# June 25, 2023 10:00 AM

**Gathering** 

**Prelude** On Golden Pond Trish Woods,
Dave Grusin piano

Land Acknowledgement, Memorial Garden Welcome, & Announcements Committee Members

Opening Words Sonja Furneaux,

Grounds Co-chair, Committee Member

Chalice Lighting Trish Kwartler,

Committee Member

\* **Hymn #6**Just as long as
I have breath

#### \* Covenant and Affirmation

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.

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 Hector Constantzos,

Lay Minister

**Poem/Meditation** "When Death Comes" Eileen Kramer, by Mary Oliver Committee Member

## **Exploring**

### **Sharing Our Gifts**

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

Anthem

Crossing the Bar

by Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Salamander Crossing

A metaphorical meditation on death: the speaker compares dying or a certain way of dying to gently crossing a sand bar between a coastal area and the wider sea.

**Reading**"In Blackwater Woods"
Bill Froberg,
by Mary Oliver
Board Treasurer,
Committee Member

Sermon "Reflections on Sonja Furneaux,
End of Life" Grounds Co-chair,
Committee Member

and Ilene Rudman.

Committee Chair

### Returning

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

\* Benediction Ilene Rudman,
Committee Chair

## \* 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

Ashokan Farewell
by Jay Ungar
piano
From the soundtrack of the
PBS television miniseries,
The Civil War, by Ken Burns

Following the Service, Sonja Furneaux, the designer, will be providing a tour of the Memorial Garden. All are most welcome.

For further information about memorializing someone or planning for services please see our webpage (<a href="https://fpc-stow-acton.org/fpc-memorial-garden">https://fpc-stow-acton.org/fpc-memorial-garden</a>) or ask any of our members for more information.

<sup>\*</sup> Please rise in body or in spirit.

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Thank you to:
Trish Woods, Musician
Sharon Brownfield, Zoom Host
Lisa Rydin & June McKnight, Ushers
and our staff and leadership

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### 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.

#### **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 25, 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.

<u>Masking Policy</u>: 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 and on Facebook.

#### ONLINE SUPPLEMENT PAGE

This page contains information specifically for folks joining us online.

1. <u>Closed captioning</u> 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 #6** Just as long as I have breath

1 Just as long as I have breath, I must answer, "Yes," to life; though with pain I made my way, still with hope I meet each day. If they ask what I did well, tell them I said, "Yes," to life.

- 2 Just as long as vision lasts, I must answer, "Yes," to truth; in my dream and in my dark, always that elusive spark. If they ask what I did well, tell them I said, "Yes," to truth.
- 3 Just as long as my heart beats, I must answer, "Yes," to love; disappointment pierced me through, still I kept on loving you. If they ask what I did best, tell them I said, "Yes," to love.

# **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.

#### **Sharing Our Gifts**

If you're mailing a pledge or a donation, here is the information:

Pledges:Donations:Attn: Pledge SecretaryAttn: TreasurerPO Box 215353 Great RdStow, MA 01775Stow, MA 01775



# **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



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 underserviced

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:** <a href="https://tinyurl.com/2223fpc">https://tinyurl.com/2223fpc</a>
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)

7/2	"UUA General Assembly" Online only; 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, FPC front lawn	
8/6	"20th Annual Joint Summer Service" Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum	
8/13	"Circle Worship" Lindsay LaPointe, Fellowship Hall	
8/20	"Superheroes" Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum	
8/27	"Spiritual Conversations Through Poetry" Community Room	
9/3	"Meditation" Joe Stadolnik, Fellowship Hall	

### **FPC Summer Announcements**

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

Week start	Where is Cindy?	Lay Minister
date		Coverage
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