



**Anthem**

**9:30 am:** *If Not Now, When* A. and J. Korman  
Brad Dumont, vocals

**11:15 am:** *Rivers and Roads* K. Oberoi  
FPC Adult Choir

**Sermon** *Embracing Possibility and Generosity*

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

**Introduction to Stewardship Campaign**

**9:30 am:** Rick Gentilman, Stewardship Committee

**11:15 am:** Rachelle Reisberg, Stewardship Committee

**Returning**

**Hymn #1020**

*Woyaya*

We are going, heaven knows where we are going,  
but we know within.  
And we will get there, heaven knows how we will  
get there, but we know we will.  
It will be hard, we know,  
and the road will be muddy and rough,  
but we'll get there, heaven knows how we will get  
there, but we know we will.

Woyaya, Woyaya, Woyaya, Woyaya,  
We are going, heaven knows where we are going,  
but we know within.

**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 11:15 am** *Autumn Leaves* J. Kosma  
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 7, 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](http://fpc-stow-acton.org) and on Facebook.

## LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In order to help us further engage, and explore our next steps toward a congregational vote on our Land Acknowledgement, **the Racial Justice Task force is excited to offer the following programing this fall:**

**Please join us**

**November 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm** for a live online presentation on the past relationship Unitarians have had with Indigenous Peoples here in Massachusetts and beyond. There will be a discussion period following a presentation.

**On November 29<sup>th</sup>** join us for a live online drop in session with the Racial Justice Task force as we explore the topic: “Why have a Land Acknowledgement”.

*Look for more information on when we will be hosting the movie 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.”

<https://gather.film/>

Reach out to Aimee Ledwell or Mary Evans if you have any questions.

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021**

**9:30 AM** Outside weather permitting

**11:15 Video & Phone**

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR**

**Generosity Sunday: Embracing Possibility**

Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

**This service will begin our annual stewardship campaign with a joyful look at the possibilities ahead for FPC.**

**Join 11:15 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)**

**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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 9:30 Outdoor Worship Service

Followed by “connections time”

*Masks & Social Distancing required*

### 10:30 Choir Rehearsal Fellowship Hall

### 11:00 Choir Sings on zoom Hall

### 11:15 Zoom Worship Service

Followed by “connections time” breakout groups

### This 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 discuss what being a veteran means and create some cards to share with local veterans.

**Grades 6-8** (Will meet in the courtyard to the left of the main entrance)

Will meet to plan out their next few weeks of programming as well as have some fun!

**High School Discussion Group is meeting this Sunday at 11**

The group will be discussing: **The Supreme Court**

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

### WEEK OF OF NOVEMBER 8-13, 2021

<b>Monday</b>	Assabet Food Coop 8-12pm Vestry  Sounds of Stow (Hall) 7:00-8:30pm SGM 7:00pm zoom
<b>Tuesday</b>	Coffee & Chat 10-11:00am at the Gazebo town park  TRUSTEE Meeting 7:00-9:00pm zoom Racial Justice Task Force 7:00-9:00pm zoom  Climate Task Force 7:30-8:30pm zoom
<b>Wednesday</b>	UU Journey 7:00pm—9:00pm zoom Meditation 7:25pm—9:30pm zoom
<b>Thursday</b>	Veteran’s lunch FPC parking lot 10 :00am-2:00pm  SGM 9:00am zoom Staff Meeting 12:30-2:00pm zoom Peace Vigil 5:00 pm in front of FPC Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm-9:15pm (Hall)
<b>Friday</b>	SGM 9:30 zoom
<b>Saturday</b>	Saturday Breakfast zoom

**Sunday, November 14, 2021**

9:30 outside and 11:15 online video

“Holding History”

**Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum**

How do we hold the more difficult parts of our history, as individuals, as a religious community, as a society? Across America we’ve been hearing debates about “critical race theory” and trying to keep education systems from examining and dealing with the more difficult parts of American history. This service will look at ways we can hold the difficult parts of our past without ignoring them.

**FPC STEWARDSHIP KICKS Off**

**THIS SUNDAY ~ November 7<sup>th</sup>**

Let's Embrace Possibilities for the Future as we join together for Generosity Sunday, November 7 for the kick-off of FPC’s 2021-2022 Stewardship Drive. With 100% member participation in Stewardship, we can strengthen and expand the program areas that we love and participate in by building on the support structures needed for our vibrant community.



Now is the time to begin thinking about what FPC means to you and how we all can support our programs and ministries. FPC’s Board is seeking to strengthen our operating budget for next year to embrace the possibilities of:

- Providing fair and equitable compensation and benefits for all staff
- Bolstering capital reserve for repairs and maintenance to our campus
- Raising our annual contribution to the UUA back to the 100%

To support these possibilities, the Board is targeting a budget increase of 5%. We ask all FPC members and friends to increase our pledges for next year by at least 5% if at all possible.

You will be invited to fill out a pledge card or to make your pledge securely and confidentially on line, at <https://fpc-stow-acton.org/pledge>.

In addition, newer FPC members are encouraged to meet with one of our Stewardship team to learn more about the goals and objectives of the campaign for the coming church year. The primary phase of our Stewardship campaign will continue through mid December.

Watch for the FPC Stewardship Thermometer to track progress towards our 100% participation goal. Please join us! ~From the FPC Stewardship Team

## FPC Holiday Gift Drive Starts

~~TODAY~~ ~~SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7~~

Inviting all FPC Secret Santas to once again take part in our gift giving for two Domestic Violence Shelters: Renewal House in Roxbury and Voices Against Violence in the MetroWest area. For those of you new to FPC, we invite YOU to participate in this once-a-year opportunity to spread joy during the holidays. Each year, FPC provides gifts for approximately 34 moms, kids and men at these two Shelters. The need continues to grow each year, so we ask all who can to step up and help spread holiday cheer.

Christmas can be a very difficult time for the guests at these Shelters, many of whom have fled their homes with only the clothes on their backs. For them, Christmas may seem elusive as they simply try to adjust to a new life. But, you can help make this holiday a little brighter for them.

**Starting today, November 7**, you can visit the FPC web site where you will find the Holiday Gift Giving page.

There you can learn a bit about the history of this event, as well as link to **SignUpGenius** (coming very soon!) where you can select gifts to buy. The **SignUpGenius** will have all the information on what gifts have been requested including gender, size and wishes for each of the Shelter guests. Please be as generous as you are able so that we can fill every wish that comes our way. **We will be collecting gifts at FPC on December 3 and 4.**

Please keep an eye out for weekly fpcannounce emails that will also have the link to **SignUpGenius** and sign up to help bring some seasonal cheer to our struggling neighbors.

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