

Sermon *P.T. Barnum: Universalist*
The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Returning

* **Hymn #311** *Let It Be a Dance*

Closing Words *Barnum* (adapted) by M. Bramble
Barker & P.T. Barnum

* **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 Little Wanderers* by G. Lange
Sanghee Kim, piano



Thank you to:
Zoom Host, Sharon Brownfield
Ushers Peter Fiske, Marcia Allison, Lisa Rydin, and Jeff Brown
and to all our participants, staff, and leadership



Our flowers today are given by
Ralph Edwards
in loving memory of
Mady Harvey
for her March Birthday

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

**FIRST PARISH CHURCH
OF STOW & ACTON**

Unitarian Universalist



Sunday, March 13, 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 Zoom Host: Sharon Brownfield

Hymn Lyrics

Hymn #203 *All Creatures of the Earth and Sky*

1. All creatures of the earth and sky,
come, kindred, lift your voices high, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beam,
soft shining moon with silver gleam:
Chorus: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
2. Swift rushing wind so wild and strong,
white clouds that sail in heav'n along, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Fair rising morn in praise rejoice,
high stars of evening find a voice: (Chorus)
3. Cool flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for all life to hear, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Dance, flame of fire, so strong and bright,
and bless us with your warmth and light: (Chorus)
4. Embracing earth, you, day by day,
bring forth your blessings on our way, Alleluia, Alleluia!
All herbs and fruits that richly grow,
let them the glory also show: (Chorus)
5. All you of understanding heart,
forgiving others, take your part, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Let all things now the Holy bless,
and worship God in humbleness: (Chorus)

Hymn #311

Let It Be a Dance

- Chorus: Let it be a dance we do.
May I have this dance with you?
Through the good times and the bad times, too,
let it be a dance.
1. Let a dancing song be heard. Play the music, say the words,
and fill the sky with sailing birds. Let it be a dance.
Let it be a dance. Let it be a dance.
Learn to follow, learn to lead, feel the rhythm, fill the need
to reap the harvest, plant the seed. Let it be a dance.
(Chorus)
 2. Everybody turn and spin, let your body learn to bend,
and, like a willow with the wind, let it be a dance.
Let it be a dance. Let it be a dance.
A child is born, the old must die;
a time for joy, a time to cry.
Take it as it passes by. Let it be a dance. (Chorus)
 3. Morning star comes out at night,
without the dark there is no light.
If nothing's wrong, then nothing's right. Let it be a dance.
Let it be a dance. Let it be a dance.
Let the sun shine, let it rain;
share the laughter, bear the pain,
and round and round we go again. Let it be a dance.

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

MARCH PLATE SHARE

THE FOOD PROJECT empowers and equips young leaders, grows and distributes fresh, healthy, affordable food in the city and the suburbs, and inspires and supports others to create change in their communities. Our impact is focused on the synergy between the three components of our proven model – **youth, food and community.**

YOUTH: *Empower and equip youth leaders.*

Youth are the center of The Food Project's mission and work. Every year we hire 140 youth from cities and suburbs, to participate in our Seed, Dirt, and Root Crews. Our model brings them together using the common ground of food and farming to work across race, class, gender identity and all manner of differences.

FOOD: *Grow and distribute fresh, healthy, affordable food in cities and suburbs.*

Access to fresh, healthy food is a right, not a privilege. We grow thousands of pounds of fresh fruits and vegetables and distribute that food in the communities where we farm. Our produce is sold through affordable farmers' markets and CSAs, and donated through our strong network of community partners.

COMMUNITY: *Inspire and support others to create change in their own communities.*

We uplift the assets of the community, help remove barriers, and support the priorities established in partnership with residents, community groups, other nonprofits, elected officials, municipalities, and local businesses.

HELP SEED A MORE EQUITABLE TOMORROW

The Food Project envisions a world where youth are active leaders, diverse communities feel connected to the land and each other, and everyone has access to fresh, local, healthy, affordable food. An investment in The Food Project will help make this vision a reality.

SUNDAY, MARCH 13, 2022

**DAY LIGHT SAVINGS ~ SPRING FORWARD
ONE HOUR!!**



This Week-March 13th-in Our Religious Education Program:

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

Prek-5th graders will follow up on the service about PT Barnum by taking part in some fun "circus" and talent activities in RE!

The Junior Youth Group is not meeting this Sunday as they had a special get together on Saturday. Youth in Grades 6-8 are welcome to come to the lower hall and take part in the talent portion of our circus RE day!

Senior Youth are invited to remain in church to enjoy the service!

OWL program for 7-10th grade meets at 2:00 pm today in Fellowship Hall

Coffee and Chat Tuesday Mornings

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

THE WEEK OF MARCH 14-19

Monday

Piano Tuning 10:30am-12:30 Sanctuary
Sounds of Stow 7:00pm Hall
Tech group Sanctuary 7:30pm

Tuesday

Coffee & Chat at the Gazebo 10am-11am

Wednesday

SGM 9:15 zoom
Ukulele Meetup 7:00pm zoom
Meditation 7:25 pm zoom

Thursday

Archives 9:30am Vestry
Peace Vigil 5:00pm front of church
Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm Hall

Saturday

Saturday Breakfast 8:00am zoom
(see info side column)
Hall Rental 3:00-11pm

FERRY BEACH RETREAT

APRIL 29~MAY 1

We have a date for our Ferry Beach Retreat on the beautiful south coast of Maine.

We will be gathering Friday, April 29 through Sunday, May 1. Stand-by for additional information regarding pricing, registration and other details in the next few days but this is *happening!* ~Margaret Tucker

SUNDAY MARCH 20, 2022

"Renewing Faith"

Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

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

Anne Frank wrote, "In spite of everything I still believe that people are really good at heart. I simply can't build up my hopes on a foundation consisting of confusion, misery, and death. I see the world gradually being turned into a wilderness, I hear the ever approaching thunder, which will destroy us too, I can feel the sufferings of millions and yet, if I look up into the heavens, I think that it will all come right, that this cruelty too will end, and that peace and tranquility will return again." How do we renew our faith in the goodness of people in such times as these? This service will explore some answers.

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

Meeting ID: 933 6431 4909

Passcode: 01775

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

SATURDAY MARCH 19

Saturday Morning Breakfast ZOOM 8:05am

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

All My Sons by Arthur Miller
A Zoom Reading~Friday evening

March 25th at 7 P.M.

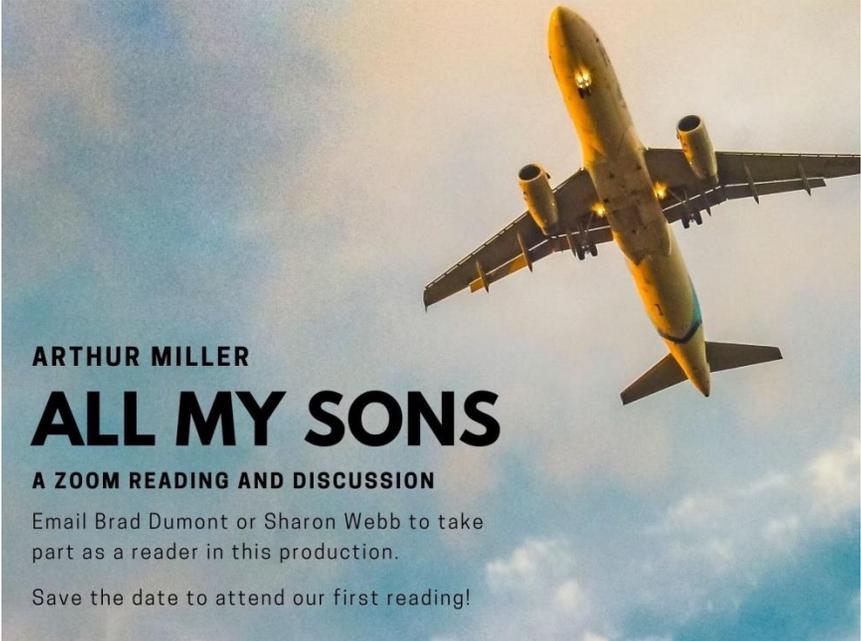
We will offer a play reading via Zoom March 25. Katy Weeks has joined us in perusing some scripts, and our first play-reading will be that of “All My Sons” by Arthur Miller, which is an engaging story of a family grappling with moral and ethical issues following the possible death of one of their sons who has served in the military.

We are looking for people who would like to read the various roles! A script will be provided. We will divide the role readings based on the numbers of people who are interested in reading.

Please let Brad Dumont or Sharon Webb know if you would like to read (and if you have a preferred part). We also encourage others who’d prefer to just listen, to do so, and participate in the discussion which will follow the play reading. More details to come later on this event, but please save the date!

FRIDAY MARCH 25 AT 7:00PM ZOOM

BTDUMONT@GMAIL.COM or
MARYSHARONWEBB@GMAIL.COM



ARTHUR MILLER
ALL MY SONS
A ZOOM READING AND DISCUSSION

Email Brad Dumont or Sharon Webb to take part as a reader in this production.

Save the date to attend our first reading!

CALL FOR READERS

THE FPC ARTS COMMITTEE WILL BE HOSTING AN UNSTAGED ZOOM READING OF ARTHUR MILLER'S POWERFUL PLAY *ALL MY SONS* FOLLOWED BY A DISCUSSION. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN READING A PART, PLEASE BE IN TOUCH.

	A First Parish Church of Stow and Acton Arts Event	MAR • 25 • 2022 7:00 PM On Zoom
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