

January 30, 2022
10 AM

Gathering

Prelude *Prelude in E-flat Major* H. Smart
Sanghee Kim, Organ

Welcome & Announcements Neil Saunders, Worship Committee

Land Acknowledgement Ingrid Holcomb, Moderator

Greet Your Neighbor

Call to Worship The Rev. Justine Sullivan

Chalice Lighting

*** Hymn #188** *Come, Come, Whoever You Are*

Come, come, whoever you are,
wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving.
Ours is no caravan of despair.
Come, yet again come.

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

** As pandemic levels remain high, we ask that you hum instead of singing.*

Joys and Sorrows Marcia Rising, Lay Minister

Prayer or Meditation from Thích Nhất Hạnh
The Rev. Justine Sullivan

*** Hymn #1002** *Comfort Me*

1. Comfort me, comfort me, comfort me, oh my soul.
Comfort me, comfort me, comfort me, oh my soul.
2. Sing with me, sing with me, sing with me, oh my soul.
Sing with me, sing with me, sing with me, oh my soul.
3. Speak for me, speak for me, speak for me, oh my soul.
Speak for me, speak for me, speak for me, oh my soul.
4. Dance with me, dance with me, dance with me, oh my soul.
Dance with me, dance with me, dance with me, oh my soul.
5. Comfort me, comfort me, comfort me, oh my soul.
Comfort me, comfort me, comfort me, oh my soul.

Exploring

Reading *That Which Holds All* Nancy Shaffer

Sharing Our Gifts

This month we share our weekly offering with RIA House

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.

Pledges: attn: Pledge Secretary, PO Box 215, Stow MA 01775

Donations: attn: Treasurer, 353 Great Rd, Stow MA 01775

Offertory *Für Alina* A. Pärt
Brad Dumont, piano

Sermon *Meeting Our Religious Past*
The Rev. Justine Sullivan

Returning

* Hymn #318

We Would be One

1. We would be one as now we join in singing
our hymn of love, to pledge ourselves anew “
to that high cause of greater understanding
of who we are, and what in us is true.
We would be one in living for each other
to show to all a new community.
2. We would be one in building for tomorrow
a nobler world than we have known today.
We would be one in searching for that meaning
which bends our hearts and points us on our way.
As one, we pledge ourselves to greater service,
with love and justice, strive to make us free.

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.

Postlude

Chaconne

Yiruma

Sanghee Kim, piano



Thank you to our ushers, Peter Fiske and Jamison House; Zoom
host Kim Kinnear; Tech Assistant Ben Childs; Tech Helpers
Jonathan Daisy and Brendon Chetwynd;
and to our staff and leadership.

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FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist



Sunday, January 30, 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.

Sunday, January 30, 2022

*Many Thanks to our guest Minister
this morning*

Rev. Justine Sullivan

Rev. Justine Sullivan is an interim minister, currently serving our UU congregation in Brunswick, Maine. Justine grew up in Scituate, Massachusetts and got her start in church life playing and singing at the "Folk Mass" on Saturday afternoons at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Scituate Harbor. Justine found Unitarian Universalism as an adult after many years of being unchurched. Prior to entering the ministry, Justine worked in high technology and as a social worker and psychotherapist. Justine was ordained as a Unitarian Universalist minister in June of 2017 by her home congregation in Northborough, MA. Justine and her wife Dale and dog Callie split their time between Brunswick, Maine and Northborough, MA.

PLATE SHARE FOR JANUARY

RIA (**Ready. Inspire. Act.**) thankful once again to be one of the Plate Sharing recipients. Covid and all its variants has shut down most of what we'd taken for granted. What is not shut down is the continued need for women (men and children) to be trafficked. What is that?? It's today's version of SLAVERY where a person can be bought for the satisfaction of another. Yes, it exists today and RIA House is fighting every day to support women find their way out of this horrific web.

This Week in our Religious Education Program:

All our programs will be virtual this week.
Here is the schedule for Sunday:

9:15: Prek-5th graders will meet on zoom to connect and have fun!

10am Church Service in person and on zoom.

Junior Youth Group will meet at 2 to go sledding! See the email from Marissa for details.

High School Discussion group meets on zoom at 11:30.

COFFEE and CHAT will continue on Tuesday mornings



from 10AM-11AM

Meet at the Town Park adjacent to FPC.

Wear a mask, dress for the weather,
and bring your own coffee!

You can order your FREE COVID TESTS

from

<https://special.usps.com/testkits>

THE WEEK OF JANUARY 31-FEBRUARY 5

- Monday** Assabet Food Coop 8:00am-noon Vestry
Sounds of Stow 7:00pm
- Tuesday** Coffee & Chat at the Gazebo 10am-11am
Book Group 7:00pm Zoom
RE Meeting 7:00pm Zoom
- Wednesday** Children's Horizons Hall 9:30-10:30am
Racial JTF 1619 Forum 7pm-9pm Zoom
Membership Committee 7pm zoom
Meditation 7:25 pm zoom
- Thursday** Children's Horizons Hall 9:30-10:30am Hall
Peace Vigil outside front of church 5:00 pm
SGM Community Room 5:00pm
SGM Facilitators 6:00pm Zoom
Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm Hall
- Saturday** Brad Music Group Hall 10:00am-6:00pm
New Revival Coffee House "The Clements
Brothers" Streaming 7:30pm

Game Night Returns!

**Sponsored by the Membership Committee
Friday, February 11, 6:30-8:30pm Zoom**

We will offer a wealth of online games for your enjoyment. Kids are welcome to join in the fun. Traditionally Game Night has also meant soup and snack night, so bring your own soup and snack to your computer and let's get competitive.

Look for more information in the coming days.. If you would like to help out with the program, please let me know, especially if you have online gaming experience.

~Jeff Brown for the Membership Committee.

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**New Revival Coffeehouse
will present a streaming concert on
February 5, 2022 7:30pm**

[The Clements Brothers](#), a duo singing tight harmonies in the tradition of the Everly and Osborne brothers.

Watch the concert at <https://youtu.be/FAupMrvyY1>

Identical twins Charles and George Clements are long-time veterans of The Lonely Heartstring Band, a progressive bluegrass ensemble, now on hiatus, that toured the U.S. and around the world. Charles is a classically trained double bass player who graduated from the New England Conservatory and George is a guitarist and alum of Berklee College. They write what Charles calls “story-telling songs, with an intimate acoustic sound,” and they perform a mix of original songs, covers and instrumentals. They are currently working on their first album as a duo.

See a video of The Clements Brothers
at https://youtu.be/tu5_eByt0-Y

**The concert will stream on YouTube live at 7:30 p.m. on
Saturday, February 5.** There is a link to the concert above, and on the New Revival Facebook page.

Concert attendees can donate to the artists on PayPal, or by mailing a check payable to George Clements to First Parish Church, attention: Treasurer, 353 Great Rd., Stow MA 01775. The suggested donation is \$20.

