

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* Pat Humphries
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 and on Facebook.

SGM Registration for 2022 EXTENDED to

Sunday January 23 NOON

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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<http://fpc-stow-acton.org/sgm>

questions, contact:

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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.

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