

**FIRST PARISH CHURCH  
OF STOW & ACTON**

*Unitarian Universalist*

**Sunday, June 30, 2024**

***Interfaith Partnership  
Resettling Refugees (IPRR)***



**The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum**, Minister  
**Rayla Baldwin-Mattson**, Director of Religious Education  
**Meg Rivers-Wright**, Parish Administration & Membership  
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**Trevor Berens**, Accompanist  
**Justin Marble**, Nursery Care Coordinator  
**Mike Silkonis**, Sexton  
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**Brendon Chetwynd**, Vice Pres. and President-Elect  
**Bill Froberg**, Treasurer  
**Johanna Pyle**, Clerk

*First Parish is a UU Association Welcoming Congregation. We warmly welcome gay, lesbian, bisexual, & transgender people into our community.*

Large print orders of service and hymnals are available from an usher. Assisted Listening Devices are also available in the Sanctuary.

On the web at [fpc-stow-acton.org](http://fpc-stow-acton.org) and on Facebook.

June 30, 2024: 10:00 am

**Gathering**

**Prelude** "Hymn to Freedom" Trish Woods,  
piano

Oscar Peterson

**Land Acknowledgement,  
Welcome, & Announcements** Marion Scott

**Opening Words** Joan Toussaint

**Chalice Lighting** Joan Toussaint

**Centering**

**\* 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.

**Joys and Sorrows** Ingrid Holcomb, Lay Minister

Joys and sorrows is a time for the things on our hearts and  
minds to be heard by the gathered community. If you  
would like a follow-up call by a lay minister or the minister,  
email [caring@fpc-stow-acton.org](mailto:caring@fpc-stow-acton.org).

**The Origin of IPRR** The Afghans Roy Miller  
Steve Evans

**Prayer** "Prayer for the Lamp Keeper" Nancy Cataldo  
Rev Joe Cherry (FPC Brookline, MA)  
Moment of Silence

*\* Please rise in body or in spirit.*

## Exploring

### Sharing Our Gifts

In June we share our weekly offering with **Support for Asylum Seekers**, and in July and August we split it between **Documentary: WHY ARE YOU YOU?** and **Resettlement Interfaith Partnership**. 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.

Offering	"Blue Boat Home"	Trish Woods, Piano
IPRR Today	The Rohingyans	Mary Evans

### Returning

* Hymn #121	"We'll Build a Land"	
* Benediction		Diane Miller
* 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.

*Adjourn to St Mathews for Potluck*



### **Thank you:**

Brendon Chetwynd, Zoom Host & Tech Helper  
Laurie Proulx and Nancy Cataldo, Ushers  
Our staff and leadership

🌸 *Today's flowers are provided by Judy Holmes* 🌸

**June Plate Sharing:** The Supporting Asylum Seekers group works 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, and ride a bike or the buses. We provide temporary food and housing in a hotel for families waiting for MA Emergency Family System support, rides to medical appts. & job interviews, legal fees for asylum cases, and political advocacy.



## **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.



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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.

**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.)

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**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

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## **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 Church of Stow & Acton



**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 and Lay Ministers on call for pastoral needs**

- 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 Virginia for SUUSI 7/20-28 (Kate H.)
- 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 (Ann S.)  
(Partial week - preaching)
- 8/12-18 Study Leave Week 4 (Hector)  
(Partial week - planning time with staff)
- 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)