

November 14, 2021
9:30 and 11:15 AM

Gathering

Prelude *First Arabesque* by C. Debussy
Sanghee Kim, piano

Welcome & Announcements
9:30 am: Hector Constantzos, Membership
11:15 am:

Member Testimonial Aimeé Ledwell

Greet Your Neighbor

Introit 11:15 am *This Land Is Your Land* by W. Guthrie
FPC Adult Choir

Call to Worship Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Chalice Lighting

Hymn #1011 *Return Again*

Return again, Return again,
Return to the home of your soul.
Return to who you are, Return to what you are,
Return to where you are born and reborn a gain.

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 11:15 am Michelle Coté,
Director of Religious Education

Joys and Sorrows
9:30 am: Susie O'Brien, Lay Minister
11:15 am: Marcia Rising, Lay Minister

Prayer or Meditation

Exploring

Sharing Our Gifts

This month we share our weekly offering with our Partner Church
Checks may be made to "First Parish Church" and sent to:
Pledges: attn: Pledge Secretary, PO Box 215, Stow MA 01775
Donations: attn: Treasurer, 353 Great Rd, Stow MA 01775
or donate online at <https://fpc-stow-acton.org/donate>
or by text to (978) 310-3309.

Anthem

9:30 am: *This Land Is Your Land* by W. Guthrie
Brad Dumont, vocals
Sanghee Kim, piano

11:15 am: *Earth Song* by F. Ticheli
FPC Adult Choir

Sermon "Holding History"
The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Returning

Hymn #1051 *We Are...*

For each child that's born, a morning star rises
and sings to the universe who we are. For each child that's
born, a morning star rises
and sings to the universe who we are.

We are our grandmothers' prayers
and we are our grandfathers' dreamings,
we are the breath of our ancestors, we are the spirit of God.

We are mothers of courage and fathers of time,
we are daughters of dust and the sons of great visions,
we're sisters of mercy and brothers of love,
we are lovers of life and the builders of nations,
we're seekers of truth and keepers of faith,
we are makers of peace and the wisdom of ages.

We are our grandmothers' prayers
and we are our grandfathers' dreamings,
we are the breath of our ancestors, we are the spirit of God.
For each child that's born, a morning star rises
and sings to the universe who we are.

Benediction

Sung Benediction

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

Hoedown! by J. Krance
The Gay Frenchman by B. Fenstock
Sanghee Kim, piano



Thank you to today's worship participants;
Kim Kinnear, Zoom Host;
our ushers and set-up helpers;
and to our staff and leadership



FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist



Sunday, November 14, 2021

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.

Fall Clean Up - Volunteers Still Needed

It is that time of year again. We are looking for church volunteers to help us relocate our leaves. COVID had a positive effect on this event making it easier for people to participate when and how they can, so we are repeating the approach.

Volunteers sign up for an area of their choosing using the link below - family and SGM signups are most welcome. Again the areas are designed to be just a few hours of effort and enable people to come and do what they can when they can. **In November we recommend planning to come twice or expending a one time effort in mid-November** as this will ensure late falling leaves don't miss making it to their new home behind the shed.

Looking forward to working together, having fun, and ensuring our grounds look fabulous. Sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/fpcyard>

NOVEMBER PLATE SHARE

Our Partner Church

Unitarianism's roots extend into the Transylvania region of Romania, where some of the principles of freedom of belief had their origin. FPC has a partner congregation in the tiny village of Olasztelek. History has not been kind to the people of this region, so every year at Christmas, FPC makes a gift supporting a number of quite elderly people who have a hard time making it through the winter.

The gifts are not supported in our general budget, but are made from plate sharing. The committee asks that the church continue to support this tradition. Thank you for your generosity!

Note: If the church is open for services in November, please check out the electronic display in the lobby as it will feature photos from our 2016 trip there! We hope some day circumstances will allow another visit.

FPC ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2021

9:30 Outdoor Worship Service, followed by "connections time"
Masks & Social Distancing required

10:30 Choir Rehearsal Fellowship Hall

11:15 Zoom Worship Service

Followed by "connections time" breakout groups

12:45 Spiritual Conversations zoom

SUNDAY IN OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

9:30 Children & Youth will go directly to their RE programs listed below. All children and youth will go directly to RE and will not join in the service to help with social distancing. There will be a greeter directing everyone to their right spot.

Grades PreK-5 (meeting in the area near the lower parking lot)
This Sunday we will explore Thanksgiving from the perspective of the Indigenous people by reading some stories and doing some "standing in the shoes of others" activities.

Grades 6-8 (Will meet in the courtyard to the left of the main entrance) Will meet to watch short films about Indigenous people and discuss their views on these films.

PLEASE NOTE: SENIOR YOUTH MEET THIS

AFTERNOON: Sunday Nov 14: 3:30pm - 5:45pm: Indigenous Rights & Climate Justice (Fellowship Hall)

For a combined High School Discussion group & Senior Youth event, we will watch a film about Standing Rock, an Indigenous-led movement to stop a tar sands pipeline, and discuss ongoing struggles for Indigenous rights and climate justice.

Please contact Michelle Cote, our Director of Religious Education, at dre@fpc-stow-acton.org if you have any questions or concerns.

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 15-20 2021

- Monday** Sounds of Stow (Hall) 7:00-8:30pm
- Tuesday** Coffee & Chat 10-11:00am at the Gazebo town park
Land Acknowledgement Seminar 7pm zoom
SGM 7pm zoom
- Wednesday** SGM 7pm zoom
Ukulele Meetup 7pm zoom
Meditation 7:25pm—9:30pm zoom
- Thursday** Archives 9:30am Vestry
Staff Meeting 12:30-2:00pm zoom
Peace Vigil 5:00 pm in front of FPC
Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm-9:15pm (Hall)
SGM 7:15pm zoom
- Saturday** Jr. Youth Breadmaking 9:30-1:30 Hall Kitchen
Hall Rental 2:00pm-7:00pm
Transgender Remembrance Vespers 5pm zoom

Saturday, November 20th, 5pm

Transgender Day of Remembrance Vespers

Join us for a special online service remembering the transgender people whose lives were lost in the past year, and calling us to resilience and resistance.

Join us by video: <https://tinyurl.com/fpctdor21>
Meeting ID: 910 0964 6275 Passcode: 11762

Tuesday, November 16, 7pm

FPC Land Acknowledgement Seminar

Join us for a presentation and discussion of our history and our Land Acknowledgement as FPC seeks to move into right relationship with Native Americans.

Join us by video: <https://tinyurl.com/fpclands>
Meeting ID: 994 4688 4685 Passcode: 11762

Sunday, November 21, times & locations to be announced THANKSGIVING SERVICE Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

In the season of Thanksgiving, we'll celebrate the positive value of gratitude and give thanks for blessings, at the same time as acknowledging this holiday's difficult history.

Join second service online: <https://tinyurl.com/fpcnov21>
Meeting number: 987 1673 5529 Password: 11762
Or join by phone: 929-205-6099 (long distance rates will apply)

Saturday, November 27, 4pm

Gather Film Showing

Hosted by the Racial Justice Task Force

Join us to watch the film "Gather." Gather is an intimate portrait of the growing movement amongst Native Americans to reclaim their spiritual, political, and cultural identities through food sovereignty, while battling the trauma of centuries of genocide.

Join us by video: <https://tinyurl.com/fpcgather>
Meeting ID: 921 3622 9593 Passcode: 11762

THE CHRISTMAS GIFT DRIVE

is happening now! Be part of this holiday tradition and make the holidays special for those in need!

Shoppers are needed to fulfill the Wish Lists of the two Domestic Violence Shelters that we support.

Below is the link to Sign Up
Genius where you can select gifts to buy.

Sign up at: <https://tinyurl.com/fpcgifts>

Any questions, contact Diane Miller at
978-897-5470 or at millerdiane@comcast.net

