

February 13, 2022

9 and 11 AM

A Tribute to Thích Nhất Hạnh

Gathering

Prelude *Traumerei op.15 no.7* R. Shumann
Sanghee Kim, piano

Welcome & Announcements
11 am: Sue Moses

Greet Your Neighbor

Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship *I Have Arrived* by Thích Nhất Hạnh

Chalice Lighting

* **Hymn #184** *Be Ye Lamps Unto Yourselves*

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: Ann Sadler, Lay Minister
11 am: Carolyn Zettler, Lay Minister

Meditation from *How to Sit* by Thích Nhất Hạnh

* **Hymn #1031** *Filled with Loving Kindness*

Exploring

Readings from *How to Fight* by Thích Nhất Hạnh
and *How to Connect*

Reflections The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

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 *We Begin Again in Love* L. Kleen
Incorporating readings of Thich Nhat Hanh
FPC Adult Choir

Reading from *How to Love* by Thích Nhất Hạnh

Reflections The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Returning

* **Hymn # 193** *Our Faith Is but a Single Gem*

Benediction *The Next Buddha* by Thích Nhất Hạnh

* **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 *Uptown Jazz* L. Clarke
Sanghee Kim, piano

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



Thank you to:
Zoom Helper, Kim Kinnear
Troy Liston & the MacNeills, Ushers
Hymn leaders, tech assistants & helpers
and to our staff and leadership

Our flowers today are given by
John Kendrick in memory of Maxine Kendrick
who grew roses and enjoyed providing flowers to her
UU congregation in Arlington, VA



FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist



Sunday, January 13, 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 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

Greeter: Marcia Rising

Hymn Lyrics

*** Hymn #184** *Be Ye Lamps Unto Yourselves*

Be ye lamps unto yourselves; be your own confidence;
hold to the truth within yourselves as to the only lamp.

*** Hymn #1031** *Filled with Loving Kindness*

1. May I be filled with loving kindness. May I be well.
May I be filled with loving kindness. May I be well.
May I be peaceful and at ease. May I be whole.
2. May you be filled with loving kindness.
May you be well.
May you be filled with loving kindness.
May you be well.
May you be peaceful and at ease. May you be whole.
3. May we be filled with loving kindness.
May we be well.
May we be filled with loving kindness.
May we be well.
May we be peaceful and at ease. May we be whole.

*** Hymn # 193** *Our Faith Is but a Single Gem*

1. Our faith is but a single gem
upon a rosary of beads;
the thread of truth which runs through them
supports our varied human needs.
2. Confucian wisdom, Christian care,
the Buddhist way of self-control,
the Muslim's daily call to prayer
are proven pathways to the goal.
3. From many lips, in every age,
the truth eternal is proclaimed
by Western saint, and Eastern sage,
and all the good, however named.
4. Beside the noblest of our race
our lives as yet cannot compare:
may we at length their truth embrace
and in their sacred mission share.

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

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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!



~Ann Sadler

This Week-February 13th-in Our Religious Education Program:

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

Here is the schedule for this Sunday:

Prek-5th graders will have a hybrid program during the 9am service that will focus on kindness toward others.

Junior Youth Group will *meet in person during the 9am* service to create Valentine's Day Card Collages which they will send with messages of care to some members of our congregation.

Senior Youth Group will meet in person *during the 11am service*. They will focus on Building Healthy Habits by using art and collage-making to explore this youth-chosen topic of how we build healthy habits in engaging ways

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

~Michelle Cote

The Week of February 14-19

Monday

Sounds of Stow 7:00pm community room
Climate Task Force 7:30 zoom

Tuesday

Coffee & Chat at the Gazebo 10am-11am

Wednesday

Chronicle Articles Due

UU Journey 7:00pm zoom
Racial Task Force 1619 Forum zoom
Ukulele Meet Up 7:00pm zoom
Meditation 7:25 pm zoom

Thursday

Peace Vigil outside front of church 5:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm Hall

Friday

Sanctuary & Hall Rental

Sunday February 20, 2022

"Universe Unfolding"

Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

9am in the sanctuary; 11am in the sanctuary and online

Writer Max Ehrmann once stated, "You are a child of the universe, no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should." To celebrate the birthday of Galileo Galilei (February 15 1564) we'll look at the ways the universe is still unfolding and we're always learning more.

To allow for social distancing, we are requiring advance requests to attend our services in person. To request a spot, please fill out this form by Thursday at

noon: <https://fpcosna.breezechms.com/form/26dae834754748986691>

Join by video: <https://tinyurl.com/fpcfebmar>

Meeting ID: 933 6431 4909

Passcode: 01775

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

Can you believe it?

It's already time to start planning for the FPC Spring Auction. The Auction Committee met last night and selected Garden Party! as the theme. This year's auction will feature an on-line silent auction scheduled to run from June 8 through around June 22.

And (drum roll!) an outdoor live auction/Garden Party on June 18 (inside if it rains.) **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

To make this event happen, the Auction Committee needs your help. We have a core group of hard-working, experienced people already working on the auction, but we **NEED MORE MEMBERS!** New members bring new ideas and new energy. All volunteers will have plenty of support from our well-seasoned team. Please think about joining - it's fun and rewarding.

Your Auction Team
<mailto:auction@fpc.groups.io>