

February 6, 2022  
9 and 11 AM

**Gathering**

**Prelude**                      *Prelude in Eflat Major*                      H. Smart  
Sanghee Kim, organ

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Greet Your Neighbor**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Call to Worship**                      Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

**Chalice Lighting**

\* **Hymn 360**                      *Here We Have Gathered*

**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**

**Message for All Ages**                      Michelle Coté,  
Director of Religious Education

**Going Forth with the Light**

**Joys and Sorrows**

**9 am:**                      Ingrid Holcomb, Lay Minister  
**11 am:**                      Marcia Rising, Lay Minister

\* *As pandemic levels remain high, we ask that you hum instead of singing.*

**Prayer or Meditation**

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

**Exploring**

**Reading**                      *Outwitted*                      by Edwin Markham

**Sharing Our Gifts**                      Sam Williams, Concord Prison Outreach

This month we share our weekly offering  
with Concord Prison Outreach

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**                      *When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place*                      J. Poley  
FPC Choir

**Sermon**                      *Widening the Circle*  
The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

**Returning**

\* **Hymn #212**                      *We Are Dancing Sarah's Circle*

**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 'till we meet again.

**Postlude**                      *Chaconne*                      Yiruma  
Sanghee Kim, piano



Thank you to:  
Karen Kinnear Zoom Helper,  
Karen Kinnear, Offsite Welcomer  
Marcia Allison, Mark Koenig , First Service Ushers  
Kate Imhoff, Nick Francis., Second Service Ushers  
Ben Childs and Ali Anderson, Tech Assistants  
Hector Constantzos, Tech Helper  
and to our staff and leadership

Our flowers today are given by  
Linda Denaro in memory of her mother, Millie Fletcher, her  
father, "B" Fletcher, and her sister, Elaine Vartanian



## FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

*Unitarian Universalist*



**Sunday, February 6, 2022**

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum, Minister  
Michelle Cote, Director of Religious Education  
Deedee Perkins, Parish Administrator  
Brad Dumont, Music Director  
Sanghee Kim, Organist/Pianist  
Joleen Trotta, Welcoming & Membership Coordinator  
Mike Silkonis, Sexton  
Marissa Evans, Youth Coordinator  
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.*

Large print orders of service and hymnals are available from an usher to help everyone be a part of worship in the fullest way possible. Assisted Listening Devices are available when worship is in the sanctuary.

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

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## ONLINE SUPPLEMENT PAGE

This page contains information specifically for folks joining us online!

### Today's Online Helpers

**Zoom Host:** Kim Kinnear

**Online Greeter:** Karen Kinnear

**Onsite Tech Helper:** Hector Constantzos,

**Onsite Tech Assistants:** Ben Child & Ali Anderson

### Hymn Lyrics

#### Hymn #360 *Here We Have Gathered*

1. Here we have gathered, gathered side by side;  
circle of kinship, come and step inside!  
May all who seek here find a kindly word;  
may all who speak here feel they have been heard.  
Sing now together this, our hearts' own song.
2. Here we have gathered, called to celebrate  
days of our lifetime, matters small and great:  
we of all ages, women, children, men,  
infants and sages, sharing what we can.  
Sing now together this, our hearts' own song.
3. Life has its battles, sorrows, and regret:  
but in the shadows, let us not forget:  
we who now gather know each other's pain;  
kindness can heal us: as we give, we gain.  
Sing now in friendship this, our hearts' own song.

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

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.

#### Hymn #212 *We Are Dancing Sarah's Circle*

1. We are dancing Sarah's circle,  
we are dancing Sarah's circle  
we are dancing Sarah's circle,  
sisters, brothers, all.
2. Here we seek and find our history,  
here we seek and find our history,  
here we seek and find our history,  
sisters, brothers, all.
3. We will all do our own naming,  
we will all do our own naming,  
we will all do our own naming,  
sisters, brothers, all.
4. Every round a generation,  
every round a generation,  
every round a generation,  
sisters, brothers, all.
5. On and on the circle's moving,  
on and on the circle's moving,  
on and on the circle's moving,  
sisters, brothers, all.

### Sharing Our Gifts

If you are mailing a pledge or a donation, here are the addresses:

Pledges: attn: Pledge Secretary, PO Box 215, Stow MA 01775

Donations: attn: Treasurer, 353 Great Rd, Stow MA 01775

**Sunday, February 6, 2022**

**PLATE SHARE FOR FEBRUARY**

**Concord Prison Outreach** (CPO) is a 501(c)(3) organization composed of a network of diverse individuals and faith communities committed to helping people who are incarcerated build better lives for themselves and their families. CPO works in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Correction (DOC), offering educational programs that focus on skill-building and personal growth, essentials to help people in prison achieve success while incarcerated or post-incarceration. Since its founding in 1968, when its first volunteers helped to support people in a local prison infirmary, CPO has developed into the largest organization of its kind in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**COFFEE and CHAT will continue on Tuesday mornings**



**from 10AM-11AM**

**Meet at the Town Park adjacent to FPC.**

Wear a mask, dress for the weather,  
and bring your own coffee!

**This Week in our Religious Education Program:**

Please note that we have different options for different age groups this week:

Here is the schedule for Sunday:

**Prek-5th graders** will have a hybrid program this week taking Place during the 9am service.

**Junior Youth** will meet during the 9am service

**High School Discussion group** meets **on zoom at 11:15**

**OWL program for 7-10th grade** meets **at 2pm today** in Fellowship Hall

*Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.*

Michelle Cote  
Director of Religious Education

## THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 6 - 12

<b>Monday</b>	SGM Community Room 6:45pm Sounds of Stow 7:00pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Coffee & Chat at the Gazebo 10am-11am Racial Justice TF 7:00pm zoom
<b>Wednesday</b>	Children's Horizons Hall 10:45-11:45 UU Journey 7:00pm zoom Meditation 7:25 pm zoom Racial Justice TF 1619 Forum zoom Meditation 7:25 zoom
<b>Thursday</b>	SGM 9:15am Hall Children's Horizons Hall 10:45-11:45 Hall Peace Vigil outside front of church 5:00 pm Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm Hall
<b>Friday</b>	Game Night 6:30pm-8:30pm zoom
<b>Saturday</b>	SGM 8:45am Hall

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2022**  
**“Widening the Circle”**  
**Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum**

Edwin Markham wrote the poem “Outwitted” which states:  
“He drew a circle that shut me out --  
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout.  
But love and I had the wit to win:  
We drew a circle and took him in!”

This week we’ll talk about what it means to be a faith that ever widens the circle of inclusivity.

### Game Night Returns!

Sponsored by the Membership Committee

**Friday, February 11, 6:30-8:30pm Zoom**

**GAME NIGHT** is almost here! The Membership Committee invites you to our first online Game Night, February 11, from 6:30 to 8:30.

*We will be hosting two types of games:*

1. **Kid's games that require only Zoom.**
2. **Simple games on [boardgamearena.com](https://boardgamearena.com) such as Sushi Go!, Incan Gold, and Six Nimmt.**

Note that to play on [boardgamearena.com](https://boardgamearena.com) you must have an account with an email address. The free account will work fine. You can also find rules to play on the website. Here they are for Incan Gold: <https://boardgamearena.com/gamepanel?game=incangold>.

We are looking forward to a lot of fun games with fellow FPC members. Hope to see many of you online!

*~Jeff Brown for the Membership Committee.*

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