

January 23, 2022
10AM on Video & Phone

Gathering

Prelude *Trio No. 6 in E-flat Major* J. Rheinberger
Sanghee Kim, organ

Welcome & Announcements

Karen Kinnear, Small Group Ministry Coordinator

Land Acknowledgement Ingrid Holcomb, Moderator

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

Chalice Lighting

*** Hymn #83** *Winds Be Still*

1. Winds be still. Storm clouds pass and
silence come.
Peace grace this time with harmony.
Fly, bird of hope, and shine, light of love,
and in calm let all find tranquility.
2. Bird fly high. Lift our gaze toward distant
view.
Help us to sense life's mystery.
Fly high and far, and lead us each to see
how we move through the winds of
eternity.
3. Light shine in. Luminare our inward view.
Help us to see with clarity.
Shine bright and true so we may join our

songs
in new sounds that become full symphony.

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 The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Landrum

Going Forth with the Light

Joys and Sorrows Ingrid Holcomb, Lay Minister

Prayer or Meditation

*** Hymn #1055** *How Sweet the Darkness*

1. When windows that are black and cold
are lit anew with fires of gold;
When dusk in quiet shall descend
and darkness come once more a friend.

2. When wings pursue their proper flight
and bring not terror but delight;
When clouds are innocent again
and hide no storms of deadly rain;
3. And when the sky is swept of wars
and keeps but gentle moon and stars,
That peaceful sky, that harmless air,
how sweet, how sweet, the darkness there.

Exploring

Reading *Anthem* by Leonard Cohen

Sharing Our Gifts

This month we share our weekly offering with
RIA House

Donate online at <https://fpc-stow-acton.org/donate>
or by text to (978) 310-3309 or mail checks made
to “First Parish Church” at:

Pledges: attn: Pledge Secretary, PO Box 215,
Stow MA 01775

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MA 01775

Offertory *Busca el Amor (#1004)* Brad Dumont, vocals
Sanghee Kim, piano

Sermon *How the Light Gets In*
The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Returning

* **Hymn #1059** *May Your Life Be As a Song*

May your life be as a song,
Resounding with the dawn to sing awake the
light.
And softly serenade the stars,
Ever dancing circles in the night.

Benediction

*** 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 *Valse op. 64 no. 1* F. Chopin
Sanghee Kim, piano



Thank you to:
Kim Kinnear, Zoom Helper,
Brendon Chetwynd and Jonathan Daisy, tech
helpers;
and to our staff and leadership



**FIRST PARISH CHURCH
OF STOW & ACTON**
Unitarian Universalist



Sunday, January 23, 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.

PLATE SHARE FOR JANUARY

RIA (**Ready. Inspire. Act.**) thankful once again to be one of the Plate Sharing recipients. Covid and all its variants has shut down most of what we'd taken for granted. What is not shut down is the continued need for women (men and children) to be trafficked. What is that?? It's today's version of SLAVERY where a person can be bought for the satisfaction of another. Yes, it exists today and RIA House is fighting every day to support women find their way out of this horrific web.

TODAY Sunday January 23 NOON
fpc-stow-acton.org/sgm

**Be sure to register for SGM by THIS Sunday
January 23rd NOON**

Registration and information: fpc-stow-acton.org/sgm

Have you been wanting a chance to talk with other adults? Missing closer connections? Small Group Ministry (SGM) is a great way to form a supportive group of friends.

Groups of 8-10 people meet from February through the following January for 2 hours monthly. We have a facilitated discussion around a topic that requires no advance preparation. This

is a great way to know people to talk to when we get back to coffee hour.

If you are returning to the same group, feel free to just send an email to karen@kinnear.com.

Any questions, contact:

Karen Kinnear, SGM facilitator - sgm@fpc-stow-acton.org

Joleen Trotta, Membership Coordinator - mdc@fpc-stow-acton.org

Sunday, January 23, 2020

This Week in our Religious Education Program:

All our programs will be virtual this week. Here is the schedule for Sunday:

9:15: Prek-5th graders will meet on zoom to connect and have fun!

10am Church Service on Zoom

11:05 (right after service ends) PARENT DISCUSSION GROUP: Parents are invited to take part in a virtual discussion on "Shared wisdom and connection in the time of Covid."

Junior and Senior Youth Groups will meet online and do Jackbox Games part 2. We will also do some online activism about climate justice.

Junior Youth meets online at 11am on zoom with Marissa

Senior Youth meets online at 12noon on zoom with Marissa

You can order your FREE COVID TESTS

from

<https://special.usps.com/testkits>

THE WEEK OF JANUARY 24-29

Monday Racial JTF Drop In 7PM Zoom
Sounds of Stow 7:00pm

Tuesday Coffee & Chat at the Gazebo 10am-11am
TRUSTEE Mtg 7PM Hall

Wednesday Worship Committee 12:30 Zoom
Racial JTF 1619 Forum 7pm

Zoom
Meditation 7:25 pm zoom

Thursday Staff Meeting 12:30 pm
Peace Vigil outside front of church
5:00 pm
Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2022

*9 AM in person or 11 AM in person and
Video/Phone*

"Meeting Our Religious Pasts"

Rev. Justine Sullivan

Many of us in Unitarian Universalism have come out of other faith traditions often with a sense of anger or woundedness. But as Rumi says, "the wound is where the light enters you." If we were able to let go of resentment about the past, what gifts might we receive from the faith of our childhood? Whether you are a "come-outer" or a "cradle Unitarian Universalist," might there may be pieces of your spiritual identity that you leave outside the door when you enter this meetinghouse? Come, come whoever you are with all of who you are.

Rev. Justine Sullivan is an interim minister, currently serving our UU congregation in Brunswick, Maine. Justine grew up in Scituate, Massachusetts and got her start in church life

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will continue on Tuesday mornings from 10-11AM
Meet at the Town Park adjacent to FPC.

Wear a mask, dress for the weather, and bring your own coffee!

If the weather is poor an FPC Announce will be posted with a link for a Zoom meetup instead.

~Ann Sadler

Unitarian Universalist minister in June of 2017 by her home congregation in Northborough, MA. Justine and her wife Dale and dog Callie split their time between Brunswick, Maine and Northborough, MA.

Game Night Returns!

Sponsored by the Membership Committee

Friday, February 11, 6:30-8:30pm Zoom

We will offer a wealth of online games for your enjoyment. Kids are welcome to join in the fun. Traditionally Game Night has also meant soup and snack night, so bring your own soup and snack to your computer and

**New Revival Coffeehouse
will present a streaming concert on
February 5, 2022 7:30pm**

[The Clements Brothers](#), a duo singing tight harmonies in the tradition of the Everly and Osborne brothers.

**Watch the concert
at <https://youtu.be/FAupMryyY1>**

Identical twins Charles and George Clements are long-time veterans of The Lonely Heartstring Band, a progressive bluegrass ensemble, now on hiatus, that toured the U.S. and around the world. Charles is a classically trained double bass player who graduated from the New England Conservatory and George is a guitarist and alum of Berklee College. They write what Charles calls “story-telling songs, with an intimate acoustic sound,” and they perform a mix of original songs, covers and instrumentals. They are currently working on their first album as a duo.

See a video of The Clements Brothers
at https://youtu.be/tu5_eByt0-Y

The concert will stream on YouTube live at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 5. There is a link to the concert above, and on the New Revival Facebook page.

Concert attendees can donate to the artists on PayPal, or by mailing a check payable to George Clements to First Parish Church, attention: Treasurer, 353 Great Rd., Stow MA 01775. The suggested donation is \$20.

