# FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON



Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, March 2, 2025

Encanto

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L.	Rev. Susan	Meg Rivers-Wright
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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.

### March 2, 2025: 10:00 a.m.

# **Gathering**

**Prelude** "The Family Madrigal" Trevor Berens, from *Encanto* piano

Lin-Manuel Miranda

Welcome & Announcements Meg Rivers-Wright

Welcoming and Membership

Opening Words and Introduction to Encanto Meg

**Chalice Lighting** Assata Shakur Rayla D. Baldwin-Mattson

Director of Religious Education

Opening Song "Waiting on a Miracle" FPC Choir

from *Encanto* Chris Hossfeld, Music Director Lin-Manuel Miranda Pat Sorn, soloist

Trevor Berens, piano

Michael Merrill, bass; Todd Rhodes, drums

# **Centering & Exploring**

## \* Covenant and Affirmation

Love is the spirit of this church, and service its law.

This is our great covenant:

To dwell together in peace,

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.

to seek the truth in love, and to help one another.

Land Acknowledgement June McKnight

Worship Committee Chair

A Song for All Ages "We Don't Talk About Bruno" FPC Choir

from Encanto Soloists:

Lin-Manuel Miranda Pepa: Eve Beauvais

Félix: Ian McIntyre

Dolores: Kennedy Mattson; Camilo: Rayla D. Baldwin-Mattson

Isabela: Pat Sorn; Mirabel: Lindsay LaPointe

<sup>\*</sup> Please rise in body or in spirit

# **Sharing Our Gifts**

This month we share our weekly offering with **RIA House**. You may donate by check made out to First Parish Church, at <a href="fpc-stow-acton.org/donate">fpc-stow-acton.org/donate</a>, or text (978) 310-3309.

Anthem "Surface Pressure" FPC Choir

from *Encanto* Lin-Manuel Miranda

# **Joys and Sorrows**

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.

Prayer Rayla D. Baldwin-Mattson

Meditation "Dos Oruguitas" (Two Caterpillars) FPC Choir

from *Encanto*Bob Glorioso, soloist

Lin-Manuel Miranda

Message Rev. Susan Suchocki Brown

Returning

Closing Song "What Else Can I Do?" FPC Choir

from Encanto Emmeline Jones, soloist

Lin-Manuel Miranda

\* **Benediction** Eric Williams, adapted Rev. Susan, Rayla,

Meg, and Chris

# \* 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 "We Don't Talk About Bruno"

SING-ALONG! from Encanto

Lin-Manuel Miranda

**Greet Your Neighbor** 

