

April 17, 2022
9 and 11 AM

Gathering

Prelude *Let Everything That Hath Breath* M. Redman
Sanghee Kim, piano

**Land Acknowledgement, Welcome & Announcements
and Introduction to FPC's Strategic Plan**

9 am: Russ Hart, RE Committee Member

11 am: Deb O'Connell Brunelle, Trustee

Greet Your Neighbor

Introit 11 am *Yonder Come Day* Georgia Islands Song
FPC Adult Choir

Opening Words

Chalice Lighting #453 from the Passover Haggadah

* **Hymn #269** *Lo the Day of Days Is Here*

* **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 Michelle Coté,
Director of Religious Education

Going Forth with the Light

Reading *Desert Spring* by Victoria E. Safford

* *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Joys and Sorrows

9 am: Ingrid Holcomb, Lay Minister

11 am: Marcia Rising, Lay Minister

Prayer or Meditation

Special Music *City Called Heaven* J. Poelintz

9 am: Krystal Morin, vocals

11 am: Krystal Morin & FPC Adult Choir

Exploring

Reading *Manifesto: the Mad Farmer*
Liberation Front by Wendell Berry

Sharing Our Gifts

This month we share our weekly offering with
the Southeast India Project

Checks may be made to "First Parish Church" or donate online at
<https://fpc-stow-acton.org/donate> or by text to (978) 310-3309.

Anthem *Where There is Light in the Soul* E. Alexander

9 am: Krystal Morin & Brad Dumont, vocals

11 am: FPC Adult Choir

Homily *Practice Resurrection*
The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Returning

* **Hymn #61** *Lo, the Earth Awakes Again*
Children will rejoin the service during the hymn for our
egg hunt following the service on the front lawn.

* **Benediction**

* **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.

*** Community Singing**

9 am #203 *All Creatures of the Earth and Sky*

11 am "Hallelujah" from *Messiah* G.F. Handel
FPC Adult Choir
Sanghee Kim, organ



Thank you to:

Our Zoom Helper, Kim Kinnear
Kevin O'Brien & Jeff Brown, First Service Ushers
Rebecca and Dan MacNeill, Second Service Ushers
and to our staff and leadership.

Our Tulips today are given by:

****Susan Avery

**Johanna Pyle

***Skip Warren "Given in memory of Bill & Priscilla Smith,
Bill Walters, and Harriet Bird

*Liz & Phil Moseley

**Lynette Sinclair & Michelle Coté

*Nancy Cataldo & Judy Holmes

**Kate Imhoff

**Rouly Constantzos

**Sharon Brownfield & Rick Lent

**Ruth & Geoff Lull

* indicates number of plants



* Please rise in body or in spirit.

**FIRST PARISH CHURCH
OF STOW & ACTON**

Unitarian Universalist



Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022

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.

ONLINE SUPPLEMENT PAGE

This page contains information specifically for folks joining us online!

Today's Zoom Host: Kim Kinnear

Hymn Lyrics

Hymn #269 *Lo the Day of Days Is Here*

1. Lo, the day of days is here, Alleluia!
Festival of hope and cheer! Alleluia!
At the south wind's genial breath--Alleluia!
Nature wakes from seeming death, Alleluia!
2. Fields are smiling in the sun, Alleluia!
Loosened streamlets seaward run, Alleluia!
Tender blade and leaf appear; Alleluia!
'Tis the spring-tide of the year, Alleluia!
3. Lo, the Eastertide is here, Alleluia!
Music thrills the atmosphere. Alleluia!
Join, you people all, and sing--Alleluia!
Love and praise and thanksgiving, Alleluia!

Hymn #61 *Lo, the Earth Awakes Again*

1. Lo, the earth awakes again--Alleluia!
From the winter's bond and pain. Alleluia!
Bring we leaf and flower and spray--Alleluia!
to adorn this happy day. Alleluia!
2. Once again the word comes true, Alleluia!
All the earth shall be made new. Alleluia!

Now the dark, cold days are o'er, Alleluia!
Spring and gladness are before. Alleluia!

3. Change, then, mourning into praise, Alleluia!
And, for dirges, anthems raise. Alleluia!
How our spirits soar and sing, Alleluia!
How our hearts leap with the spring! Alleluia!

11am Community Singing

"Hallelujah" from *Messiah*

G.F. Handel

See separate PDF on website: <https://www.fpc-stow-acton.org/services/service/resurrection-easter-sunday>

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

SOUTHEAST INDIA PROJECT

Since the tsunami of 2004, FPC has supported the rural dalit villages and children of southeast India. This January would have been Bob Tabor's 17th trip (Russ Hart's 3rd, Vicky Tabor's 5th) to the villages and Orphanage. The pandemic caused us to cancel our scheduled visit again this year. We had to forgo the Friendship Kits that FPC families generously assemble each year for the children at the orphanage. Covid has drastically changed the lives at WIDE orphanage. We have helped fund a new building to increase the number of girls who can live at WIDE and enjoy a safe, healthy life and an education. All the children have recently been allowed by the government to return to the Orphanage and resume their education. Kumari, who operates WIDE with her husband and daughter, had been delivering food each month to each of the villages where the children are now dispersed, supporting their entire families. This has incurred extra expenses, and we have been sending her additional funding to support her efforts, as well as to supply food (rice, dal, spices, vegetables, milk) to a destitute Gypsy village and a refugee camp for Tamils who fled the civil war in Sri Lanka.

We also continue to support Women's Self-Help Groups in dalit villages as well as micro-loans to women for dairy herds, tailoring training and foot treadle sewing machines, and organic farming. Your continued generous support is greatly appreciated.

ANNUAL REPORT ARTICLES

ARE DUE

TO Sharon Brownfield
sharonbrownfield@gmail.com

(NO PDFs please)

Thanks so much!

EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 17, 2022

This week April 17 in our Religious Education Program:

Children in grades Prek-5 are invited to attend an RE program on Easter after the Message for All Ages.

Youth in grades 6-8 can check in with Michelle, our Director of Religious Education, if they would like to help with the younger children.

High School youth will stay in the sanctuary to enjoy the service.

Please note: All children and youth will return to the church to rejoin their families for the final hymn at both services.

After each service all children up through grade 5 are invited to take part in an Easter Egg Hunt.

The 11:00 service (only) will conclude with a group sing of the Hallelujah Chorus.



THE FPC JAZZ BAND PLAYS AT FPC AND OTHER VENUES

- **Saturday, April 16** at 1:00 p.m. at The Artisan at Hudson retirement facility, 253 Washington St, Hudson, MA 01749
- **Thursday, April 21** at 2:30 p.m. at Camellia Gardens retirement community, 16 Digital Way, Maynard, MA 01754
- **Sunday, May 22**, 9:00 & 11:00 a.m., FPC church services
- **Sunday, July 10**, 10:00 a.m., FPC church service
- **Saturday, Sept. 3**, noon to 4:00 p.m. along with other performers, Assabet Craft Beer Festival at FPC
- **Saturday, Sept. 17** at 4:30 p.m., public concert outdoors at Hudson Town Hall, 78 Main St, Hudson

Add these new dates to your calendars and bring a friend

THE WEEK OF APRIL 18-23, 2022

School Vacation

Monday

Stow Chorus 7:00pm Hall

Jazz Band 7:00pm Sanctuary

Tuesday

Coffee at the Gazebo 10am-11am

SGM 7:00pm Hall

Wednesday

SGM 9:30am Hall

SGM 9:30am Zoom

Beerfest 7:00pm Youth Room

Ukulele Meetup 7:00pm Zoom

Meditation 7:25 pm zoom

SGM 7:30pm Hall

Thursday

Archives Vestry 9:30-11:30

Parish Jazz Band 2:30pm Caemilla Gardens Apts. Maynard

Peace Vigil 5:00pm front of church

Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm Hall

SGM 7:30pm zoom

Saturday

Growing Victory Garden 9:00am Zoom

Fellowship Hall in use (Auction item) 2:00-9:00pm

SUMMER SERVICES June 19-September 4

This is a reminder that the Worship Committee is now actively looking for people interested in either leading or participating in one of our summer services, which will begin **on June 19 and run each Sunday for 12 weeks through September 4.**

Do you have an idea for a summer service? A member of the Worship Committee would be happy to be a resource for you and make sure your service conforms to any guidelines (such as Covid) we might have. Alternatively, is there someone you think the Worship Committee should approach about leading a service of their own?

While we are not prescribing an overarching theme for this year's services, we are particularly aware of the connections we are making with others in our broader community, and we would love to have a few services that focus on extending those bridges and possibly introducing us to other local organizations with compatible missions.

Please contact any of us on the Worship Committee with your ideas, suggestions, or questions:

Neil Saunders, Chair (neilsaund@verizon.net)

Marcia Allison (marrich86@hotmail.com)

Susan Avery (susan.avery@verizon.net)

Aimee Ledwell (redshoegirl@gmail.com)

Sharon Webb (marysharonwebb@gmail.com)

Rev. Cindy Landrum (minister@fpc-stow-acton.org)

We look forward to hearing from you!

Hello FPC Community!

Welcome to our Garden Party! Every garden needs some good planning, and our Auction plans are in full bloom. Here are the basics:

- **We will have a two-pronged event:**
- *An on-line silent auction running from June 8-June 22. Same format and platform as last year.*
- *A live event on June 8 from 2-5:30 pm. The socializing, complete with light snacks, beer, wine and soft drinks, will start at 2. Around 3:30 we will move into Fellowship Hall for the live auction event. We will also have jewelry items and some silent auction items available to bid on at the party.*
- **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

• As always, we need volunteers, both before and during the event. We need help with decorations and collecting businesses donations. We will need help setting up and cleaning up the live auction. We need help with registration (although we encourage folks to register on-line - more on that in a future email), bid spotting, bid recording, food service and cleanup, and much more. Look for a volunteer Signup Genius on the FPC Auction page in the very near future.

• We need donations! Very soon, the FPC Auction page will include two different donation options. There will be a donation form for those wanting to donate an item, service or event. Think outside the compost bin! Can you offer knitting lessons, a monthly basket of goodies from your garden, a patio dinner extravaganza, tickets to an event, personal art work? The sky's the limit - let the sun shine on you and help you grow some great ideas! We will also soon have a Signup Genius for purchasing gift cards from businesses that have supported us in the past. This is a very easy way to donate to the auction and it helps support our broader community.

- We are pleased to announce that we will have one raffle and TWO, that's TWO, event-themed contests:
- Who will win for best garden party hat? It could be you so start dusting off that old bowler in the closet and set about remaking it!
- Who will win for best floral arrangement? What an opportunity to show off your hidden talent!

So get out your gardening gloves, rakes and trowels and help us get this party rolling! Contact the Auction Committee with questions.

Your Auction Committee
auction@fpc.groups.io



FPC Auction 2022
Garden Party
Have a Wild Thyme!

Live Auction at FPC: June 18, 2022
Beginning at 2:00 PM (Outside)
Live Bidding inside

Light snacks and beverages served outside
~Childcare will be provided~

Silent Auction Online Begins June 8, 2022

Check out the FPC website for updates
www.fpc-stow-acton.org

The poster features a green border and decorative floral elements at the top and bottom. The text is centered and uses various colors (green, purple, black) for emphasis.

Strategic Plan Discussions

Come and learn about the exciting plans and ideas around Social Justice, Buildings and Campus that are part of our Strategic Plan. The discussion will be held in the community room after both the 9:00 and 11:00 services. For zoom participants, the discussion will be after the 11 o'clock service in the main breakout room.

Religious Education



Children are the life blood of our community. They have energy and often challenge the thinking of adults. The demands on youth are many, yet many families want a spiritual grounding for their children and opportunities to be with friends in a supportive environment.

Vision: As part of our strategic plan, we want to provide an environment that is welcoming, encouraging and affirming to children as they grow emotionally, spiritually, and physically.

Plans to Date: We have hired a youth coordinator and created programs that are “out of the box” developing a curriculum that has an increased focus on building connections. We are continuing to offer rite of passage programs such as First Chalice, OWL, and Coming of Age.

Hybrid Worship

Online worship became a necessity during the pandemic, and over the past two years, FPC staff and volunteers rose to the challenge and put a huge amount of creativity and hard work into creating meaningful and creative online worship services.



With the return to in-person worship, many people still have a need to participate virtually. In keeping with our principles, as part of our strategic vision, we want to continue to enhance the Hybrid Worship experience to be as inclusive and welcoming as possible for those who need it.

Vision: Evolve the Hybrid Worship experience so that remote participants can engage as fully as possible during services - this enables the church to reach out to people who otherwise because of distance, health or other circumstances would not be able to participate.

Plans to date: To date, we've contracted with HB Communications to plan and install the equipment needed to optimize the Hybrid Worship experience. We've worked to build in options for full engagement for all participants in the Sanctuary as well as on Zoom. We have coordinated a volunteer group and have also hired tech support staff to run technology and troubleshoot during services.

