

March 19, 2023 10:00 AM

Gathering

Prelude Trish Woods, pianist

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome Ann Sandler, Lay Minister

Special Announcement “Monopoly” Auction Committee

Introit *Back to the Heart* FPC Choir
Timothy C. Takach Trish Woods, piano

Opening Words


Chalice Lighting

* **Hymn #330** *The Arching Sky of Morning Grows*

* **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 #379** Ours be the poems of all tongues,
all things of loveliness and worth.
All arts, all ages, and all songs,
one life, one beauty, on the earth.

Heart & Art Part I

Art for All Ages “Your View of Worship” Part 1 Share your photo at: 

Reflections “What Makes It Art?”
The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Joys and Sorrows Ann Sandler, Lay Minister

Prayer or Meditation

* **Hymn #326** *Let All the Beauty We Have Known*

Heart & Art Part II

Reflections “The Value of Making Bad Art” Marissa Evans, Acting Director of Religious Education

* *Rise in Body and Spirit*

Art for All Ages “Art Parade”

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 *Peace Like a River* FPC Adult Choir

- I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul.
- I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul
- I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.

Heart & Art Part III

Art for All Ages “Your View of Worship” Part 2

Reflection “We Are All Artists”
The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Returning

* **Hymn #305** *De Colores*

* **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 ‘til we meet again.

Postlude Trish Woods, Pianist

* *Rise in Body and Spirit*



Thank you to:
 Sharon Brownfield, Zoom Host
 Nancy Cataldo and Judy Holmes, Ushers
 Sharon Brownfield and Rick Lent, Coffee Hour Hosts
 and to our staff and leadership



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 Massachusett, 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.


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<p>FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON <i>Unitarian Universalist</i></p>	
<p>Sunday, March 19, 2023</p>	
<p>The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum Minister Marissa Evans Acting Director, Religious Education Meg Rivers-Wright Administration and Membership Brad Dumont Music Director</p>	<p>Sanghee Kim.....Organist/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</p>
<p><i>First Parish is a Unitarian Universalist Association Welcoming Congregation. We warmly welcome gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people into our community.</i></p> <p>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.</p> <p>On the web at fpc-stow-acton.org and on Facebook.</p>	

ONLINE SUPPLEMENT PAGE

This page contains information specifically for folks joining us online!

- FPC now has a closed captioning option in online services. If the Closed Captioning option is not turned on, you can use the button at the bottom of your screen to request that the host turn it on.
- Today's Zoom Host: Sharon Brownfield
- Hymn Lyrics:



Hymn #330 *The Arching Sky of Morning Grows*

4. The arching sky of morning glows
like frescoes high in vaulted rows.
The ragged hills of greening spring
like chorus masters bid us sing.
5. The colors of our contoured land
no artist born could hue as grand,
but contours of the human heart
sole groundings are for every art!
6. Whenever sounds the sacred sigh
beneath this gable of the sky,
the forms of art and spirit blend,
by craft and morn our hearts transcend.

Hymn #326 *Let All the Beauty We Have Known*

1. Let all the beauty we have known
illuminate our hearts and minds.
Rejoice in wonders daily shown,
in faith and joy, and love that binds.
2. We celebrate with singing hearts
the loveliness of sky and earth,
the inspiration of the arts,
the miracle of ev'ry birth.
3. Life's music and its poetry
surround and bless us through our days.

For these we sing in harmony,
together giving thanks and praise.

Hymn #305

De Colores

1. All the colors, yes, the colors we see in the springtime with all of its flowers.
All the colors, when the sunlight shines out through a rift in the cloud and it showers.
All the colors, as a rainbow appears when a storm cloud is touched by the sun.
All the colors abound for the whole world around and for ev'ryone under the sun.
2. All the colors, yes, the colors of people parading on by with their banners. All the
colors, yes, the colors of pennants and streamers and plumes and bandannas. All the
colors, yes, the colors of people now taking their place in the sun.
All the colors abound for the whole world around and for ev'ryone under the sun.
3. All the colors, yes, the black and the white and the red and the brown and the yellow.
All the colors, all the colors of people who smile and shake hands and say "Hello!"
All the colors, yes, the colors of people who know that their freedom is won.
All the colors abound for the whole world around and for ev'ryone under the sun.
4. De colores, de colores se visten los campos en la primavera.
De colores, de colores son los pajaritos que vienen de a fuera.
De colores, de colores es al arco iris que vemos lucir.
Y por eso los grandes amores de muchos colores me gustan a mi.

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

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Plate Sharing
This Month:

Southeast India
Foundation

For 18 years FPC has fostered and supported the Southeast India Project, which works with poor villages in the tsunami-affected area of Tamil Nadu, India, with WIDE Orphanage for dalit children (children of the caste formerly known as Untouchables), provides micro-lending for financing new opportunities for women, and establishes self-help organizations for women. Bob Tabor (17th journey), Vicky Tabor (5th year), and Russ Hart (4th year) were there this January, revisiting WIDE

Children's Home and the dalit villages.

With support from FPC and other individuals and organizations, we are continuing to sponsor children at WIDE Children's Home and distribute food to the villages. This year five more children are being sponsored by FPC families, providing these children with a healthy, safe, caring environment, as well as an education.



In rural villages, Plate Sharing contributions have helped us build balwadis (pre-schools) and toilets, drill a bore well, reclaim arable land for organic farming, support women's self-help groups to manage herds of dairy cows, and build a tailoring school for women in a tribal village. We thank you for your generous and continued support!

This Week in Religious Education:

Intergenerational Worship Today: Children and youth are invited to participate in our interactive service celebrating creativity. Bring your own art into the sanctuary for our parade, then show it off at the RE table during coffee hour!

Temporary
Job
Opportunity

Family Programs Assistant: In response to a resounding desire from the FPC community to maintain and grow our programs for children, youth, and families, we have created this temporary 3 month paid position. The Family Programs Assistant will assist Marissa Evans through the remainder of the church year.

Job Description: <https://bit.ly/familyprogramsassistant> We are currently advertising only within the FPC community and by word-of-mouth. If you are interested or know someone who may be, please review this job description and reach out to Marissa: dre@fpc-stow-acton.org

FPC Announcements
for Sunday, March 19, 2023



Today!

FPC's Arts Coalition invites you to
The Annual Arts Exhibit
immediately following service in
Fellowship Hall and the Community Room.
Works of FPC community members
of all levels, ages, & styles
The exhibit ends after today's Open Gallery,
so please visit today!

A Successful CityReach Trip

Last Friday, five youth in our Coming-of-Age program - Freya, Meredith, Benji, Zenzem, and Annadelia - participated in an overnight trip to CityReach in Boston. The group brought in 2 carloads of clothing and supply donations from FPC, took a walking tour to learn more about homelessness, put together lunches for guests, and helped organize and distribute supplies.

Thank you to A.J. Jablonowski and Roza Anthony for chaperoning this trip overnight, as well as Lisa Fagerstrom for helping with shopping and driving. And thank you to the many, many people in our community who brought in donations!



Please mark your calendars for the Youth Service on Sunday, May 21, where these youth will be sharing their credo statements with the community.

This Week at FPC: March 20 - 25

- Tue 3/21**
- ▶ Coffee and Chat* 10-11 am, Town Gazebo at Town Park, adjacent to FPC. Bring your own coffee!
 - ▶ Membership Committee meeting 11:30 am-1 pm, Online
 - ▶ Trustee meeting 7-9:30 pm, Fellowship Hall
 - ▶ SGM: 3rd Tuesday Group, 7-9 pm, Online
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- Wed 3/22**
- ▶ Meditation* 7:30-8:30 pm, Hall/Online
Contact meditation@fpc-stow-acton.org for more info.
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- Thu 3/23**
- ▶ 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 for more info.
 - ▶ **Vespers “Refresh, Renew, Revitalize” 6pm, Community Room**
 - ▶ Choir Rehearsal, 7:15-9 pm, Sanctuary
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- Fri 3/24**
- ▶ Bridge Group* 1-3:30 pm, Community Room
Contact Hector Hconstantzos@gmail.com for more info.
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- Sun 3/26**
- ▶ **Next Sunday’s Service:** 10 am, Sanctuary and Online/Phone
“Women, Witches, and Beer (Oh My!)” - Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

This is the second of Rev. Cindy’s “auction sermon” topics for this year, and it’s a great one! This service will explore the power that stories have over us to change and shape what is perceived as true, and by example dive into the case of beer, where women dominated beer-making until they were accused as witches for doing so. Let’s raise a glass to Women’s History Month!



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](#)

Additional Announcements

Vespers Service Thu 3/23, 6 pm, Community Room, Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum
This year Vespers services focus on how we refresh, rejuvenate, build community, and draw spiritual support for the work of justice. As March is Women’s History month, we’ll draw special connections honoring women and nonbinary voices, and how important that is as we continue to engage in the work towards equity for all.

Would you like to lead or contribute to a Sunday Service this summer? (And can you say that five times fast..? 😊)
FPC’s Worship Committee would like to hear from any member of the congregation interested. Please contact Neil Saunders, Chair (neilsaund@verizon.net).

June 18, 25
July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
Aug 6, 13, 20, 27
Sept 3



Woot-woot! The FPC Auction Train is about to pull into the station with a cargo of GREAT items to bid on! We need your help to make this event a success:

<div style="background-color: #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">BID</div> <p><u>Online Silent Auction</u> March 26 – April 5 on Auctria</p> <p><u>Live Auction</u> (Some silent items, too.) Sat Apr 1 at FPC, 6:30-9:30 pm at FPC</p>	<div style="background-color: #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">DONATE FOOD</div> <p><u>www.fpc-stow-acton.org</u></p> <p>Click Monopoly picture. Scroll down auction page. Click “Food Sign-up Form.”</p> <p>Donate specific single-serving items or the money for committee to buy it.</p>	<div style="background-color: #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px;">VOLUNTEER</div> <p>set-up & clean-up servers & auctioneers bid spotters & recorders</p> <p>Follow DONATE FOOD ← directions, but choose “Volunteer Sign-up Form.”</p>
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PLEASE PRE-REGISTER on the Auctria auction web site to participate in both the on-line and live auction. You can also register at the door on April 1st, but pre-registration is extremely helpful for us! Follow DONATE FOOD directions above ↑ but choose “Auctria Sign-in.”