



Thank you to:
Trish Woods, Musician
Sharon Brownfield, Zoom Host
Lisa Rydin & June McKnight, Ushers
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.

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- [Sign our visitor log at tinyurl.com/visitfpc](https://tinyurl.com/visitfpc). We'll send you information if you request it.
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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.

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 #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:

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)

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, FPC front lawn
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
6/26	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