

June 18, 2023
10:00 AM
“Eyes on the Prize”

Prelude

E Ala E
[Wake up/Rise up!]
Israel Kamakawiwo’ole

Katy Weeks &
Dave Kay

We, the voices behind the face
Of the Hawaiian Nation, the Hawaiian Race
Rise for justice. The day has come
For all our people to stand as one.

Chorus:

E Ala E eā, eā, eā! E Ala E eā, eā, eā!
E huli i ka ho’i i ka pākini alamihi
Gone are the days of the alamihi ways
E kiko i ka piko o ka mana o ka po’e
The power of the people is the piko
‘O ka piko ke aloha o ka ‘āina, o ka ‘āina

We the warriors born to live
On what the land and the sea can give
Defend our birthright to be free
Give our children liberty.

Chorus

Land Acknowledgement/Welcome/Announcements Katy Weeks

Call to Worship “Wake Up!” Helen Ham
by Christian Schmidt

Chalice Lighting “Bold and Courageous Jessica Batsford &
Together” Johanna Pyle,
by Erica Hewitt Readers

Congregational Response:

With full hearts,
we affirm our relationships with one another;
we recognize our agency and our connective power;
and we accept our responsibility to be bold and courageous.
We light this chalice, symbol of all that we are, all that we have done
together, and all that we will be as our shared ministry encourages
those within, and beyond, our walls.

* **Hymn #155** *Circle Round for Freedom*

* **Covenant & Affirmation**

Love is the spirit of this church, From all that dwell below the skies
and service its law. let words of love and peace arise.
This is our great covenant: Let joyful songs of praise be sung,
To dwell together in peace, through every land, by every
to seek the truth in love, tongue.
and to help one another.

Reading “Do You Believe in Justice & June McKnight
Equality?” from
by Ijeoma Oluo
So You Want to Talk About Race

Musical Reflection Sheryl LaFayette & Trish Woods

* **Responsive Hymn #168** *One More Step*

Joys and Sorrows Johanna Pyle

Plate Sharing Introduction to OARS Dave Kay

Sharing Our Gifts

This June we share our weekly offering with the Organization for the Assabet River (OARS). You may donate with a check made out to “First Parish Church,” online at <https://fpc-stow-acton.org/donate>, or text to (978) 310-3309.

Offertory Hymn *Standing Stone* Lisa Fagerstrom,
Melanie DeMore June McKnight,
Johanna Pyle, &
Sharon Webb

Sermon “Eyes on the Prize” Lisa Fagerstrom

* **Hymn #1021** *Lean on Me*

* **Benediction** Lisa Fagerstrom

* **Sung Benediction** *Keep on Movin’ Forward* Sharon Webb &
Pat Humphries, Congregation
Emma’s Revolution

* *Please rise in body or in spirit.*



Thank you to:
 Sharon Brownfield, Zoom Helper
 Brendon Chetwynd, Tech Helper
 Ushers
 our RJTF and Social Justice participants
 and 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 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.

How to Connect with First Parish Church:

- Sign our visitor log at tinyurl.com/visitfpc.
We'll send you information if you request it.
- Come to Sunday service and coffee hour
10 & 11 am, in person or online.
- Subscribe to our publications
The Chronicle - monthly e-newsletter
This Week at FPC - weekly e-newsletter
FPCAnnounce & FPCForum - e-mail groups
 at <https://www.fpc-stow-acton.org/subscribe-newsletters>



FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist



Sunday, June 18, 2023

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum, Minister
Marissa Evans, Acting Director of Religious Education
Meg Rivers-Wright, Administration and Membership
Brad Dumont, Music Director
Trish Woods, Interim Pianist
Mike Silkonis, Sexton
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 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

This page contains information specifically 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 **Sharon Brownfield**.
3. Hymn lyrics are below.



Hymn #155 *Circle Round for Freedom*

(Sing 2x)

Circle 'round for freedom, circle 'round for peace,
for all of us imprisoned, circle for release,
circle for the planet, circle for each soul,
for the children of our children, keep the circle whole.

Responsive Hymn #168 *One More Step*

One more step,
we will take one more step,
'til there is peace for us and everyone,
we'll take one more step.

One more word,
we will say one more word,
'til every word is heard by everyone,
we'll say one more word.

One more prayer,
we will say one more prayer,
'til every prayer is shared by everyone,
we'll say one more prayer.

One more song,
we will sing one more song,
'til every song is sung by everyone,
we'll sing one more song.

One more step,
we will take one more step,
'til there is peace for us and everyone,
we'll take one more step.

Hymn #1021

Lean on Me

1. Sometimes in our lives we all have pain, we all have sorrow.
But if we are wise we know that there's always tomorrow.

Chorus: Lean on me when you're not strong
and I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on,
For it won't be long 'til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on.
Just call on me brother when you need a hand.
We all need somebody to lean on.
I just might have a problem that you'd understand.
We all need somebody to lean on.

2. Please swallow your pride if I have things you need to borrow,
For no one can fill those of your needs that you won't let show.
3. If there is a load you have to bear that you can't carry,
I'm right up the road, I'll share your load if you just call me.

Sharing Our Gifts

If you're 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 Summer

JUNE: Organization for the Assabet River

OARS's mission is to protect, improve and preserve the Assabet, Sudbury, and Concord Rivers, their tributaries, and watersheds, for public recreation, water supply, and wildlife habitat. OARS raises awareness of each river's importance, collects data for research, and works towards solutions to help the rivers achieve "fishable and swimmable" state standards.



JULY/AUGUST: Horizons at LMS and Libros Para Todos

Horizons at LMS is part of a national program for under-served youth. It is a summer program, but they stay in touch with the children throughout the year and invite them to return every year. It creates community, exposes children to nature, provides food and swimming lessons, and fills gaps in their education.



Libros Para Todos offers teacher training workshops to teachers in and around San Miguel to nurture students' literacy, provides literature to students, and arranges for school visits by the authors of books featured.



Every Week at FPC

*All are welcome to these weekly FPC events

Tue	Coffee and Chat* 10-11 am, Town Gazebo at Town Park, adjacent to FPC. Bring your own coffee!
Wed	Meditation* 7:30-8:30 pm, Fellowship Hall/Online Contact: meditation@fpc-stow-acton.org
Thu	Peace Vigil* 5-6 pm, in front of FPC, btwn Common & Great Rds Contact: Neil Saunders neilsaund@verizon.net
Fri	Bridge Group* 1-3:30 pm, Community Room Contact: Hector Hconstantzos@gmail.com

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



Upcoming 10 am Sunday Services

All services are in the Sanctuary and Online, unless otherwise noted
Visit <https://www.fpc-stow-acton.org/services> for service descriptions)

6/25	"I Don't Want to Talk About It: Honest Conversations About Love, Loss, Death, & Finding Comfort" Memorial Garden Committee
7/2	"UUA General Assembly" <u>Online only</u> ; Zoom link will be available on FPCAnnounce and FPC website
7/9	"Listen! Do You Hear What I Hear?" Ingrid Holcomb
7/16	"What Are We Doing Here & How Can We Be Better? Examples of How Art & Philosophy Can Help" Shana Dumont Garr
7/23	"Annual Summer Jazz Service" Parish Jazz Band
7/30	"Blessing of the Animals" Susan Avery, <u>FPC front lawn</u>
8/6	"20 th Annual Joint Summer Service" Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum
8/13	"Circle Worship" Lindsay LaPointe, <u>Fellowship Hall</u>
8/20	"Superheroes" Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum
8/27	"Spiritual Conversations Through Poetry" <u>Community Room</u>
9/3	"Meditation" Joe Stadolnik, <u>Fellowship Hall</u>

FPC Summer Announcements

Rev. Cindy's summer schedule and Lay Minister Coverage:

Week start date	Where is Cindy?	Lay Minister Coverage
6/19	General Assembly - Pittsburgh	INGRID
6/26	Vacation - home?	HECTOR
7/3	Vacation - Michigan?	SUSIE
7/10	Vacation & SUUSI NC	INGRID
7/17	Study Leave - NC	ANN
7/24	Study Leave - home	ANN
7/31	At FPC; leads joint summer service 8/6	SUSIE
8/7	Study Leave - staff	INGRID
8/14	At FPC; preaching 8/20	ANN
8/21	Study Leave - staff	HECTOR
8/28	Vacation - college?	SUSIE

Save-the-Date: Assabet Craft Beer and Food Truck Festival:

Sat. Sept. 2, 12-4 pm in front of the church