

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

Sunday, June 23, 2024

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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.

June 23, 2024: 10:00 am

Gathering

- Prelude** Partita 6 in E minor, BWV 830 Chris Hossfeld, piano
1: Toccata
Johann Sebastian Bach
- Welcome & Announcements** Ann Wickham, Worship Host
- Introit** 2: Allemanda Chris Hossfeld
Johann Sebastian Bach
- Opening Words** “When Bells stop ringing – Church – begins” Ann Wickham
Emily Dickinson
- Meditation** 3: Corrente Chris Hossfeld
Johann Sebastian Bach
- Chalice Lighting** “The Lightning playeth – all the while” Ann Wickham
Emily Dickinson
- * **Hymn #41** “You That Have Spent the Silent Night”

Centering

* **Covenant and Affirmation**

Love is the spirit of this church, and service its law.	From all that dwell below the skies let words of love and peace arise.
This is our great covenant: To dwell together in peace, to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.	Let joyful songs of praise be sung. through every land, by every tongue.

- Land Acknowledgement** Ann Wickham
- Meditation** 4: Air Chris Hossfeld
Johann Sebastian Bach
- Joys and Sorrows** Ann Wickham, Lay Minister
- * *Rise in Body and Spirit*
- Prayer** “Ourselves were wed one summer – dear” Ann Wickham
Emily Dickinson
- Meditation** 5: Sarabande Chris Hossfeld
Johann Sebastian Bach

...and to our visitors, thank you for coming!
We hope you find what you're looking for in our service and congregation, and that you'll come back again.



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

- **Fill out a Visitor Card** in your pew and hand it to an usher or scan the QR code and complete the form online.

- **Subscribe to our e-newsletters** and e-mail groups with the QR code.

- **Come to coffee hour** right after the service, downstairs in Fellowship Hall.



Visiting & Learning
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More about June Plate Sharing

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 help asylum seekers...

- find jobs
- learn English
- navigate the medical system
- ride a bike or the buses

We provide them with...

- food & housing in a hotel while waiting for MA ER Fam. System support
- rides to medical appointments & job interviews
- legal fees for asylum cases
- political advocacy

Upcoming 10 am Sunday Services

All services are in the Sanctuary and Online, unless otherwise noted
Visit <https://www.fpc-stow-acton.org/services> for service descriptions

- 6/30 "FPC's Work with the Interfaith Partnership for Refugee Resettlement" - Members of the Asylum Seekers Task Force
- 7/7 "Weaving Our Lives: the UUA's General Assembly Worship Service" online only, a link will be posted on FPCAnnounce and FPC's website
- 7/14 "Evolution" - Andy Derr
- 7/21 "The Songs of Bruce Springsteen: A Ministry of Community and Redemption" - Dave Sansone
- 7/28 "Blessing of the Animals" outside on the FPC grounds - Susan Avery with your animal(s) or representations of them (photos, drawings, etc.)
- 8/4 "Joint Summer Service" at Littleton (and online) - Rev. Lara Hoke
- 8/11 "Starstuff" (Sermon Rerun) - Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum
- 8/18 "#realtalkwithrayla!" - Director of Religious Education Rayla Baldwin-Mattson
- 8/25 "Eyes on the Prize: Traveling the Long-Arcing Road towards Racial Justice" - members of FPC's Racial Justice Task Force
- 9/1 "Popcorn Theology" - Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Upcoming Events at FPC

Assabet Craft Beer and Food Truck Festival Sat. 9/2, 12-4 pm
 A fundraiser in front of the church to benefit the First Parish
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Ingathering Sunday Potluck Lunch & Ice Cream Sun. 9/8, 11 am
 Our fall kicks off with the traditional ice cream social, and this year with a
 potluck lunch to start us off. Join us at FPC to support a local ice cream
 business and socialize with other FPC members and friends!

Rev. Cindy's Summer Schedule

Week (Mon-Sun)	Cindy's Schedule	Lay Minister on Call for Pastoral Needs
6/17-23	"Gone" for virtual Denominational General Assembly & UUMA/LREDA days	Ingrid
6/24-30	Regular work year - out of town 6/27-30 to preach in New York	Hector
7/1-7	Vacation Week 1	Ingrid
7/8-14	Vacation Week 2	Ingrid
7/15-21	Vacation Week 3	Hector
7/22-28	Study Leave Week 1 - Cindy traveling to Kate H Virginia for SUUSI 7/20-28	
7/29-8/4	Study Leave Week 2 - Cindy out of town with Rayla for some joint planning time, location TBD	Ann S
8/5-8/11	Study Leave Week 3 (Partial week - preaching)	Ann S
8/12-18	Study Leave Week 4 (Partial week - joint planning time with staff)	Hector
8/19-25	Vacation Week 4	Kate H
8/26-9/1	Partial Study Leave week - make up days for weeks 3 & 4 - Cindy preaching	Ingrid