

Many thanks to:

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- ❖ Trevor Berens, Accompanist (Stow/Acton)
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Rev. Dr. Cindy Landrum (Stow/Acton); Brad Dumont (Stow/Acton);
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- ❖ Zoom Host: Deb O'Connell, (Stow/Acton)
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- ❖ Joint Summer Service Choir and UU Ukes
- ❖ Ushers, Greeters, Social Hour Team: from the various churches
- ❖ Technology Teams and Office Staff from various churches
- ❖ Thank you to all the leadership, staff, and members of our churches who have supported the service these many years and helped to keep us united, hopeful, and strong during these challenging times.

The Joint Summer Service is an annual combined worship service of Unitarian Universalists and friends who gather in community to share our vision, values, and ministries to help and serve our communities and the wider world.

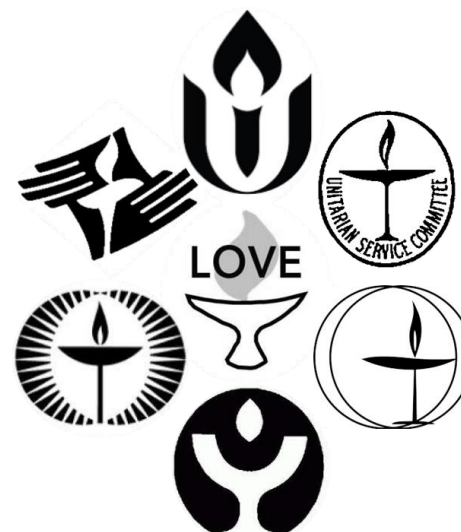
We raise our voices in song, honor our various spiritual traditions, renew friendships, and celebrate our UU heritage.

The offering supports the social justice ministries of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.

20th Annual Celebration of Summer and Our Congregations

Honoring the Past Celebrating the Present Envisioning the Future

Sunday, August 6, 2023



Joint Service of

Host: First Parish Church of Stow and Acton
First Parish Church of Berlin
The First Parish of Bolton
First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church of Fitchburg
Unitarian Universalist Society of Grafton and Upton
Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
First Church of Lancaster, Unitarian Universalist
at the Bulfinch Meetinghouse
First Church Unitarian, Littleton
First Church Leominster
Unitarian Church of Marlborough and Hudson
First Parish Northborough Unitarian Universalist
Unitarian Universalist Congregational Society of Westborough

☞ **Order of Service August 6, 2023** ☞

Prelude: “Praeludium” by Orlando Gibbons
Trevor Berens, Stow/Acton

Introduction and Welcome: Rick Gentilman, Stow/Acton

Moment of Gratitude: Elinor Gentilman, Littleton
on behalf of Joint Summer Service Planning Teams past and present

Introit: “Jazz Alleluia” (#1050) Joint Summer Service Choir
led by Brad Dumont, Guest Music Director, Stow/Acton
Trevor Berens, Accompanist, Stow/Acton

Call to Worship: Rev. Dr. Cynthia Landrum, Stow/Acton

Chalice Lighting: David Dunn, Harvard

***Opening Hymn:** #347 “Gather the Spirit”

***Covenant:** led by Bryan Walters, Lancaster
(blended from various Joint Summer Service churches)

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.

***Sung Affirmation:** *(blended from various Joint Summer Service churches)*
Bryan Walters

From all that dwell below the skies
Let words of hope and faith arise;
Let peace, goodwill on earth be sung,
Through every land, by every tongue.

Meditation: Rev. Lara Hoke, Littleton

Anthem: “Everything’s Gonna Be Alright” Joint Summer Service Choir
led by Brad Dumont, Trevor Berens, accompanist

Reflections: Honoring the Past
Rev. Tom Rosiello, Minister Emeritus, Stow/Acton
and Rev. Alice Anachecka-Nasemann, Marlborough/Hudson

Hymn: #318 “We Would Be One”

Reflections: Celebrating the Present Rev. Lara Hoke

Reflections: Envisioning the Future Rev. Dr. Cynthia Landrum

Sharing Our Gifts — A Message from the UUSC

*All undesignated contributions will be donated to the:
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.*

(Please make checks payable to UUSC. Online donations at uus.org)

Offering Music: “Improvisation” by Trevor Berens

***Benediction** Rev. Tom Rosiello

***Closing Words:**

All: We have gathered in Hope, worshiped in Love, and lifted our
hearts in Peace. We go now to share these blessings with the world.
(from Marlborough/Hudson)

Postlude/Hymn #1064, “Blue Boat Home,” adapted by Eric Semple
UU Ukles of Littleton & Stow Acton, led by Eric Semple and Pat Sorn

***Please stand, as you are able.**

*For an assisted listening device or large print hymnal or order of service,
please see an usher.*

*If you are with us in the sanctuary, please join us after the service for
refreshments. Our online congregation may stay online for conversations.*

