

May 28, 2023 10:00 AM

Gathering

Prelude

Intermezzo
by Manuel Ponce

Malcolm Halliday,
Guest Musician, piano

Video Prelude

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome

Sonja Furneaux,
Memorial Garden Committee

Greet Your Neighbor

Introit

Gracias por el Amor

FPC Adult Choir
Malcolm Halliday, piano

Opening Words

The Rev. Tom Rosiello, Minister emeritus
Minister of the UU Fellowship of
san Miguel de Allende, Mexico

Chalice Lighting

* **Hymn #118**

*This Little Light of Mine /
Mi pequeña luz*

* **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

Joys and Sorrows

Ingrid Holcomb, Lay Minister

**Prayer and
Meditation Reflection**

Memorial Day Prayer

The Rev. Tom Rosiello

* **Hymn #388**

Dona Nobis Pacem

Exploring

Time for All Ages

*Waiting for the
Biblioburro*
(book on video)

The Rev. Craig Rubano
and UU RE kids

* *Rise in Body and Spirit*

Lighting the Lantern

Reading

I Opened a Book
by Julia Donaldsonby

Neil Saunders, Worship
Committee Chair

Sharing Our Gifts

This month we
share our weekly
offering with the
Boston Area
Gleaners.



BAG Website

You may donate with a check made
out to "First Parish Church," online at
<https://fpc-stow-acton.org/donate>,
use the QR code, →
or text to (978) 310-3309.



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Anthem

Viene Con Alegría

FPC Adult Choir

Sermon

*Changing the World One
Book at a Time*

The Rev. Tom Rosiello

Returning

* **Hymn #134**

Our World is One World

* **Benediction**

The Rev. Tom Rosiello

* **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 'til we meet again.

Postlude

Toccatina
by Ramón Noble

Malcolm Halliday, organ



Thank you to:
Jenni Edgerton, Zoom Host
Lisa Rydin and Hector Constantzos, Ushers
Brendon and Kirsten Chetwynd, Coffee Hour Hosts
and to our staff and leadership

* *Rise in Body and Spirit*



Land Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge that this service is being held by a community that gathers on the stolen traditional lands of the Massachusetts, Nipmuc, Pawtucket, and Wampanoag People. We pay respect to those Indigenous Peoples who lost their lives in the colonization of this land and recognize that these Indigenous tribes are still today facing violations of sovereignty, territory, and water. We also give thanks for the Earth we walk upon, the waters, the lifegiving plants, and all the Earth's creatures, as well as the winds, sun, moon, and stars. We recognize this is just a first step in moving toward right relationship with Native peoples and healing of the Earth.



Ways to Connect with First Parish Church

Sign our visitor log
tinyurl.com/visitfpc



We'll send you information if you request it.

Come to
Sunday service
and/or coffee hour
10 am
in person
or online

Subscribe to our publications
The Chronicle - monthly e-newsletter
This Week at FPC - weekly e-newsletter
FPCAnnounce & FPCForum - email groups
at
<https://www.fpc-stow-acton.org/subscribe-newsletters>

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON



Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, May 28, 2023

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum
Minister
Marissa Evans
Acting Director, Religious Education
Meg Rivers-Wright
Administration and Membership
Brad Dumont
Music Director

Trish Woods.....Interim Pianist
Mike Silkonis.....Sexton
Ben Child.....Tech Assistant
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.*

To help everyone be a part of worship in the fullest way possible, the ushers can provide large print orders of service and hymnals or, for people who need to step out during the service for any reason, an assisted listening device (portable radio) which works throughout the building.

Masking Policy: Masking is required in the sanctuary except at the pulpit, for soloists, and in the balcony. Masking is also required in religious education classrooms, and staff offices upon request.

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

ONLINE SUPPLEMENT PAGE: Information for folks joining us online

1. Closed captioning is available for FPC's online services. If you don't see captions on your screen, you can use the button at the bottom of your screen to request that the host turn them on.
2. Today's Zoom Host is Jenni Edgerton.
3. Hymn lyrics are below.



Hymn #118

This Little Light of Mine

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
2. Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
3. Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine.
Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine.
Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hymn #388

Dona Nobis Pacem

Dona nobis pacem, pacem;
dona nobis pacem.
Dona nobis pacem;
dona nobis pacem.
Dona nobis pacem;
dona nobis pacem.

Hymn #134

Our World is One World

1. Our world is one world: what touches one affects us all: the seas that wash us round about, the clouds that cover us, the rains that fall.
2. Our world is one world: the thoughts we think affect us all: the way we build our attitudes, with love or hate, we make a bridge or wall.
3. Our world is one world: its ways of wealth affect us all: the way we spend, the way we share, who are the rich or poor, who stand or fall?
4. Our world is one world: just like a ship that bears us all: where fear and greed make many holes, but where our hearts can hear a different call.

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

Announcements begin on next page

May Plate
Sharing:
Boston Area
Gleaners

BAG began as a small volunteer effort focused on gleaning as a way to address food insecurity: harvesting surplus crops that would otherwise go to waste, and distributing them to people without access to healthy food. Since the early 2000's, it has grown to become the largest gleaning organization in the northeast, and through their distribution program they deliver fresh food to a network of local food pantries, shelters, and meal programs, and provide trucking support to partner non-profits and

farms in need of resources.

With the support of other organizations, BAG purchased Stonefield Farm in 2021 and developed the Food Hub, a wholesale market for local produce, providing income opportunities for farmers and a much-needed farm-to-institution supply line for local universities, hospitals, and food banks. Their vision is to sustain a permanent agricultural supply chain that will improve the viability of local farms and the health of communities in the Boston metro area who have historically suffered from inequity in the food system. You can read more about BAG's plans for addressing ongoing nutritional challenges in our state, and volunteer gleaning "trips" at local farms such as Applefield Farm in Bolton: www.bostonareagleaners.org Your support is deeply appreciated.



Today at FPC

- 10 am Service, Sanctuary/Online
- 11 am Coffee Hour and Beer Fest sign-ups, Fellowship Hall
- 11:15 am Pachysandra Planting in the Memorial Garden

11 am: Sign up at Coffee Hour to volunteer at our Assabet Craft Beer & Food Truck Fest!

FESTIVAL: Sat. Sept. 2, 12–4 pm in front of the church. Admission: \$5-10 donation, free for kids 12 & under. Drink tickets, \$5. See *This Week at FPC* for details on all the festival's brews, foods, music, and fun for kids!

LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED:
When you sign up today, you'll get a complimentary bottle of First Parish Lager, brewed especially for our volunteers by Neil Saunders, Dave Sansone, & Scott Feldhusen! Sign-ups continue next Sun. 6/4 and Sun. 6/11.



11:15 am: Community Pachysandra Planting

FPC's Memorial Garden, located at the northeast corner of the property, is to be a place of memorialization and rest for our church community, and a space of peace and contemplation for the larger community. Please join us today after service to plant the Garden's sacred bed of pachysandra, the place of rest for ashes and interned members of our community. Like our faith, this sacred bed is a large and welcoming space. Its creation from plants sourced from many yards, planted by many hands (the bed is fully prepared, so the work will be light!) will be a testament and true reflection of our community. ♥



This Week in Religious Education

We'll be having an end-of-year party and making bookmarks for the organization that Rev. Tom will be talking about: *Libros Para Todos*.

FPC Parents and Guardians:

Please access the Religious Education Children & Youth 2023-2024 Registration Form by scanning the QR code here or picking up a paper copy at Coffee Hour.



This Week at FPC: May 29 - June 2

Mon 5/29 Memorial Day Holiday

Tue 5/30 Coffee and Chat* 10-11 am, Town Gazebo at Town Park, adjacent to FPC. Bring your own coffee!

Wed 5/31 Meditation* 7:30-8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall/Online
Contact: meditation@fpc-stow-acton.org

Thu 6/1 First Day of LGBTQ+ Pride Month
Archives Committee 9:30-11:30 am, Vestry
Peace Vigil* 5-6 pm, in front of FPC, btwn Common & Great Rds
Contact: Neil Saunders neilsaund@verizon.net
Choir Rehearsal 7:15-9 pm, Sanctuary

Fri 6/2 Bridge Group* 1-3:30 pm, Community Room
Contact: Hector Hconstantzos@gmail.com

Sun 6/4 Next Sunday's Service: 10am, Sanctuary/Online/Phone
Flower Communion: 100th Anniversary Celebration – Rev. Dr. Landrum
The Flower Communion is a beloved ritual unique to Unitarian Universalism that celebrates the diversity of humanity as we all bring a flower to the service and take a different flower home with us. This was first celebrated in the Unitarian church in Prague, Czechoslovakia on June 4, 1923, making this day the 100th anniversary. We'll be sharing the story of its creator, Rev. Norbert Fabian Čapek, and how it was brought to this congregation by our former minister, Rev. Hvězdoň Kafka, and sharing videos of Prague's current minister Rev. Dr. Petr Samojký that were recorded by the UUA in his November visit to Stow! This service will also feature a special recognition of our accompanist Sanghee Kim, thanks for her time with us, and blessings for her future.

Join Worship by Video: <https://tinyurl.com/2223fpc>
Meeting ID: 999 7077 0266; Passcode: 01775
Join Worship by Phone: (929) 205-6099 (toll call)



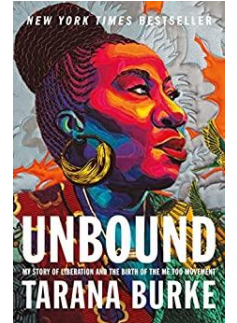
*All are welcome to these weekly FPC events

Upcoming June Events

FPC Book Group Tue 6/6, 7-8 pm, online
Unbound: My Story of Liberation and the Birth of the Me Too Movement by Tarana Burke

"Searing. Powerful. Needed." —Oprah

"Sometimes a single story can change the world. Unbound is one of those stories. Tarana's words are a testimony to liberation and love." —Brené Brown



From the founder and activist behind one of the largest movements of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, the "me too" movement, Tarana Burke debuts a powerful memoir about her own journey to saying those two simple yet infinitely powerful words—me too—and how she brought empathy back to an entire generation in one of the largest cultural events in American history.

Contact Sharon Brownfield, sharonbrownfield@gmail.com, for more information or the link.

Saturday Morning Breakfast Sat 6/10, 7:30 am coffee, 8 am breakfast, Fellowship Hall; \$6, RSVP Jeff Brown, jab.jeffbrown@gmail.com

"African Safari" - Elaine Olsen, a UU living in Gloucester, was able to go to Africa on a safari in the fall of 2022. She will talk about her adventures and show some of her pictures.



In her own words, "I am looking forward to sharing the incredible sights found in top Tanzania game-viewing sites: Sinya Game Reserve near Kilimanjaro, Tarangire National Park, Ngorongoro Crater, and the Serengeti. Imagine seeing elephants, giraffes, lions, Cape buffalo, hippos and dozens of other magnificent animals and birds up close as well as spectacular sunset vistas. See how simple

Swahili expressions like Jambo, Asante sana, and Hakuna Mataram quickly tie you to generous guides and hosts. And learn how the opportunity to interact with Maasai villagers, school children and teachers, and clinic and social action organizations (Albino Peacemaker Center, Safe Water Ceramics, Shanga House) speaks to our UU principles."