Moving Up Ceremony

Rising 9th Graders

S. Yoong Heffner-Wong
Lailah Ruminski

Senior Youth:

Kendra Jablonowski

Returning

* Hymn #1064

“Blue Boat Home”

* Benediction

Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

* 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

“Circle Game”
Joni Mitchell

Trevor Berens, piano

Greet Your Neighbor



Thank you:

Hector Constantzos, Zoom Host
Marcia Allison, Marion Scott, Carolyn Zettler, Lisa Rydin, Ushers
Coffee Hosts ☕♥
Our staff and leadership

Announcements

May Plate Sharing: Boston Area Gleaners (BAG) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting a more equitable, just, and sustainable food system.



With the support of the Town of Acton, Acton Conservation Trust, Sudbury Valley Trustees, and individuals, BAG purchased Stonefield Farm in July of 2021. This enabled them to develop the Food Hub-- a wholesale market for local produce – providing income opportunities for farmers, and a much-needed farm-to-institution supply line for local universities, hospitals, and food banks. Their vision is to sustain a permanent agricultural supply chain that will improve the viability of local farms and the health of communities in the Boston metro area who have historically suffered from inequity in the food system.

As the pandemic government programs to ease food insecurity have ended, BAG is expanding its efforts at the farm itself. This summer they will grow produce such as collards, okra and callaloo that are in high demand but difficult to source locally. They invite community members to join them for volunteer gleaning “trips”, and to attend the community gathering at the farm on June 22 where there will be music, food trucks, and an opportunity to enjoy the farm.

Please visit www.bostonareagleaners.org to learn more about BAG’s mission and how to volunteer. Your support is deeply appreciated.

To our visitors, thank you for coming!

We hope you found something you’re looking for in our service and congregation, and that you’ll come back if it feels like a fit.

Here’s how to keep connecting with our people and programs:



- 1) **Come to coffee hour** right after the service, downstairs in Fellowship Hall.
- 2) **Fill out a Visitor Card** in your pew and hand it to an usher **OR** scan this QR code and complete a similar form online.
- 3) **Subscribe to our e-newsletters** and e-mail groups:



Today at FPC

9 am **Jewelry Sale**, Community Room

10 am **Service**, Sanctuary and Online

11 am ► **Jewelry Sale**, cont'd, Community Room

► **Coffee Hour**, Fellowship Hall

which will include...

Sign-ups to volunteer at

The Assabet Craft Beer & Food Truck Festival

at FPC on Saturday, August 31, 2024 12-4 pm (rain or shine)

Craft Beer Food Trucks

Amory's Tomb Brewing Kith & Kin

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Redemption Rock Start Line BBQ

Flying Dreams Braised tacos & bowls

craft cider from Pony Shack Bird's Nest Italian Street Food,

seltzer & soft drinks ice cream and our FPC cookie table

Music by Beck and the Swinging Bards

Activities for kids including carnival games, face painting, crafts, and more

Admission is \$5-10 donation per person, kids 12 & under free, drink tix \$5

* **Sign up in person during Coffee Hour and get a complimentary bottle of First Parish Dunkel**, a German-style dark lager freshly brewed for our

volunteers by Neil Saunders, Dave Sansone, and Scott Feldhusen!

and

Sign-ups for

Becoming an LGBTQ+ Ally Workshop

presented by FPC Stow and Acton LGBTQ+ task force,

whose members will be available to answer questions and sign you up.

This Week at FPC

20	MAY, MON	●	8am – 1pm	AssabetFoodCoop (Vestry)
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21	MAY, TUE	●	10 – 11am	Coffee & Chat (Gazebo)
		●	7 – 9pm	SGM: 3rd Tuesday Group (Comm. Rm. or online)
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22	MAY, WED	●	6:40 – 8:45pm	Meditation (Fellowship Hall & online)
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23	MAY, THU	●	5 – 6pm	Lay Ministers meeting (online)
		●	5 – 6pm	Peace Vigil (outside)
		●	7:15 – 9pm	Choir Practice (Hall)
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24	MAY, FRI	●	1 – 3:30pm	Bridge Group (Community Rm)
		●	7 – 9pm	Games Night (Hall)

Next Sunday's Service 5/26, 10am, Sanctuary/Online/Phone

The Rev. Jo Murphy, Executive Director of UU Mass Action, a statewide justice organization for Unitarian Universalists. UU Mass Action, whose first directors were FPC members, has been working since 2006 to help organize and mobilize the 142 congregations in Massachusetts, consisting of some 20,000 UUs, to address things at the state level. UU Mass Action has five primary campaigns of indigenous justice, immigrant justice, climate & environmental justice, economic & housing justice, and decarceration & end solitary. Come and hear more about justice in our state and how UUs can work together!

Coming up at FPC

FRI, 5/24 Multigen Game Night 7-9 pm, Fellowship Hall

Bring your own game or play one provided by RE Committee member Chip Beauvais. Snacks and cider provided by Religious Education. All ages, all folx welcome!

SUN, 6/2 and FRI, 6/7 Becoming an LGBTQ+ Ally Workshop, Community Rm.

Presented by FPC Stow and Acton LGBTQ+ task force.

This workshop is being offered twice:

SUN, 6/2, 12:30-2:30 pm. *Optional potluck lunch at noon.*

FRI, 6/7, 7-9 pm. *Optional potluck dinner at 6:30 pm.*

For Ages: Middle school through adult. Children may join potluck before childcare.

Potluck: Vegetarian meal will be provided. Please bring nut-free desserts or drinks.

RSVP to lgbtq@fpc-stow-acton.org by May 29 with your name, date you wish to attend, if you need childcare, whether in person or via zoom (sessions will not be recorded).

Please send questions for the workshop with RSVP and they will remain anonymous.

The task force will be at coffee hour today and 5/26 to answer questions and/or assist you with signing up. **We are only admitting those who RSVP in advance.**

Every Week at FPC

Tues. 10AM

Coffee and Chat at the Town Center Park Gazebo



Wed. 6:40PM

Meditation in Fellowship Hall & Online



Thurs. 5PM

Peace Vigil on the Town Common in front of FPC



Thurs. 7:15 PM

Choir Rehearsal in the Community Room - Join the choir! music@fpc-stow-acton.org

Fri. 1PM

Bridge Playing in the Community Room



ONLINE SUPPLEMENT PAGE:
Information for folks joining us online

1. Closed captioning is available for FPC's online services. If you don't see captions on your screen, you can use the button at the bottom of your screen to request that the host turn them on.
2. Today's Zoom Host: **Hector Constantzos**
3. Hymn lyrics will be in a slide presentation today.



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