

**February 20, 2022
9 and 11 AM**

Gathering

Prelude *Prelude in D Major* C. Franck
Sanghee Kim, Organ

**Land Acknowledgement, Welcome &
Announcements**

9 am: Neil Saunders, Worship Committee Chair

Greet Your Neighbor

Call to Worship by Susan Maginn
The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Chalice Lighting by Erik Walker Wikstrom

*** Hymn #368** *Now Let Us Sing*

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.

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

Centering

Message for All Ages Michelle Coté,
Director of Religious Education

Going Forth with the Light

Joys and Sorrows
11 am: Ingrid Holcomb, Lay Minister

Prayer or Meditation *Zazen on Ching-t'ing Mountain* by Li Po

Reading *Scientists Find Universe* by Pat Mayne Ellis
Awash in Tiny Diamonds

*** Hymn #1068** *Rising Green* (verses 1, 2, & 4)

Exploring

Reading *A Journey* by Edward Field

Sharing Our Gifts

This month we share our weekly offering with
the 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 *The Gift of Life* H. Hopson
9 am: Brad Dumont, vocals
11 am:

Sermon *Universe Unfolding*

Returning

* **Hymn #1064** *Blue Boat Home*

Benediction *Untitled Shaman Song* by Uvavnuk
tr. Jane Hirschfield

* **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 *Nocturne in Eb Major op.9 no.2* F. Chopin
Sanghee Kim, piano



Thank you to:

Peter Fiske & Jamison House, First Service Ushers
Kim Kinnear, Zoom Host & Ben Child, Tech Assistant
Kate Imhoff & Nick Francis, Second Service Ushers
and to our staff and leadership

Our flowers today are given by
Marion Scott
in memory of
Her Father

“Who, as an ophthalmologist, set the example
of dedication to hard work.”

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**FIRST PARISH CHURCH
OF STOW & ACTON**
Unitarian Universalist



Sunday, February 20, 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.

ONLINE SUPPLEMENT PAGE

This page contains information specifically for folks joining us online!

Today's Online Helpers

Zoom Host: Kim Kinnear

Tech Assistant: Ben Child

Hymn Lyrics

* Hymn #368

Now Let Us Sing

1. Sing to the power of the faith within.
Sing to the power of the faith within.
Lift up your voice, be not afraid;
sing to the power of the faith within.
2. Sing to the power of the hope within ...
3. Sing to the power of the love within. ...
4. Sing to the power of the joy within. ...

* Hymn #1068 *Rising Green* (verses 1, 2, & 4)

1. My blood doth rise in the roots of yon oak,
her sap doth run in my veins.
Boundless my soul like the open sky
where the stars forever have lain.
Where the stars, where the stars,
where the stars forever have lain.
2. My hands hold the weavings of time without end,
my sight as deep as the sea.
Beating, my heart sounds the measures of old,
that of love's eternity.

That of love, that of love,
that of love's eternity.

4. My foot carries days of the old into new,
our dreaming shows us the way.
Wondrous our faith settles deep in the earth,
rising green to bring a new day.
Rising green, rising green,
rising green to bring a new day.

* Hymn #1064 *Blue Boat Home*

1. Though below me, I feel no motion
standing on these mountains and plains.
Far away from the rolling ocean
still my dry land heart can say:
I've been sailing all my life now,
never harbor or port have I known.
The wide universe is the ocean I travel
and the earth is my blue boat home.
2. Sun my sail and moon my rudder
as I ply the starry sea,
leaning over the edge in wonder,
casting questions into the deep.
Drifting here with my ship's companions,
all we kindred pilgrim souls,
making our way by the lights of the heavens in our
beautiful blue boat home.
3. I give thanks to the waves up holding me,
hail the great winds urging me on,
greet the infinite sea before me,
sing the sky my sailor's song:
I was born up on the fathoms,

never harbor or port have I known.
The wide universe is the ocean I travel,
and the earth is my blue boat home.

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

Saturday Morning Breakfast

March 19, 2022 8:05

Zoom

Making a Children's Picture Book Explained

Have you ever wondered how children's picture books are created? Local children's author Casey W. Robinson will share a behind-the-scenes look at the creative and publishing process behind her picture book, IVER AND ELLSWORTH, including the local landmark that inspired the story. Kids are welcome! Casey is Event Director at the Silver Unicorn Bookstore in West Acton. And she is a former president of the Picture Book Writer's Association of New England.

~Jeff Brown

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.

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

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This Week-February 20th-in Our Religious Education Program

Please note that all children should go directly to the church and will leave for their RE programs after the Message for all Ages.

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

Our Junior and Senior Youth Groups are invited to come and enjoy the service.

OWL program for 7-10th grade meets at 2:00pm

~Michelle Cote

The Week of February 21-26

MONDAY

Sounds of Stow 7:00pm community room

TUESDAY

Coffee & Chat at the Gazebo 10am-11a

WEDNESDAY

Worship Committee 12:30 zoom

Meditation 7:25 pm zoom

THURSDAY

Peace Vigil outside front of church 5:00 pm

Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm Hall

SATURDAY

Growing Victory Garden 9am Zoom (Rick Lent)

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2022

“The Endemic Nature of Life”

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

Lisa Fagerstrom, Lay Leader

Within the past month or so, there has been talk in the news of moving from pandemic to endemic when describing COVID-19. This service will explore this changing perspective and how life itself is "endemic"-- something that is always with us to experience and move through, with an invitation to embrace its "lifey-ness" in our daily living.

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/26dae8347547489866918>

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

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.

FPC Announcements

Bridging and Breaking:

Arts, Incarceration, and Empowering Song


Join our music director, Brad Dumont, for a Zoom presentation and discussion about the arts in incarcerated environments.

Sunday, February 27 - 7:00pm

Zoom Link: <https://assumption.zoom.us/j/8443249741>



Music and the arts can allow us to re-envision our futures and better understand our past. The arts can allow us deeper empathy for others and space for greater understanding of experiences that are not our own. In the United States we incarcerate over 2 million individuals. More than any other country in the world. But how many of us have found ourselves in direct proximity to incarcerated individuals or returning citizens during our lives? The arts can create an intentional space for this necessary proximity where we can begin dialogue between people and ideas which may have never intersected

otherwise.



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  A First Parish Church
of Stow and Acton
Arts Event

FEB • 27 • 2022
7:00 PM
On Zoom

VISIT WWW.FPC-STOW-ACTON.ORG FOR MORE DETAILS.

Since 2017, Brad has been working with the Empowering Song approach in classrooms, community centers, spaces of psychiatric rehabilitation, and incarcerated

environments. Join Brad in a presentation and discussion about the work of the arts in incarcerated spaces.

