

**May 29, 2022
10:00 AM**

Gathering

Prelude *Voluntary in D Major* by W. Selby
Sanghee Kim, organ

Land Acknowledgement, Welcome & Announcements
Johanna Pyle, Board Clerk

Greet Your Neighbor

Introit *Székely Áldás* arr. Beth Norton
Transylvanian Folk Song
FPC Adult Choir

Translation:

Where there is faith there is love;
where there is love there is peace.
Where there is peace there is blessing;
where there is blessing there is God.
Where there is God, there is no need.

Opening Words by David C. Pohl
Sonja Furneaux, Memorial Garden Committee

Chalice Lighting

*** Hymn #347** *Gather the Spirit*

*** 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.

** Please rise in body or in spirit.*

*** 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

Going Forth with the Light

Reading *Antidotes to Fear of Death* by Rebecca Elson
Ilene Rudman, Memorial Garden Committee

Joys and Sorrows Marcia Rising, Lay Minister
and Memorial Garden Committee

Prayer or Meditation

*** Hymn (see insert)** *Thoughts and Prayers*

Exploring

Reading *When Death Comes* by Mary Oliver
Liz Moseley, Memorial Garden Committee

Introduction to Plate Sharing Boston Area Gleaners

Sharing Our Gifts

This month we share our weekly offering with
Boston Area Gleaners

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 *Sing Me to Heaven* by Daniel Gawthrop
FPC Adult Choir

Sermon *Where Do I Go from Here?*
The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Returning

- * **Hymn #336** *All My Memories of Love*
- * **Benediction** by Kathleen McTigue
- * **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** *When the Roll is Called Up Yonder* by J. M. Black
Sanghee Kim, piano



Thank you to:
Sharon Brownfield, Zoom Helper,
Jamison House & Hector Constantzos, Ushers
and to our participants, staff, and leadership

Our flowers today are given by
Marcia & Don Rising
in remembrance of all those
fallen soldiers from the beginning.

* *Please rise in body or in spirit.*

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist



Sunday, May 29, 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 #347 *Gather the Spirit*

1. Gather the spirit, harvest the power.
Our sep'rate fires will kindle one flame.
Witness the mystery of this hour.
Our trials in this light appear all the same.

(Chorus) Gather in peace, gather in thanks.
Gather in sympathy now and then.
Gather in hope, compassion and strength.
Gather to celebrate once again.
2. Gather the spirit of heart and mind.
Seeds for the sowing are laid in store.
Nurtured in love, and conscience refined,
with body and spirit united once more. (Chorus)
3. Gather the spirit growing in all,
drawn by the moon and fed by the sun.
Winter to spring, and summer to fall,
the chorus of life resounding as one. (Chorus)

Hymn #336 *All My Memories of Love*

1. All my memories of love hang upon high stars.
All the souls I've lost to tears now the autumn jars;

and the air around me here thickens with their song;
sing again their nameless tunes, sing again, and strong.

2. Willows in September touch the water clear,
set among the rushes tall of the flowing year.
Rising up from sunlit past comes the shadowed sigh
running toward me silently, love to fortify.
3. Many are the graceful hearts hung upon this tree.
And it seems there's room for mine on these branches free;
and the sky above the tree, whether wet or bright,
is my ease and comforting, my good news and light.

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

1 If thoughts and prayers could on - ly heal a world by bul - lets shat - tered,
 2 If thoughts and prayers could on - ly feed the need - y and for - got - ten
 3 If thoughts and prayers could on - ly cure the big - o - try and mal - ice

where greed and pow - er write the laws and Black lives do not mat - ter.
 who dwell be - side us in this land with af - flu - ence gone rot - ten.
 that prey like can - cer on our fears and vic - ious - ly en - thrall us.

So think and pray, then raise your voice a - gainst the tools of slaugh - ter.
 So think and pray, then o - pen wide your eyes to see your neigh - bor.
 So think and pray, but then a - rise! Be strong and be per - sist - ent!

Call out the lies and fight for truth till just - ice rolls like wat - er.
 Call out the greed and teach to share, and in God's eyes find fav - or.
 Call out the hate, em - brace the love; the Gos - pel is re - sist - ance.

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 Music: *Emma's Call*, Henry Lebedinsky, 2018.
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Plate Sharing This Month



Boston Area Gleaners (BAG) is a community-supported 501 (c) (3) organization whose core commitment is bringing food to those in need. The Gleaners do this in part by rescuing surplus crops from local farms, such as Applefield and Small Farm in Stow and Cucurbit Farm in Acton, that would otherwise go to waste and distributing the surplus to hunger relief organizations, such as area food banks, shelters, meal programs, and low-income markets that provide food to agencies with a social justice mission. Boston Area Gleaners relies on the efforts of many volunteers to harvest during the season and to distribute perishables to hunger relief organizations during the winter months.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, BAG has re-engineered their volunteer operation to increase the distribution of emergency food to relief organizations serving food-insecure populations. They've participated in the USDA Farm to Families initiative and collaborated with Food for Free, Just Eats Grocery Box program, to distribute family-size boxes of food each week during the winter to residents of Greater Boston.

As part of BAG's vision to expand its impact from farms to families, it has agreed to purchase Stonefield Farm in Acton. To fund this, it is selling an Agricultural Preservation Restriction on the property to the Town of Acton and Sudbury Valley Trustees. This will ensure the land will remain undeveloped and open space in perpetuity.

Please visit the website www.bostonareagleaners.org to learn more about BAG's mission and how to volunteer.

Sunday May 29 Announcements

This Sunday in our Religious Education Program

Children in grades PreK-5: Will be taking part in a service project to help out with our recycling efforts.

Junior and Senior Youth: Will join together for a special youth gathering featuring a popcorn bar and social time.

This Week at FPC: MAY 30-June 4, 2022

Monday

Jazz Band 7:30pm Sanctuary

Tuesday

Coffee at the Gazebo 10am-11am

Wednesday **LGBTQ+** Pride Month

Membership 7:00pm zoom

Meditation 7:25 zoom & community room

Thursday

Peace Vigil 5:00pm front of church

SGM Facilitators 6:00pm

Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm Hall

Friday

SGM Facilitators 6:00pm

Club UU 6:30pm Lower Hall

SUNDAY June 5, 2022, 10:00am

10 AM in the Sanctuary or video/phone

Celebrating Family: How PRIDE supports our LGBTQIA+ community

Aimeé Nicole Snyder Ledwell



**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 Memorial Garden

Come visit the Memorial Garden table setup after church today **May 29**. 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 the Fellowship Hall this morning, Memorial Day Sunday, 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>

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

