

April 10, 2022
9 and 11 AM

Gathering

Prelude *Fugue in D Major* G.F. Handel
Sanghee Kim, organ

Land Acknowledgement, Welcome & Announcements

9 am: Jamison House, Trustee
11 am: Johanna Pyle, Clerk

Sung Introit *May Your Life Be As a Song* Yuri Zaritsky

Opening Words *Beauty is Before Me* Navajo Indians of
North America

Greet Your Neighbor

Call to Worship *If You Quit Thinking for One Hour* by Rumi
& **Chalice Lighting** Translated by Haleh Liza Gafari

* **Hymn #398** *To See the World*

* **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 Michelle Coté,
Director of Religious Education

* *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

Going Forth with the Light

Joys and Sorrows

9 am: Ingrid Holcomb, Lay Minister
11 am: Marcia Rising, Lay Minister

Reflection *Sorrow Will One Day Turn to Joy* by Paul Robeson

* **Hymn #396** *I Know this Rose Will Open*

Exploring

Reading Selections from *The Artist's Way* by Julia Cameron

Sharing Our Gifts

This month we share our weekly offering with

The Southeast India Project

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 *Will the Circle Be Unbroken* Arr. J David Moore
9 am: Brad Dumont, 11 am: Adult Choir

Artistic Musings *Creative Doubt & The Myth of Talent*
9 am: Helen Ham, Aimeé Ledwell, & Brad Dumont
11 am: Denise Shea, Carole Feldhusen, & Brad Dumont

Returning

* **Hymn #168** *One More Step*

* **Benediction** *I Shall Take My Voice* by Paul Robeson

* **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 *I Sing the Mighty Power* arr. by A. L. Page
Sanghee Kim, piano



Thank you to:
Zoom Helper,
Kim Kinnear
First Service Ushers
Peter Fiske & Jamison House
Second Service Ushers
Nancy Cataldo & Judy Holmes
and to our staff and leadership

Our flowers today are given by
Kate & Russ Hart
“In loving memory of their parents,
Marian & John Hardiman
and
Shirley & Fred Hart”



FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist



Sunday, Date May 10, 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 Online Helpers

Zoom Host: Kim Kinnear

Hymn Lyrics

Hymn #398 *To See the World*

1. To see the world in a grain of sand, and a heaven in a wildflower, hold infinity in the palm of your hand, and eternity in an hour.

Hymn #396 *I Know this Rose Will Open*

1. I know this rose will open. I know my fear will burn away. I know my soul will unfurl its wings. I know this rose will open.

Hymn #168 *One More Step*

1. One more step, we will take one more step,
2. One more word, we will say one more word,
'til every word is heard by everyone, we'll say one more word.

3. One more prayer, we will say one more prayer,
'til every prayer is shared by everyone, we'll say one more prayer.
4. One more song, we will sing one more song,
'til every song is sung by everyone, we'll sing one more song.

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

APRIL PLATE SHARE

SOUTHEAST INDIA PROJECT

Since the tsunami of 2004, FPC has supported the rural dalit villages and children of southeast India. This January would have been Bob Tabor's 17th trip (Russ Hart's 3rd, Vicky Tabor's 5th) to the villages and Orphanage. The pandemic caused us to cancel our scheduled visit again this year. We had to forgo the Friendship Kits that FPC families generously assemble each year for the children at the orphanage. Covid has drastically changed the lives at WIDE orphanage. We have helped fund a new building to increase the number of girls who can live at WIDE and enjoy a safe, healthy life and an education. All the children have recently been allowed by the government to return to the Orphanage and resume their education. Kumari, who operates WIDE with her husband and daughter, had been delivering food each month to each of the villages where the children are now dispersed, supporting their entire families. This has incurred extra expenses, and we have been sending her additional funding to support her efforts, as well as to supply food (rice, dal, spices, vegetables, milk) to a destitute Gypsy village and a refugee camp for Tamils who fled the civil war in Sri Lanka.

We also continue to support Women's Self-Help Groups in dalit villages as well as micro-loans to women for dairy herds, tailoring training and foot treadle sewing machines, and organic farming. Your continued generous support is greatly appreciated.

ANNUAL REPORT ARTICLES

ARE DUE

TO Sharon Brownfield
sharonbrownfield@gmail.com

(NO PDFs please)

Thanks so much!

SUNDAY APRIL 10, 2022

This week April 10 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 continue with their exploration of Transformation by exploring earth creation stories from world religions and then creating an art project.

The Junior Youth Group will meet during the 9am service to take part in a session on creativity.

High School Discussion Group meets after the message for all ages at the 11am service.

OWL program for 7-10th grade meets at 2:00pm today for its final session!



APRIL 11- 16, 2022

Monday

Stow Chorus 7:00pm Hall
Jazz Band 7:00pm Sanctuary
Brewfest 7:00pm Youth Room

Tuesday

Coffee at the Gazebo 10am-11am
TRUSTEE MEETING Hall 7:00pm
Racial Justice 7:00pm zoom

Wednesday CHRONICLE articles due for May issue

Meditation 7:25 pm zoom

Thursday

SGM 9:30am Hall
Peace Vigil 5:00pm front of church
***VESPERS MAUNDY THURSDAY 6:30pm SANCTUARY**
Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm Hall



Saturday

Saturday Morning Breakfast 8:05am **zoom**
Our own Paul Reisberg will speak at this breakfast with a talk entitled:
Bye Bye Gas, Electrifying Your Car and Your Life.
Not only will your planet thank you, but you'll be wondering why you didn't do it sooner. Paul will share his thoughts on 9 years of electric driving with a Nissan Leaf, a Tesla Model 3 and a Specialized E-bike.
This program will be via Zoom, starting at 8:05. *~Jeff Brown.*

SUNDAY APRIL 17, 2022

“Practice Resurrection: Easter Sunday”

Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

9:00 in the sanctuary and 11:00 in the sanctuary and online

Join us for our traditional Easter Sunday service focused on how we practice resurrection in our lives. This service will also include a recognition of Passover.

The 11:00 service (only) will conclude with a group sing of the Hallelujah Chorus.

An egg hunt for children will



follow each service.

We are no longer requiring advance registrations for in-person worship. We do require masks (covering both the nose and mouth) and social distancing in our building for worship services. Thank you!

Join by Video: <https://tinyurl.com/fpcspring>

Meeting ID: 959 7712 0122

Passcode: 01775

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

STRATEGIC PLANS DISCUSSION

Come and learn about the exciting plans and ideas around Marketing and Music & Arts, that are part of our Strategic Plan.

The discussion will be held in the community room after both the 9:00 and 11:00 services. For zoom participants, the discussion will be after the 11 o'clock service in the main breakout room.

MARKETING



As part of the strategic plan, we at FPC want to develop a strong marketing effort to attract more people to our liberal faith and the important work we do. In addition to local print media, we plan to expand to a more engaging social media and web presence. Our goal is to bring more visibility to the activities and programs of our church, so that people gain a better understanding of what we're all about.

We want everyone who is searching for a liberal community engaged in progressive and social justice issues to know they have a place here at FPC.

MUSIC AND ARTS

Many of our members and friends have a strong and spiritual connection to the arts. We believe that the arts are a place to experience joy, laughter, and connection within and beyond the FPC community; an avenue to explore social justice, and practice love and tolerance within ourselves and our communities; a way to further engage our youth in the church life; and provide an opportunity to create a radically welcoming and sacred artistic community in which to continue building our church.



VISION

Create a structure through which artistic activities of all sorts (music, drama, dance, writing, visual arts) can be planned, funded, and executed throughout the church year.

PLANS TO DATE

An Arts Coalition has been formed by our Music Director and church members and will meet regularly to review requests/ideas for artistic endeavors and develop a calendar of activities.