

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGEGATION *in the Assabet Valley*



July 12, 2026
Building a New Way

Our Ministers:

**The Rev. Dr.
Cynthia L. Landrum**
Minister

Yaakov Trek Reef
Intern Minister

Our Board Officers:

Brendon Chetwynd
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Cynthia Menard
Spiritual Growth &
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Our Administrative Staff:

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*Our Administrative
Support Staff:*

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UUCAV is a UUA 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.
Assisted Listening Devices are available when worship is in the Sanctuary.

UUCAV has a masks-optional policy throughout the church. Several back rows in the sanctuary & those with accessible seating are “mask-required.”

UUCAV is on the web at uucav.org and on Facebook, Instagram & YouTube.

July 12, 2026: 10:00 a.m.

Gathering

Prelude

“Just the Way You Are”
Billy Joel

Carolyn McCreary

Welcome & Announcements

Brendon Chetwynd,
UUCAV Board President

Opening Words

Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Chalice Lighting

“We Carry the Flame”
by Douglas Taylor

Cynthia Menard,
Brenon Chetwynd,
Morgan Wilson,
& Lindsay LaPointe

*** Hymn #347**

“Gather the Spirit”

STLT

Centering

*** Covenant and Affirmation**

Lindsay LaPointe

(Spoken in unison)

Love is the spirit and doctrine
of this church,
the quest for truth its sacrament,
and service its law and prayer.
This is our great covenant:
To dwell together in peace,
to seek the truth in love,
and to help one another,

to the end that all souls
shall grow in harmony with the divine.

(Sung in unison)

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.

Greet Your Neighbor

Children & parents are invited forward for the Time for All Ages.

A Time for All Ages

Cynthia Menard

Sharing Our Gifts

“Honoring Church Ancestors”
by Alice Anacheke-Nasemann



In July and August we share our offering with four organizations -
**International Institute of NE, Native Plant Trust, Red State Access
Project, and Worcester RISE for Health.** You may donate by cash,
check, online at uucav.org/donate, or text (978) 310-3309.

** Please rise in body or in spirit*

Joys and Sorrows

Mark Koenig, Lay Minister

Joys and Sorrows is a time for the things on our hearts and minds to be heard by the gathered community. If you would like a follow-up call by a lay minister or the minister, email caring@fpc-stow-acton.org.

Following our joys and sorrows, we light three more candles for: Joys and Sorrows left unspoken, our Land and Tribe Acknowledgement, and Peace & the Cost of War.

Prayer or Meditation

Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

In Words

In Silence

In Song

#123 “Spirit of Life”

STLT

Offertory

“Minuet from the Third French Suite”

Carolyn McCreary

J.S. Bach

Exploring

Reading

“Bless the Space Between Us”

Morgan Wilson

by John O’Donahue

Reflections

“Building a New Way”

Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Blessing Our Congregation & Building

Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum,

Cynthia Menard, & Lindsay LaPointe

As Lindsay LaPointe and Cynthia Menard travel with our chalice flame to different rooms of our building, we will say the following blessing:

*We bless this space and all those who use it,
as a community of love, hope, justice, and peace.*

May our community honor the past and embrace the future.

May these walls welcome the stranger, and provide sanctuary.

And may the spirit of the community bless the world.

Returning

* Hymn #1017

“Building a New Way”

Singing the Journey

* Benediction

Rev. Dr. Cynthia Landrum

* Closing Song

Postlude

“Cool Landman”

Carolyn McCreary

(jazz version of Schumann’s “Happy Farmer”)

Jean Kleebe

Thank you to:
Sharon Brownfield, Zoom Host
Webb Tilney, Tech Helper
Mark Koenig, Troy Liston, Ushers
Our staff and leadership

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To our visitors...Thank you for coming! ♥

We hope you found what you're looking for and that you'll return.
Here's how to keep connecting with our people and programs:

- Fill out a Visitor Card in your pew or online (QR code)
- Watch these pages for newcomer events:
 - **Newcomer Coffees** - Meet the minister and other newcomers
 - **UU Journey classes** - Learn about UU history, spirituality, mission, and traditions
- Check out our website, www.uucav.org
There is so much happening at UUCAV! Our homepage and "Church Life" tab detail our events and programs.
- Subscribe to our e-newsletters & email groups (QR code)



Visitor Card



E-Newsletters

Summer Plate Sharing

International Institute of New England - UUCAV partners with seven area churches to act as the primary contact in helping refugees resettle and get a start in the USA.

Roy Miller, Liaison

Native Plant Trust - Conserve and promote New England's native plants to ensure healthy, biologically diverse landscapes. *Sharon Brownfield, Liaison*

Red State Access Project - Provides safe abortion medication for free to those who need it in states that restrict or fully criminalize abortion. Each person who receives the free medication also is offered free "Abortion Doula" services from trained volunteers.

Ben Atherton-Zeman, Liaison

Worcester RISE for Health - Builds and provides effective, culturally sensitive, trauma-informed, and community-grounded healthcare interventions that eliminate barriers and help refugees and immigrants achieve health equity and self-sufficiency through innovation, co-location, capacity-building, and collaboration.

Kamlyn Haynes, Liaison