

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



Sunday, March 30, 2025
GODLESS

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*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.
Assisted Listening Devices are available when worship is in the Sanctuary.

FPC currently has a masks-optional policy throughout the church.
In the Sanctuary, several back rows with accessible seating are "mask-required."

FPC is on the web at fpc-stow-acton.org and on Facebook.

March 30, 2025: 10:00 a.m.

Gathering

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| Prelude | Chaconne in G minor Girolamo Frescobaldi | Trevor Berens Accompanist |
| Welcome & Announcements | | Johanna Pyle, Clerk |
| Opening Words | “The Bright Thread of Hope” Gretchen Haley | Paul Reisberg |
| Chalice Lighting | Brian C. Lee | |
| * Hymn #1001 | “Breaths” | |

Centering

*** Covenant and Affirmation**

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.

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.

Land Acknowledgement

Nancy Maldari, Worship Committee

Joys and Sorrows

Ann Wickham, 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.

Meditation

Alternate Universes

Paul Reisberg

*** Hymn #1020**

“Woyaya”

Exploring

Reading

“Ein Mensch ist ein räumlich
und zeitlich beschränktes”
Albert Einstein

Paul Reisberg

** Please rise in body or in spirit*

Sharing Our Gifts

This month we share our weekly offering with **RIA House**. You may donate by check made out to First Parish Church, at fpc-stow-acton.org/donate, or text (978) 310-3309.

Anthem

“Prayer for Ukraine”
Mykola Lysenko

FPC Choir
Chris Hossfeld
Music Director

O Great and Almighty Lord, protect and bless our beloved Ukraine
with freedom and the light of your holy rays.
Enlighten us, your small children, with learning and knowledge.
Let us grow in love, pure and everlasting.
We pray, O Lord Almighty, protect our beloved Ukraine.
Grant our people and country all your kindness and grace.
Bless us with freedom, bless us with wisdom, guide us into a kind world.
Bless us, O Lord, with good fortune for ever and ever more.

Sermon

“Godless”

Paul Reisberg

Returning

* Hymn #318

“We Would Be One”

* Benediction

Paul Reisberg

* 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 'til we meet again.

Postlude

“To Spring”
Edvard Grieg

Trevor Berens

Greet Your Neighbor

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Thank you to:
Kim Kinnear, Zoom Host
Kate Imhoff and Marion Scott, Ushers
Kate Hart, Coffee Host
Our staff and leadership

Next Sunday Service: Morning Star Singers, April 6 at 10 am

Join us next Sunday in Fellowship Hall for a special service about building community through music. The Morning Star Singers will be sharing their songs with us! They are an intertribal women's traditional hand drum group from the United Native American Cultural Center in Devens, MA, who seek to preserve and continue the tradition of women's singing in native culture.

If you would like to learn the songs with the Morning Star Singers, join us for a special **Family Open Choir** rehearsal at 9 am before the service.

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.fpc-stow-acton.org
There is so much happening at FPC! Our homepage and "Church Life" tab detail our events and programs.
- Subscribe to our e-newsletters & email groups (QR code)



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