

October 31, 2021
9:30 and 11:15 AM

Gathering

Prelude *Prelude from Partita No.1 BWV 825* J.S. Bach
Sanghee Kim, piano

Welcome & Announcements

9:30 am: Sue Moses, Trustee
11:15 am: Ingrid Holcomb, Lay Minister

Greet Your Neighbor

Introit 11:15 am *My Life Flows On in Endless Song*
FPC Adult Choir

Call to Worship & Chalice Lighting

Hymn #103 *For All the Saints*

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name most holy be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Thou wast their rock, their shelter, and their might;
their strength and solace in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness deep their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. O blest communion of the saints divine!
We live in struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. And when the strife is fierce, the conflict long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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: Carolyn Zettler, Lay Minister
11:15 am: Marcia Rising, Lay Minister

Prayer or Meditation

Sharing Our Gifts

This month we share our weekly offering with
Supporting Asylum Seekers

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: *Sing of Living, Sing of Dying* F. Wooden
Ken Langer, vocals & guitar

11:15 am: *Set Me As A Seal* R. Nance
FPC Adult Choir
Cathleen Landrum Larkin, Horn

Exploring

Reflections

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Altar of Remembrance

Sharing Names of Those Who Have Gone Before

Blessing and Dedication

Returning

Hymn #205

Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch* like me! (*or “soul”)
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.
2. Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!
3. Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
4. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

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 *1. The Doll Ballerina* D. Shostakovich
 2. Hurdy-Gurdy Sanghee Kim, piano



Thank you to:

Sheryl LaFayette, Zoom Helper; Jeff Brown, Lead Usher; Rachel Krebs and Jeff Brown, Set-Up Helpers;
and our worship participants, staff, and leadership.



FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist



Sunday, October 31, 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.

FPC Stewardship Kicks Off November 7th

Please join us on for Generosity Sunday, November 7 for the kick-off of FPC's 2021-2022 Stewardship Drive. Again this year we are striving for 100% member participation in Stewardship, as we seek to strengthen the many program areas that we love, including: Social Justice, Religious Education, Music & Art, Spirituality, and Community – and as we embrace possibilities for the future.



Now is the time to begin thinking about what FPC means to you and how we all can support our programs and ministries. You will be invited to fill out a pledge card or to make your pledge securely and confidentially on line. 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

9:30 Outdoor Worship Service

followed by "connections time"

Masks and social distancing required

10:30 Choir Rehearsal in Fellowship Hall

11:00 Choir Sings on zoom Hall

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followed by "connections time" breakout groups

OCTOBER PLATE SHARING

SUPPORTING ASYLUM SEEKERS

We thank you for your contributions now and in the past toward Supporting Asylum Seekers! We are a small active Social Justice group at FPC, currently supporting the local asylum-seeker family of Gian Carlos and Keren and their 2 girls, who many of you met in person at our FPC summer Sunday Service.

Support takes many forms, from initial help with housing and medical issues, to employment, language, transportation, legal, school, and budgeting help. Some support requires time and care, and some additionally requires money. Beyond your generous donation, what can you do?

- Employ either adult once or occasionally, part time (contact Susie).
- Attend our Oct 13 6:30pm FPC Educational Forum, via Zoom, to learn about Aghan refugees and asylum seekers.
- Join us during a monthly meeting and other activities! (contact Susie O'Brien & Steve Evans, asylumsupport@fpc-stow-acton.org)

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This Sunday in our Religious Education Program:



Today we are so happy that we can be together in person that we are celebrating with some Halloween Fun!

Children in Grades PreK-5 are all invited to wear their costumes and take part in a Halloween Party during our regular RE Session. Following the party children are invited to take part in our first annual "Trunk or Treat" event!

All children can invite one guest to attend the party and trunk or treat if they wish.
Parents will pick up their child(ren) after the service to help them take part in the Trunk or Treating!

Our Junior Youth (grades 6-8) will be constructing a haunted space for all to enjoy! (Beware as it might cause a scare or two!!)

There is no High School Discussion group, but Senior youth are welcome to participate in the Trunk or Treat happenings!

THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 1-6, 2021

- Monday** Assabet Food Coop 10-12pm Vestry
Sounds of Stow (Hall) 7:00-8:30pm
- Tuesday** Coffee & Chat 10-11:00am at the Gazebo town park
Book Group 7:00pm zoom
RE Meeting 7:00pm zoom
Solar Panel Committee 7:00pm
- Wednesday** Children's Horizons (Hall) 9:15-11:15am
UU Journey 7:00pm zoom
Meditation 7:25pm zoom
- Thursday** Archive Meeting Vestry 9:30-11:30am
Staff Meeting 12:30-2:00pm zoom
Peace Vigil 5:00 pm in front of FPC
SGM Facilitators 6:00pm zoom
Choir rehearsal 7:15-9:15pm (Hall)
- Saturday** COFFEE HOUSE 7:30pm Zoe Lewis

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021

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.

Saturday Morning Breakfasts (ZOOM)

On November 13, Paul Franceschi, Outreach Coordinator for the Boston Area Gleaners, will speak about the organization's activities. They recently bought Stonefield Farm in Acton to use as a staging area for their packaging and distributing of local crops including the ones grown on site. In July several members of FPC picked green beans that were later brought to area food banks.

~Jeff Brown



Zoe Lewis Returns to the New Revival Coffeehouse

NOVEMBER 6, 7:30PM

Coming to the New Revival Coffeehouse on Nov. 6 is Zoe Lewis, a Provincetown musician who plays multiple instruments, and sings her joyful songs with exciting rhythms from all over the world.

Zoe plays piano, ukulele, guitar, harmonica, spoons and just about anything else she can get her hands on. "I like to redefine what a musical instrument is," she says. "There is music in anything." Zoe performed at New Revival in 2012, and is the first artist in memory to play a return gig at our coffeehouse. To learn more about Zoe, and listen to her music, visit zoelewis.com.

It will be a streaming concert, accessible on **YouTube Live on both the FPC and Stow TV YouTube channels**.

Viewers will have an opportunity to donate to the artist via PayPal or Venmo, or send a check, payable to Zoe Lewis, to First Parish Church, attn: Treasurer, 353 Great Road, Stow MA 01775. The suggested donation is \$20.

There will be links to the concert on the New Revival Coffeehouse webpage

New Revival Coffeehouse presents Zoe Lewis on Saturday Nov. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the FPC or Stow TV YouTube channels.

THE UU JOURNEY AT FPC (AKA NEW2UU)

A HYBRID 4-Session Course on

UU History, Spirituality, Mission, and Traditions

Wednesdays, 7-9pm:

Oct. 27: *Unitarian, Universalist, UU, & FPC History*

Nov. 3: *Polity, Governance, & Social Justice*

Nov. 10: *FPC Traditions, Involvement, & Membership*

Our Minister, Rev. Cindy Landrum will lead the classes. There will be opportunities to share your own personal spiritual journey, ask questions, as well as get to know others at FPC.

You do not need to be new to FPC to participate. All are welcome! **This HYBRID course is being offered both In-Person AND Virtually.** Please indicate your preference when you register. **Registration Required:** contact Joleen Trotta at mdc@fpc-stow-acton.org or call/text 774-276-027

Fall Clean Up - Volunteers Needed



in November

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. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49A4AB22A4FAC07-2021>

~Sonja Furneaux

DO YOU NEED A RIDE TO THE AIRPORT OR LOGAN EXPRESS?



For a few years FPC has had a fund raiser in which members of the congregation offer to give a ride to Logan Airport (for a donation of \$100) or to Logan Express (for a donation of \$50). Some other destinations have been selected as well. This fundraiser worked very well until the pandemic reduced the amount of travel that people did.

However, demand is up and we're back in business!

If you would like to be a driver, please let me know and I will add you to the airport@fpc.groups.io list.

If you would like a ride, send an email to airport@fpc.groups.io and if someone is available, they will respond to you.

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