

September 12, 2021

9:30 and 11:15 AM

Gathering

Prelude *We Gather Together* A. Valerius
Arr. J. Sanborn
Sanghee Kim, piano

Welcome, Land Acknowledgement & Announcements

9:30 am: Jenni Edgerton, Board Vice President

11:15 am: Sharon Brownfield, Board President

Greet Your Neighbor

Introit 11:15 am *Nibi Water Song* D. Day & Mashkoc
FPC Adult Choir

This song has been openly gifted by the writers, Doreen Day and her grandson Mashkoonce of the Migizi Clan of the Anishinawbe Tribe, to be sung by anyone in the Ojibwe language to give respect to the waters of the world. The words translate to:

“Water, we love you. We thank you. We respect you.”

Call to Worship The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Chalice Lighting

Hymn #347

Gather the Spirit

9:30 am:

Brad Dumont, Music Director

11:15 am:

FPC Adult Choir

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)

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.

Sharing

Honoring Rosh Hashanah

9:30 am: The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

11:15 am: Michelle Coté, Director of Religious Education

Introduction to Water Communion

Hymn #100, Verse 1: *I've Got Peace Like a River*

Sharing the Waters of Joy & Love

Verse 2: *I've Got Joy Like a Fountain*

Verse 3: *I've Got Love Like an Ocean*

Sharing the Waters of Pain & Tears

Verse 4: *I've Got Pain Like an Arrow*

Verse 5: *I've Got Tears Like the Raindrops*

Prayer or Meditation

Verse 6: *I've Got Strength Like a Mountain*

Exploring

Reflections

Sharing Our Gifts *Lead Me On* B. Schmidt

9:30 am: Brad Dumont, Music Director

11:15 am: FPC Adult Choir

This month we share our weekly offering with Open Table.

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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.

Lead me on, lead me on, lead me on...

O, lead me on and guide my path along the way.

O lead me on to brighter days where peace is born of hope that lies in me.

Guide me safely through the night that I may see the sun tomorrow and where a new day has begun.

O lead me on in time of pain. O Lead me on.

And may my heart be always warm because of you.

Returning

Benediction

Sung Benediction *Keep on Movin'*

Forward Pat Humphries,

Emma's Revolution

1. Gonna keep on moving forward;
Keep on moving forward; Keep on moving forward,
Never turning back, Never turning back.
2. Gonna keep on singing loudly...
3. Gonna keep on loving boldly...
4. Gonna reach across the waters...
5. Gonna keep on moving forward...

Postlude 11:15 am *Sweet Nightingale* French
Lamplighter's Hornpipe American
Sanghee Kim, piano



Thank you to our staff, leadership, service participants, and to our many volunteers, including:

Jeff Brown, usher and set-up; Jonathan Daisy, audio and video; Kim Kinnear, zoom host; our lay ministers, and our RE teachers.

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Sunday, September 12, 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

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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.

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