

**April 3, 2022  
9 and 11 AM  
Gathering**

**Prelude** *Yonder Come Day* Georgia Sea  
Islands Spiritual  
**9 am:** Brad Dumont, piano  
**11 am:** FPC Adult Choir

**Land Acknowledgement, Welcome & Announcements**

**Introduction to FPC's Strategic Plan**

**9 am:** Jenni Edgerton, Vice President  
**11 am:** Bill Froberg, Treasurer

**Greet Your Neighbor**

**Opening Words: Our Story Begins**

*Strong Is What We Make Each Other* Erika Hewitt

**Storyteller: 9am** Nancy Rodriguez **11am** Nancy Cataldo

**Leader:** Cynthia Landrum

**Rabbit: 9am** Eve Beauvais, **11am** Ann Walker

**Cat: 9am** Robin Ledwell, **11am** Ken Langer

**Chalice Lighting**

**\* Sung Response (Tune #211)**

For such beauty we are thankful.  
For such beauty we are thankful.  
For such beauty we are thankful. Praises to this world

**\* 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.

*\* Please rise in body or in spirit.*

**Centering**

**Our Story Part II**

**\* Sung Response**

In our circle, who is inside? In our circle, who is outside?  
Let us make our circle larger: Family, Loved Ones, All.

**Our Story Part III**

**Joys and Sorrows**

**9 am:** Ann Sadler, Lay Minister

**11 am:** Hector Constantzos, Lay Minister

**Prayer or Meditation**

by Erika Hewitt

**\* Sung Response**

If I stumble, will you help me?  
If I stumble, will you help me?  
If I stumble, will you help me? Will you hear my cry?

**Exploring**

**Our Story Part IV**

**\* Sung Response**

On and on the circle's moving.  
On and on the circle's moving.  
On and on the circle's moving: Family, Loved Ones, All.

**Our Story Part V**

**\* Sung Response**

Strong is what we make each other.  
Strong is what we make each other.  
Strong is what we make each other:  
Family, Loved Ones, All.

**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

**9 am:** *Be the Change* M. Kaplan and C. Britt  
Brad Dumont, vocals

**11 am:** *No One is an Island* R. Ringwald  
FPC Adult Choir

## Our Story Part VI

If you have brought food to donate,  
please bring it forward when requested.

### Returning

\* **Hymn #118** *This Little Light of Mine*

\* **Benediction: Our Story Closes**

\* **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**

*Minuet*

W.A. Mozart  
Brad Dumont, piano



Thank you to:

Kim Kinnear, Zoom Helper;

Marion Scott, 9am usher;

Lisa Rydin & Hector Constantzos, 11am ushers;  
and to our participants, staff and leadership

Our flowers today are given by

Laurie Proulx

“In memory of my father who would be very happy the warmer  
weather is on its way.”



# FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

*Unitarian Universalist*



**Sunday, April 3, 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.

\* *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

## ONLINE SUPPLEMENT PAGE

This page contains information specifically for folks joining us online!

**Today's Zoom Host:** Kim Kinnear

### Hymn Lyrics

**Hymn #118**      *This Little Light of Mine*

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
2. Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
3. Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

### 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

## APRIL PLATE SHARE

### SOUTHEAST INDIA PROJECT

Since the tsunami of 2004, FPC has supported the rural dalit villages and children of southeast India. This January would have been Bob Tabor's 17th trip (Russ Hart's 3rd, Vicky Tabor's 5th) to the villages and Orphanage. The pandemic caused us to cancel our scheduled visit again this year. We had to forgo the Friendship Kits that FPC families generously assemble each year for the children at the orphanage. Covid has drastically changed the lives at WIDE orphanage. We have helped fund a new building to increase the number of girls who can live at WIDE and enjoy a safe, healthy life and an education. All the children have recently been allowed by the government to return to the Orphanage and resume their education. Kumari, who operates WIDE with her husband and daughter, had been delivering food each month to each of the villages where the children are now dispersed, supporting their entire families. This has incurred extra expenses, and we have been sending her additional funding to support her efforts, as well as to supply food (rice, dal, spices, vegetables, milk) to a destitute Gypsy village and a refugee camp for Tamils who fled the civil war in Sri Lanka.

We also continue to support Women's Self-Help Groups in dalit villages as well as micro-loans to women for dairy herds, tailoring training and foot treadle sewing machines, and organic farming. Your continued generous support is greatly appreciated.

**FPC's Climate Change Task Force meets THIS Tuesday at 8 PM,** (not next as posted in the calendar.)

*This is a change in date/time for this month only.*

Please join us as we review our plans to help the church reach Net Zero emissions.

Write [RickMLent@gmail.com](mailto:RickMLent@gmail.com) for a zoom link.

SUNDAY APRIL 3, 2022

**This week April 3<sup>rd</sup> in our Religious Education Program:**

**Sunday all children and youth will remain in the sanctuary.**

We are so excited that (after two long years) we are finally able to gather for a multigenerational service!!

This service will feature a story told by both children and adults that interweaves the story with music, acting and opportunities for all to participate.

Michelle Cote  
Director of Religious Education

**ANNUAL REPORT ARTICLES**

**DUE THIS WEDNESDAY APRIL 6**

**TO Sharon Brownfield**  
[sharonbrownfield@gmail.com](mailto:sharonbrownfield@gmail.com)

**(NO PDFs please) Thanks!**

## SUNDAY APRIL 4 - 9, 2022

### Monday

SGM 6:45pm Hall  
Brewfest 7:00pm Youth Room  
Stow Chorus 7:00pm Hall

### Tuesday

Coffee at the Gazebo 10am-11am  
Book Group 7:00pm  
RE Meeting zoom  
Climate Change Task Force 7:00pm zoom

### Wednesday ANNUAL REPORTS DUE

Membership 7:00pm zoom  
Meditation 7:25 pm zoom

### Thursday

Archives Vestry 9:30am-11:30am  
Peace Vigil 5:00pm front of church  
SGM Facilitators 6:00pm zoom  
Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm Hall

### Friday

SGM 9:30am zoom  
Audio Training Meeting 7:00pm Sanctuary

### Saturday

SGM 8:45am zoom

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## SUNDAY APRIL 10, 2022

*ART SERVICE: The Myth of Talent & a 'Pop-up' Art Show*

Brad Dumont & Artists of FPC

9:00 in the sanctuary and 11:00 in the sanctuary and online

**10:05am-10:55am: 'Pop-up' art show in Fellowship Hall**

**Service: "Talent"** - a loaded word which limits our exploration of creativity around the assumption that some were born with 'gifts' and others were not. Or possibly a word that some have found comfort in as a way to lift up and share a unique skill set they possess. Whether the label of 'talent' has carried a certain connotation for you, we have all experienced moments where we have doubted our creative selves. Come hear from artists at FPC as they talk about self-doubt in the face of creative challenges and consider 'The Myth of Talent.'

**'Pop-up' Art Show:** Between services please join us in the Fellowship Hall where we will put out all of the folding tables for folks to display a few pieces of their art. This is meant to be casual, quick, fun, and informal! All levels and types of art are welcome to be displayed as long as you can setup quickly and leave space for others. We'd love to see everyone (youth too!) contribute a piece of art to the gallery! Please bring a card or page that has your name and a description of your work to go alongside it, unless you want to be anonymous!

*We are no longer requiring advance registrations for in-person worship. We do require masks (covering both the nose and mouth) and social distancing in our building for worship services. Thank you!*

Join by Video: <https://tinyurl.com/fpcspring>

Meeting ID: 959 7712 0122

Passcode: 01775

Join by phone: 1-929-205-6099 (long distance rates will apply)

## Moving Forward! FPC's Strategic Plan

### STRATEGIC PLAN DISCUSSIONS

Come and learn about the exciting plans and ideas around Social Justice, Buildings and Campus that are part of our Strategic Plan. The discussion will be held in the community room after both the 9:00 and 11:00 services. For zoom participants, the discussion will be after the 11 o'clock service in the main breakout room. SEE OTHER SIDE OF THIS PAGE

### Looking Ahead to FPC's Summer Services

#### *June 19 through September 4*

At our recent Worship Committee meeting we began the planning process for this year's summer services, which will begin on *June 19 and run each Sunday for 12 weeks through September 4*

Do you have an idea for a summer service? A member of the Worship Committee would be happy to be a resource for you and make sure your service conforms to any guidelines (such as Covid) we might have. Alternatively, is there someone you think the Worship Committee should approach about leading a service of their own?

While we are not prescribing an overarching theme for this year's services, we are particularly aware of the connections we are making with others in our broader community, and we would love to have a few services that focus on extending those bridges and possibly introducing us to other local organizations with compatible missions.

**Please contact any of us on the Worship Committee with your ideas, suggestions, or questions:**

Neil Saunders, Chair ([neilsaund@verizon.net](mailto:neilsaund@verizon.net))

Marcia Allison ([marrich86@hotmail.com](mailto:marrich86@hotmail.com))

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Aimee Ledwell ([redshoegirl@gmail.com](mailto:redshoegirl@gmail.com))

Sharon Webb ([marysharonwebb@gmail.com](mailto:marysharonwebb@gmail.com))

Rev. Cindy Landrum ([minister@fpc-stow-acton.org](mailto:minister@fpc-stow-acton.org))

We look forward to hearing from you!

**Strategic Focus Areas this Sunday April 3 after both services in the Community Room. For zoom participants, the discussion will be after the 11 o'clock service in the main breakout room**

### Buildings and Campus

Like a home, our buildings and landscape are a reflection on who we are. By maintaining our buildings and caring for our landscape, we show the care we have for each other and our community. It is important to keep our campus in good working order both functionally and aesthetically.



This ongoing effort will maintain the value of the buildings and project a good image to the town, visitors, prospective members, and renters. So, the vision from the strategic plan that we provide adequate funding to ensure that our Buildings and Campus are well maintained now and into the future.

### Social Justice Programs



Our vision includes strengthening and leveraging **social justice programs** through continued outreach and partnership. Task Forces such as Asylum Seekers, Climate Change Task Force and Racial Justice are working with external partners to further the causes we care about. We will continue to participate in UU social justice groups like UU Mass Action and UU Collaborative and partner with groups such as NASJA, IINE as well as interfaith coalitions. We will seek out new community alliances in areas that support our work. We will also work to build awareness of our activities within the community.