

**January 16, 2022**

**Gathering**

**Prelude**     *Voluntary in Bflat Major*     E.Elgar  
Sanghee Kin, organ

**Land Acknowledgement, Welcome &  
Announcements**

Kirsten Chetwynd, Small Group Ministry Facilitator

**Greet Your Neighbor**

**Choral Introit** *Yonder Come Day*  
FPC Virtual Adult Choir

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

**Chalice Lighting**

**Hymn #105**     *From Age to Age*

1. From age to age how grandly rise  
the prophet souls in line;  
above the passing centuries like beacon  
lights they shine,  
like beacon lights they shine.
2. Their kindling power our souls confess;  
though dead they speak today:  
how great the cloud of witnesses  
encompassing our way,  
encompassing our way.

3. Through every race, in every clime,  
one song shall yet be heard:  
move onward in thy course sublime, O  
everlasting Word,  
O everlasting Word.

**Covenant**

Michelle Coté,

Director of Religious Education

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**

Brad Dumont, vocals  
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** The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

**Joys and Sorrows** Marcia Rising, Lay Minister

**Prayer or Meditation**

**Hymn #1045**     *There Is a Balm in Gilead*

Chorus:     There is a balm in Gilead  
To make the wounded whole;

There is a balm in Gilead  
To heal the sin-sick soul.

1. Sometimes I feel discouraged  
And think my work's in vain,  
But then the Holy Spirit  
Revives my soul again.
2. If you cannot preach like Peter,  
If you cannot pray like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus,  
And say "He died for all!"

### Exploring

#### **Reading**

Michelle Coté

#### **Sharing Our Gifts**

This month we share our weekly offering with  
RIA House

Donate online at <https://fpc-stow-acton.org/donate>  
or by text to (978) 310-3309 or mail checks made  
to "First Parish Church" at:

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

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

**Anthem**      *My Heart Be Brave*      M. Garrett  
recorded by the Boston Children's Chorus

**Sermon**      *Critical Race Theory: Truth and  
Fiction*

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

### Returning

**Hymn #145**      *Lift Every Voice and Sing*  
(#15 *Justice Choir Songbook*)

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and  
heaven ring,  
ring with the harmonies of liberty;  
let our rejoicing rise high as the listening  
skies,  
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark  
past has taught us;  
sing a song full of the hope that the present  
has brought us;  
facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
let us march on till victory is won.

#### **Benediction**

#### **Closing Song**

*Keep on Movin' Forward*  
Emma's Revolution

#### **Postlude**

*Winterzeit II*      R. Schumann  
Sanghee Kim, piano



Thank you to Kim Kinnear, Jonathan Daisy,  
& Hector Constantzos for tech and zoom help,  
and to our participants, staff and leadership.



## FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

*Unitarian Universalist*



**Sunday, January 16, 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.

**SGM Registration for 2022 EXTENDED to**  
**Sunday January 23 NOON**  
[fpc-stow-acton.org/sgm](http://fpc-stow-acton.org/sgm)

Wished for SGM from your own living room?  
Spend summers in Maine?

We are expanding our SGM program this year to offer different meeting styles: in-person, all virtual, and hybrid - i.e. some members in-person, while others join virtually.

Please consider joining an SGM group. If you request remote or hybrid - please list AS MANY available times as you have so that we can match you with others.

We are forming new groups of 8-10 people who will meet monthly, starting in February, with a trained facilitator to discuss a session topic. The topics are chosen to provide an opportunity for Intimacy and Ultimacy - increasing awareness of yourself and connections to other group members. We encourage existing participants to join again, either in the same or in a new group, and particularly welcome those new to the program or new to the church. This is an excellent way to become part of this beloved community.

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**questions, contact:**

Karen Kinnear, SGM facilitator - [sgm@fpc-stow-acton.org](mailto:sgm@fpc-stow-acton.org)

Joleen Trotta, Membership Coordinator -  
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**FPC Announcements**  
**Sunday, January 16, 2022**

**TODAY AT FPC**

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

**9:15: Prek-5th graders** will meet on zoom to connect and have fun!

**10am Church Service** on Zoom

**No Junior Youth Program this Sunday**

**11:30 High School Discussion Group** will meet on zoom.

## **THE WEEK OF JANUARY 17-22**

**Monday Sounds of Stow 7:00pm zoom**

**Tuesday Coffee & Chat at the Gazebo  
10am-11am  
SGM 7:00pm zoom**

**Wednesday Children's Horizons Hall 9:30am-  
11:30am  
SGM 7:00p zoom  
Ukulele Meetup 7:00pm zoom  
Program Council 7:00pm zoom  
Meditation 7:25 pm zoom**

**Thursday Children's Horizons Hall 9:30am-  
11:30am  
Staff Meeting 12:30 pm  
Peace Vigil outside front of church  
5:00 pm  
Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm  
SGM 7:15 pm zoom**

**Saturday Growing Victory Gardens 9am-  
10am zoom**

## **SUNDAY JANUARY 23, 2022**

**"How the Light Gets In"**

**Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum**

**9:00 in-person and 11:00 in-person and online**  
Songwriter Leonard Cohen, in his song Anthem, says, "There is a crack in everything – that's how the light gets in." This service will explore how the cracks of life strengthen us and let the light into our lives.

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

Meeting ID: 931 5354 4388

Passcode: 11762

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

## **PLATE SHARE FOR JANUARY**

RIA (**Ready. Inspire. Act.**) is thankful once again to be one of the Plate Sharing recipients. Covid and all its variants has shut down most of what we'd taken for granted. What is not shut down is the continued need for women (men and children) to be trafficked. What is that?? It's today's version of SLAVERY where a person can be bought for the satisfaction of another. Yes, it exists today and RIA House is fighting every day to support women find their way out of this horrific web.

This week we will be using a song from the **Justice Choir Songbook**. You can download it [HERE](#).

## **Coffee and Chat**

will continue on Tuesday mornings from 10-11AM

Meet at the Town Park adjacent to FPC.

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

~Ann Sadler