

June 5, 2022
10:00 AM

Gathering

Land Acknowledgement, Welcome & Announcements
Joshua Ledwell, Chair of Social Justice

Greet Your Neighbor

Introit *I am What I am* by Jerry Herman
performed by Lisa Fagerstrom and the FPC Adult Choir

Opening Words *Wabanaki Creation Story*
as told by Geo Neptune
read by Sheryl Lafayette

Chalice Lighting *Living with Pride* by Lori Gorgas Hlaban
read by Sheryl Lafayette

* **Hymn #170 -** We are a Gentle Angry People

* **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 *Red, A Crayon's Story* by Michael Hall
Robin Ledwell and Michelle Coté

Going Forth with the Light

* *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Joys and Sorrows Amanda Heffner-Wong

Meditation *Somewhere Over the Rainbow:
the Stonewall connection* by Lisa Fagerstrom

Reading From *Karamo* by Karamo Brown
read by Sandi Mrowka

Song *Radical* by Catie Curtis,
performed by Aimee Ledwell

Exploring

Reading *Small Talk* by Alok Vaid-Menon
read by Sheryl Lafayette

Sharing Our Gifts

This summer we share our weekly offering with 3LPlace,
Cultivate Care Farm and MARA: Maynard Anti-Racism Alliance

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 *Make Them Hear You* by FPC Adult Choir

Reading *Celebrating Family: How PRIDE supports our
LGBTQIA+ community.* by Aimee Ledwell

Video: Scenes of Pride

Returning

* **Benediction** by Joshua Allen, read by Amanda Heffner-Wong

* **Closing Song**
Keep on Movin' Forward
Pat Humphries Emma's Revolution

Postlude: *We Are Family* by Sister Sledge
led by Lisa Fagerstrom and Sharon Webb

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Many thanks to our
Zoom Helpers this morning,

Marcia Allison & Jeff Brown, Ushers
and to our staff and leadership

Our flowers today are given by
Liz & Phil Moseley

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



Sunday June 2, 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
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!

Thank you to Today's Online Helpers

Hymn Lyrics

Hymn #170 *We are a Gentle Angry People*

1. We are a gentle angry people, and we are singing, singing for our lives. We are a gentle, angry people and we are singing, singing for our lives.

2. We are a justice-seeking people and we are singing, singing for our lives. We are a justice-seeking people, and we are singing, singing for our lives.

3. We are young and old together and we are singing singing for our lives. We are young and old together and we are singing, singing for our lives.

4. We are a land of many colors, and we are singing, singing for our lives. We are a land of many colors, and we are singing, singing for our lives.

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.

LGBTQ+ Pride Month

This Sunday in our Religious Education Program

Prek-5th graders-This is our last session of RE for the year so we will end with a "choice" activity session where children can decide activities that they want to participate in. We will be returning to the church towards the end of the service to take part in the pride celebration.

Grades 6-12 youth will remain in the church to take part in the service.

Reminder: Club UU will have its final gathering this coming Friday June 10th from 6:30-8 This will allow for parents and others to attend the awesome Movement Worship being offered by Lindsay Lapointe.

This Week at FPC: June 6-11, 2022

Monday

SGM 6:45pm Hall

Tuesday

Coffee at the Gazebo 10am-11am

RE Meeting 7:00pm zoom

Wednesday SILENT AUCTION BEGINS

Social Justice Council Mtg 7:00pm zoom

Meditation 7:25 zoom & community room

Thursday

SGM Hall 9:15

Peace Vigil 5:00pm front of church

Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm Hall

Friday

SGM 9:30am zoom

Children's Horiz Rehearsal 9:30-10:30am Hall

Lindsay La Point "Empowered to Move" 6:45pm Hall

(see information on 3rd page)

Club UU 6:30pm Lower Hall

SUNDAY June 12, 2022, 10:00am

10am in the Sanctuary or video/phone

"Flower Communion & Picnic Sunday" Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum
Bring a flower to give away and take a flower in return at our annual Flower Communion based on the Flower Ceremony created by Czech Unitarian Norbert Čapek. Our service will be followed with a bring-your-own-lunch picnic gathering outdoors.



**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
Stadlnik, and Margaret Tucker. Cheers!***

FPC Memorial Garden

**Come visit the Memorial Garden table setup after church
this Sunday, June 5.**

We will have a large poster to share with you as well as information about how FPC folks can participate in the serious work of helping to bring the Memorial Garden into being.

Our aim is to have the dedication in May 2023 around Memorial Day.

Please join us in Fellowship Hall today to see what we have planned and how you can help. You can also visit the FPC website to view the videos showing the plans. Go to:

<https://www.fpc-stow-acton.org/fpc-memorial-garden>

Next Saturday is June 11! Bell Ringing for the Climate!

Take 11 minutes out of your Saturday to join Rev Cindy in calling attention to the Climate Crisis. Ring the church bell or hold signs at 11AM for 11 minutes. We join with UU congregations and other churches in ringing the bell to signify that we are at the 11th hour for our climate. We need to do more for our planet!

Lindsay LaPointe lindsay.lapointe@gmail.com:

Hello!

As some of you know, I am offering a practice run of the worship service that I will be doing at GA this year in Portland, Oregon.

Here is the information about the event.

Friday, June 10th

6:45 PM arrive to Fellowship Hall

7:00 PM - 7:45 PM Worship experience

At the end I will hold space for people to offer feedback and comments.

EMPOWERED TO MOVE

Embodying worship practices was at the forefront of the Liberal Religious Youth and Young Religious Unitarian Universalists' youth movements. Join us as we take these experiences and reimagine them together in a movement practice built to help reconnect with others. No movement experience needed. All abilities and ages are welcome.

What participants will learn:

Through this workshop experience participants will gain the knowledge of how to incorporate movement into their worship rituals. Through learning how to use their body as a way to embody their spirituality, they will become more familiar with how to connect with themselves and each other at a deeper level.

The General Assembly's theme this year is: "Meet the Moment: Reimagining a Radical Faith Community."

This worship experience will focus on how a group can express their spirituality through embodiment. When a group of people, familiar with each other or not, go through a shared experience it can be powerful. Showing that power in self expression with support from others is a gift like no other. We will find ways to heighten our senses, be in community and create something together in the moment.

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

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



Hello FPC Community!

The Spring Auction Garden Party is right around the corner. Here's the lowdown – just flowers – no weeds:

The Silent Auction will be on-line starting June 8.

Starting on June 6th, the auction link

at auctria.events/FPCAuction2022 will be open for browsing the catalog and bidder registration. Please pre-register using the register button on the home page. There are instructions to help with registration. Silent Auction bidding begins on-line starting June 8 and ends June 22nd.

The silent auction ends June 22nd. There are items ranging from paintings to carvings to marshmallow roasts to homemade soups to restaurant and massage gift cards.

The Live Auction and Garden Party will be held on June 18th rain or shine. The social hour with drinks, food and some silent auction items to bid on will **start at 2 PM**. Around 3:15, we will go to Fellowship Hall for the live auction. Items up for grabs include a Women's Weekend Getaway to the Cape, four meals delivered quarterly by your Board of Trustees, the sermon of your choice and a Greek, Macedonian and Albanian dinner party. We strongly encourage you to pre-register at the Auctria site.

Garden Party Contests - a **garden hat contest** and a **floral arrangement contest**. Judging criteria can be found on the web page. We will announce winners during the Live Auction intermission. **Raffle tickets** for a wonderful gift basket can be purchased on-line and at the live event.

Donations are still needed to make this auction a success. The auction is FPC's biggest fundraiser of the year, and we need you to help us seed the auction with lots of goodies. You can sign up to donate by filling out a donation form at the auction web page. Please send photos of your offerings to auction@fpc.groups.io. Or, you can use the Signup Genius to purchase a gift card to donate. Think creatively and get those donations in! And thank you!

Volunteers. A volunteer Signup Genius will be on the FPC Auction web page by the end of this week. We need many helpers to pull off this special event, so please sign up to help with registration, food service, set-up, cleanup, and much more. Did we miss anything? Questions? Contact us! Your Auction Committee auction@fpc.groups.io