

June 12, 2022

10:00 AM

Gathering

Prelude *Blumenleid* by G. Lange
Sanghee Kim, piano

Land Acknowledgement, Welcome & Announcements
Brendon Chetwynd, Board of Trustees elect

Greet Your Neighbor

Introit *Jen Dal* by the Rev. N. F. Čapek,
arr. S. Cartreine
FPC Adult Choir

Opening Words the Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Chalice Lighting

* **Hymn #65** *The Sweet June Days*

* **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

Recognition of Michelle Cote, Director of Religious Education
Sharon Brownfield, Board President
the Religious Education Committee
the Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

* *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

* **Hymn #64** *Oh, Give Us Pleasure in the Flowers Today*

Exploring

Dramatic Reading *Dialogue About* by the Rev. ‘Don Kafka
Flowers and Men and Cliff Feakes
Brendon Chetwynd
John Kendrick

Sharing Our Gifts

This month we share our weekly offering with 3LPlace.
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 Door* by C. Cooman
FPC Adult Choir
Elena Spencer, violin

This piece was commissioned by FPC for the
installation of Rev. Dr. Cindy Landrum on May 5, 2019.

Blessing of the Flowers by the Rev. N. F. Čapek

Flower Communion

To receive a virtual flower, please go to:
<https://wheelofnames.com/uec-abx>

Thank you to those who submitted flower photos in 2021!

Flower Communion Prayer by the Rev. N. F. Čapek

Joys and Sorrows Susie O’Brien, Lay Minister

Prayer or Meditation

Returning

* **Hymn #78** *Color and Fragrance*

* **Benediction**

*** 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 *The Gay Frenchman* by B. Fenstock
Sanghee Kim, piano

After the service, please come to the front to gather an extra
flower if you are willing to deliver a flower to someone unable to
come to the service in person today.

Please join us after the service for a picnic on the church lawn!



Thank you to: Sharon Brownfield, Zoom Host;
Ushers Kate Imhoff and Nick Francis;
and to our staff, participants, and leadership



**FIRST PARISH CHURCH
OF STOW & ACTON**

Unitarian Universalist



Sunday, June 12, 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.

** Please rise in body or in spirit.*

ONLINE SUPPLEMENT PAGE

This page contains information specifically for folks joining us online!

Today's Zoom Host: Sharon Brownfield

Hymn #65 *The Sweet June Days*

1. The sweet June days are come again;
once more the glad earth yields
its golden wealth of rip'ning grain,
and breath of clover fields,
and deep'ning shade of summer woods,
and glow of summer air,
and winging thoughts and happy moods
of love and joy and prayer.
2. The sweet June days are come again;
the birds are on the wing;
bright anthems, in their merry strain,
unconsciously they sing.
Oh, how our cup o'erbrims with good
these happy summer days;
for all the joys of field and wood
we lift our song of praise.

Hymn #64 *Oh, Give Us Pleasure in the Flowers Today*

1. Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers today,
and give us not to think so far away
as the uncertain harvest; keep us here
all simply in the springing of the year.
2. Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white
like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;
and make us happy in the happy bees,
the swarm dilating round the perfect trees.
3. For this is love and nothing else is love,
the which it is reserved for God above

to sanctify to what far ends he will,
but which it only needs that we fulfill.

Hymn #78 *Color and Fragrance*

1. Color and fragrance, magical rhythm,
sweet changing music will change us with them:
life within life, inner light gently glowing,
surely you seem to be God's vision growing.
2. O starry heavens, worlds of all splendor,
suns without number, new life engender:
wheel in a wheel with the light brightly glowing,
moving in harmony, God's vision growing.
3. Hand full of pebbles, high mountain passes,
depths of the ocean, dew on the grasses:
great things and small, with the light gently glowing,
word of the wordless song, God's vision growing.
4. Delicate beings, lacewing and sparrow
in field and forest, clover and yarrow:
life greeting life with the light brightly glowing,
none are too small to be God's vision growing.
5. In human eyes burns the soul of living,
illumines altars of loving giving:
greeting, we meet, seeing light brightly glowing,
share in a greater life, God's vision growing.
6. Shaper of all things, to us you've given
our chance to keep here on earth, a heaven.
Moving in harmony, light gently glowing,
may we be, gratefully, God's vision growing.

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

Plate Sharing for June (remainder of),

July and August

June, July and August, we are going to evenly divide the plate share among three organizations. They are 3LPlace, Cultivate Care Farm, and Maynard Anti-Racism Alliance (MARA).

3LPlace supports individuals with intellectual and developmental challenges who are on a journey of life-long learning. We're building exciting opportunities and a warm, diverse community that embraces neurological differences and encourages self-determination.

Cultivate Care Farm of Bolton's mission is to empower clients and the community in realizing their mental health goals through farm-based therapy, wellness programming, and community outreach.

MARA is a group of Maynard community members dedicated to learning with and supporting individuals in our community who seek to confront and take action to dismantle systemic racism.

Sunday, June 12, 2022

FLOWER COMMUNION SUNDAY

This Sunday in our Religious Education Program

Today's service is multigenerational so children will remain in church. There are clipboards and coloring sheets available in the church vestibule.

There are no Religious Education sessions throughout the summer; instead childcare for grades Prek-Grade 5 will be provided each Sunday in the lower **hall beginning Sunday June 19th**. Parents will need to sign their child(ren) into childcare each week.

The picnic follows outside.

To: Michelle Cote



The Week at FPC: June 13-18, 2022

Monday

Beerfest Planning 6:30pm Parlor
Jazz Band 7:00pm Sanctuary
SGM 7:00pm Community Room

Tuesday

Coffee at the Gazebo 10am-11am
Arts Coalition 2pm zoom
Children's H set up Hall for grad 9-10:30am
Racial Justice TF 7pm zoom
SGM Community Room 7pm
Climate Task Force 7:30pm zoom

Wednesday

Children's H. Graduation 9-12 Hall
SGM Community Rm 9:15 am
Ukulele Meetup 7pm zoom
SGM Community Rm 7:15pm
Meditation 7:25 zoom & Hall

Thursday

Peace Vigil 5:00pm front of church
SGM Community Rm 7:15 pm
Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm Hall

Saturday

Saturday Breakfast
LIVE AUCTION 1:00-7:00PM outside & hall



LOOKING FORWARD TO A MAJOR
NEW FPC FUNDRAISING EVENT...

The Assabet Craft Beer & Food
Truck Festival at First Parish
Church of Stow & Acton

Saturday, September 3, 2022
12 noon to 4pm (rain or shine)

with Craft brews from Amory's Tomb Brewing (Maynard), Bull Spit Brewing (Lancaster), and Sterling Street Brewery (Clinton) plus cider, wine, and soft drinks

Food from Meat@Slim's (BBQ), Lala's Neapolitan-ish Pizza, Kith & Kin (including gluten-free & vegetarian), and New City Microcreamery

Music provided by TBD

Children's games (including cornhole) and face painting

Admission \$5 per person (free for children 12 and under) with drink tickets \$5 each

Please stop by our table at coffee hour today and sign up to volunteer at the Festival. We still need lots of help with set-up, admission entry, guest relations, parking, cleanup, first aid, marketing, and TIPS certification. And as our way of saying thank you, we have a special gift for everyone who signs up.

For more details, contact any of our organizers: Neil Saunders, Hector Constantzos, Dave Sansone, Scott Feldhusen, Rebecca Stadolnik, and Margaret Tucker. Cheers!

FPC 2022

Summer Services

June 19 ~ September 4

Here are details of the 12 services that FPC is offering this summer. Each service starts at 10am, and for the first time since the pandemic began more than 2 years ago all except one can be attended in person—some will take place in Fellowship Hall, a few outside on the church grounds (weather permitting), and several more in the Sanctuary that will also be broadcast online through Zoom. Childcare will be provided for all in-person services.

Some details could change because of Covid protocols and other eventualities, so be sure to check the FPC website or watch for information via FPCAnnounce.

June 19 “This I Believe” (in the Sanctuary and online on Zoom)
John Kendrick, Johanna Pyle, Sandi Mrowka, and Derek McCarthy will share their personal beliefs, the core values that guide their daily lives, and what makes them tick religiously and spiritually.

June 26 “Life at the Intersections” (in Fellowship Hall)
This service, coordinated by the Racial Justice Task Force, will explore the ways that our lives, the diversity of our world, and our social justice efforts intersect. Through music, readings, and the morning sermon reflection, the congregation will be encouraged to explore the intersections of their own lives—and the challenges and opportunities that awareness of life in the intersections can bring to our work for social justice.

July 3 “UUA General Assembly” (online on Zoom)
Join us for a recording of the previous Sunday’s service at General Assembly, held this year in Portland, Oregon. It is the largest annual gathering of dedicated UUs joined together in worship. This service will be online only, and we will post the link on FPCAnnounce and the FPC website.

SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST

June 18, 2022, 8:05am

Henry Patterson of Concord, started the restaurant Bel Canto when he was twenty-four and has been in the restaurant business ever since. In March he flew to Poland. He writes:

“Cooking at the border for Ukrainian refugees was both profoundly sad and exhilarating, as I will describe. World Central Kitchen is a brilliant example of what is possible when ordinary people decide to defy life's challenges.

In our case, we are foodservice people doing what we do - expressing our caring by feeding people - finding the place to do it where it truly matters. “

This meeting will probably be by zoom, starting at 8:05.

~Jeff Brown

July 10 “Annual Summer Jazz Service” (in Fellowship Hall)
Our own Parish Jazz Band, led by Michael Paladini, will play great jazz classics for everyone to enjoy, all packaged in a UU wrapper.

July 17 “The Power of No” (in Fellowship Hall)
Every human has faced at one point or another a wall of No. In this service Sonja Furneaux will explore our individual relationships with the word “no” and how we can harness it to create our own freedom.

July 24 “title t/c from Tom Rosiello” (in the Sanctuary and online on Zoom)
(text t/c from Tom)

July 31 “In Loving Tension” (in the Sanctuary and online on Zoom)
How do we stay in relationship with people on the opposite side of an issue from us? When is it time to compromise and when to hold the line? What do we do when we just can’t agree? Rev. Cindy will explore this perplexing issue.

August 7 “Joint Summer Service” (at the Lancaster UU Church, 725 Main St., Lancaster, and online on Zoom)
Rev. Wil Darcangelo, Minister at the Lancaster and Fitchburg churches, will lead worship at the 19th annual Joint Summer Service of the Bolton, Fitchburg, Harvard, Lancaster, Leominster, Littleton, Marlborough/Hudson, and Stow/Acton UU churches. Kallin Johnson, Music Director at Lancaster, will direct a pick-up choir, with all singers welcome and rehearsal beginning at 8:30am. Music for the pick-up choir will be available in advance upon request.

August 14 “Blessing of the Animals” (Outside on the FPC grounds)
Join Susan Avery with your animal(s) or representation of them as we explore the power they have to lift our spirit and then collectively bless each of them.

August 21 “Harry Potter and the Curse of Authorship” (in the Sanctuary and online on Zoom)
Rev. Cindy explores what can be a heartfelt struggle when we discover that a favorite author, artist, actor, or musician has taken political stances we are opposed to, or done personal actions that are deeply troubling to us. What do we do when we love the art but struggle with the artist?

August 28 “We Are the Water Protectors” (in the Sanctuary and online on Zoom)
Join Aimee Ledwell as she spotlights the Maynard Anti-Racism Alliance (MARA), Indigenous Peoples, and the fight for clean water everywhere.

September 4 “A Climate Moment: It Is the 11th Hour for the Climate” (in Fellowship Hall)
Members of FPC’s Climate Change Task Force explore what our Seventh Principle calls us to do in the face of extreme climate disruption. How can we make a difference and build hope for the future?

Neil Saunders, Chair (neilsaund@verizon.net)
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THE FPC JAZZ BAND PLAYS AT FPC



AND OTHER VENUES

Sunday, July 10, 10:00 a.m., FPC church service

Saturday, Sept. 17 at 4:30 p.m., public concert outdoors at Hudson Town Hall, 78 Main St, Hudson

Add these new dates and venues to your calendars and bring a friend

FPC AUCTION

Sign up here to volunteer to help with the FPC Auction Saturday, June 18 starting at 2PM!

[FPC In-Person Auction Volunteer Signup](#)

Get out your rakes and hoes!

The FPC Spring Auction Catalogue

is available to preview at www.auctria.events/FPCAuction2022

Just wait until you see all the glorious offerings that our community has donated this year! It's a bumper crop!

Here's the lowdown:

- We need help at the Live Auction on June 18! Successful farms require good farmhands!

Go to the FPC Website. Look for the Auction Logo and select Volunteer Signup- Signup Genius

- **Bidding for the silent auction items will open June 8th and close June 22nd.**

When you log into the catalogue, please make sure to register before you proceed. There is a registration button and instruction on the Auctria website (see link above.) You won't believe the beautiful items up for grabs, including original artwork, baked goods, group events, and lots of other goodies that you will just have to discover as you peruse the catalogue. Be prepared to bid early and often!

- **The Garden Party and Live Auction** (with some select jewelry and baked good silent auction items available, too) **will be held at the church on June 18th starting a 2PM.**

We will start with a social hour outside in the Kitchen Garden with food, drinks and music, and then we'll move into Fellowship Hall for the Live Auction activities. We have great live auction items such as group dinners, vacation stays, handyman services, yard work, and more.

Please register at the Auctria site before coming to the Live Auction as we will produce bidder numbers from the Auctria registration and preregistration will help the check-in process for the Live Auction so much easier for us.

- The Garden Hat Contest and the Floral Arrangement Contest will be judged prior to the Live Auction, with the winners announced during the Live Auction intermission.
- The raffle winner will be announced during the Live Auction.

So don your garden party frocks and jackets and get ready to bid, bid, bid!

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[FPC In-Person Auction Volunteer Signup](#)

Your Auction Team

auction@fpc.groups.io



FPC Auction 2022
Garden Party
Have a Wild Thyme!

Live Auction at FPC: June 18, 2022
Beginning at 2:00 PM (Outside)
Live Bidding inside

Light snacks and beverages served outside
~Childcare will be provided~

Silent Auction Online Begins June 8, 2022

Check out the FPC website for updates
www.fpc-stow-acton.org

