

October 3, 2021
9:30 and 11:15 AM

Gathering

Prelude *The Heart of Worship* M. Redman
Sanghee Kim, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Greet Your Neighbor

Introit 11:15 am *United in Song:* M. E. Valverde
An Anthem for Our Time FPC Adult Choir

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

Chalice Lighting

Hymn #38 JCS *We Walk in Love* D. Witkowski
Justice Choir Songbook & L. Colon

1. We walk in love united in purpose.
We join our hands and lift up one voice.
We speak the truth with strength and compassion
resounding with hope, with courage and joy.
2. We cry for peace and rights for all people.
We welcome friends from far--- and near.
We fight for those whose voices are silenced,
resisting in faith until all are free.
3. We dream world of justice and kindness.
We build a bridge creating new paths.
We march with joy as all walk together.
Embracing each one, we boldly stand.

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 11:15 am Michelle Coté,
Director of Religious Education

Joys and Sorrows

9:30 am: Hector Constantzos, Lay Minister
11:15 am: Marcia Rising, Lay Minister

Prayer or Meditation

Exploring

Sharing Our Gifts Diane Miller

This month we share our weekly offering with
Supporting Asylum Seekers

Checks may be made to "First Parish Church" and sent to:

Pledges: attn: Pledge Secretary, PO Box 215, Stow MA 01775
Donations: attn: Treasurer, 353 Great Rd, Stow MA 01775
or donate online at <https://fpc-stow-acton.org/donate>
or by text to (978) 310-3309.

Anthem

9:30 am: *Ella's Song* B. Johnson Reagon
Brad Dumont, vocals

11:15 am: *Would You Harbor Me?* Y. Barnwell
FPC Adult Choir

Sermon *Principles Part 2: The Eighth Principle*
The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Returning

Hymn #1017

Building a New Way

1. We are building a new way. We are building a new way.
We are building a new way, feeling stronger ev'ry day,
We are building a new way.
2. We are working to be free...
hate and greed and jealousy...
3. We can feed our every need...
Start with love, that is the seed...
4. Peace and freedom is our cry...
Without these this world will die...

Benediction

Sung Benediction

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 11:15 am

Toccata Spirito

D. Alexander
Sanghee Kim, piano



Thank you to:

Jeff Brown, Set-Up and Usher;
Kim Kinnear, Zoom Host;
Jonathan Daisy, video and sound;
Brendon Chetwynd, Zoom and AV help;
and our worship participants, staff, and leadership.



*Please remember to wear your
Masks Inside and Outside
Thankyou*

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist



Sunday, October 3, 2021

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.

Friday Morning: Baking

Sign up for early or late shifts (see sign up for times). You are welcome to sign up for two shifts if you plan to stay for the duration of pie making on a given Friday. All TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED.

Friday Evening: Bagging

Bagging will take place in the Fellowship Hall. All baggers will be asked to wear masks in the building.

Selling

- We will again be selling at the front doors of the church. Pies will be \$18.
- Sellers will be asked to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status and will be provided with gloves to wear.

EXTRA OFFERINGS

Please contact Rebecca if you plan to donate jellies/jams/or baked goods. Offerings can be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall during pie baking on Fridays or in the bins located IN FRONT OF STALL 4 OF THE CARRIAGE SHED anytime Friday afternoon/evening.

Questions/Comments/Concerns

If you have questions, comments, or concerns regarding the plans for the apple pie project this year, please reach out to the Pie Project Coordinator, Rebecca Stadolnik, at applepies@fpc-stow-acton.org.

Coffee and Chat...

...will continue on Tuesdays 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

Announcements Sunday, October 3, 2021

TODAY AT FPC

9:30 Outdoor Worship Service

followed by "connections time"

Masks and social distancing required

10:30 Choir Rehearsal in Fellowship Hall

11:00 Choir Sings on zoom Hall

11:15 Zoom Worship Service

followed by "connections time" breakout groups

12:15 Zoom Eighth Principle Discussion

This Sunday in our Religious Education Program:

9:30 Children will go directly to their RE programs listed below.

Children and youth in grades PreK-8 will meet during this service.

All children and youth will go directly to RE and will not join in the service to help with social distancing.

There will be a greeter directing everyone to their right spot.

Grades PreK-5 (meeting outside near the lower parking lot)

Creativity will abound while the kids take their principle symbols and create their own unique art project that displays these symbols.

Grades 6-8 (meeting outside behind Fellowship Hall next to the kitchen)

We'll finish creating scarecrows for a NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) fundraiser. The youth will continue to work in teams to build scarecrows that will then be displayed at Cucurbit Farm.

High School Discussion Group will meet at 11 (giving parents time to return home to zoom the 11:15 service if they wish) to discuss Ableism.

Please contact Michelle Cote, our Director of Religious Education, at dre@fpc-stow-acton.org if you have any questions or concerns.

THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 4-10, 2021

- Monday** Sounds of Stow (Hall) 7:00-8:30pm
Breakout (community room) 7:00-8:30pm
- Tuesday** Coffee & Chat 10-11:00am at the Gazebo town park
PICK APPLES & deliver to Carriage **Shed #4** 4pm
Book Group 7:00-9:00pm zoom
RE Meeting 7:00-9:00pm youth room
- Wednesday** Piano Tuning 10:15-12:00 Hall
PICK APPLES & deliver to Carriage **Shed #4** 4pm
Membership Committee youth room 7:00-9:00pm
- Thursday** Piano tuning Sanctuary 10:15-12:15pm
Peel Apples 5:00pm (not at FPC)
Peace Vigil 5:00 pm in front of FPC
SGM Facilitators 6:00pm zoom
Choir rehearsal 7:15-9:15pm (Hall)
- Friday** Bake Pies 6:30am- 1:30pm Hall Kitchen
- Saturday** SGM 9:00am zoom
Pies sold 9:30am - 1:00pm Atrium Doors
- Sunday** Pie Selling **11:00am** - 1:00pm Outside FPC

NEXT SUNDAY, October 10, 2021

“Cultivating Relationship”

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

There are three possible ways of identifying with a religious community: by behaving, by believing, or by belonging...” wrote Rabbi Neil Gillman, summarizing Mordecai Kaplan, the founder of Reconstructionist Judaism. As I’ll be talking about in our “UU Journey” classes this month, Unitarian Universalists are defined not by creed, but by covenant. But while covenant defines our faith, *belonging* may be what defines us as individual UUs. What does it mean to be a people defined by belonging?

The Apple Pie Project is Up and Running!
Please sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/fpcpies>

Volunteering opportunities:

Wednesday: Dough making

Contact June Mallon - june.pies@fpc-stow-acton.org – if you are interested. We prefer 2-3 members of a single family unit sign up together. Volunteers will be asked to wear masks while in the building.

Tuesday or Wednesday: Apple collecting

Contact Steve Evans (steve.pies@fpc-stow-acton.org) for information and to get official bags and directions. WE HAVE A NEW LOCATION FOR DROPPING OFF APPLES! Please deposit your bags of apples into the bins located IN FRONT OF STALL 4 OF THE CARRIAGE SHED.

Wednesday/Thursday: Apple peeling/prep

- Please sign up online and indicate how many bags of apples you intend to peel.
- Apples can be picked up on Wednesday afternoons after 4 pm. PLEASE ONLY TAKE AS MANY BAGS AS YOU SIGNED UP TO TAKE.
- The apples will be located in bins located IN FRONT OF STALL 4 OF THE CARRIAGE SHED.
- Volunteers are asked to take the apples home, wash them, peel them, core them, and cut them into pie slices. Bags for the cleaned apple slices to be stored in will be provided.
- Drop off bags of prepared apple in the bins at the church before 9 pm Thursday. (*NOTE: If you peel your apples on Wednesday, please refrigerate them until you deliver them on Thursday.*)

Saturday Morning Breakfasts (ZOOM)

October 16, Program begins at 8:05

Rashaun Martin, Director of Retention Programs and Services for Educators of Color in the Boston Public Schools will speak about the importance of a diversified educator workforce, how we recruit and retain diversity in the Boston Public Schools, current statewide initiatives, and how you can support the efforts.

~Jeff Brown

OCTOBER PLATE SHARING SUPPORTING ASYLUM SEEKERS

We thank you for your contributions now and in the past toward Supporting Asylum Seekers!

We are a small active Social Justice group at FPC, currently supporting the local asylum-seeker family of Gian Carlos and Keren and their 2 girls, who many of you met in person at our FPC summer Sunday Service.

Support takes many forms, from initial help with housing and medical issues, to employment, language, transportation, legal, school, and budgeting help. Some support requires time and care, and some additionally requires money. Beyond your generous donation, what can you do?

- Employ either adult once or occasionally, part time (contact Susie).
- Attend our Oct 13 6:30pm FPC Educational Forum, via Zoom, to learn about Aghan refugees and asylum seekers.
- Join us during a monthly meeting and other activities! (contact Susie O'Brien & Steve Evans, asylumsupport@fpc-stow-acton.org)

The UU Journey at FPC (aka New2UU) A HYBRID 4-Session Course on UU History, Spirituality, Mission, and Traditions

Wednesdays, 7-9pm:

Oct. 20: *Theology, Worship, & Spiritual Journeys*

Oct. 27: *Unitarian, Universalist, UU, & FPC History*

Nov. 3: *Polity, Governance, & Social Justice*

Nov. 10: *FPC Traditions, Involvement, & Membership*

Our Minister, Rev. Cindy Landrum will lead the classes. There will be opportunities to share your own personal spiritual journey, ask questions, as well as get to know others in the church.

You do not need to be new to FPC to participate. All are welcome! **This HYBRID course is being offered both In-Person AND Virtually. Please indicate your preference when you register. Registration Required** (for link access). Please contact Joleen Trotta if you are interested in participating. mdc@fpc-stow-acton.org or call/text 774-276-027

8th Principle Discussions – No RSVP Required

- **Today 12:15 after the 2nd service with Rev. Cindy,** <https://tinyurl.com/fpcoct>
- **Thursday, October 14, 7pm with Rev. Cindy,** <https://tinyurl.com/fpc8p>
- **Tuesday, October 26, 7pm -- Racial Justice Monthly Drop-In Discussion,** Zoom link to come
- **Tuesday, October 19, 7pm with Rev. Cindy,** <https://tinyurl.com/fpc8pp>

A proposal has been made for an 8th principle focused on anti-racism and other oppressions in Unitarian Universalism. Many congregations have endorsed the proposal, and the UUA Article II Commission is studying it for a proposal to come to the General Assembly. These sessions will be a time to discuss and to ask questions and discuss thoughts about the 8th Principle.

Unitarian Universalist Association: Bylaws and Rules

Article II Principles and Purposes

Section C-2.1. Principles.

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.
- **The Proposed Eighth Principle:** Journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.”

The living tradition which we share draws from many sources:

- Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
- Words and deeds of prophetic people which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion and the transforming power of love;
- Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;

- Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
- Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit;
- Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature.

Grateful for the religious pluralism which enriches and ennobles our faith, we are inspired to deepen our understanding and expand our vision. As free congregations we enter into this covenant, promising to one another our mutual trust and support.

Section C-2.2. Purposes.

The Unitarian Universalist Association shall devote its resources to and exercise its corporate powers for religious, educational and humanitarian purposes. The primary purpose of the Association is to serve the needs of its member congregations, organize new congregations, extend and strengthen Unitarian Universalist institutions and implement its principles.

Section C-2.3. Inclusion.

Systems of power, privilege, and oppression have traditionally created barriers for persons and groups with particular identities, ages, abilities, and histories. We pledge to replace such barriers with ever-widening circles of solidarity and mutual respect. We strive to be an association of congregations that truly welcome all persons and commit to structuring congregational and associational life in ways that empower and enhance everyone's participation.

Section C-2.4. Freedom of Belief.

Nothing herein shall be deemed to infringe upon the individual freedom of belief which is inherent in the Universalist and Unitarian heritages or to conflict with any statement of purpose, covenant, or bond of union used by any congregation unless such is used as a creedal test.