



**\* 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**      *Nocturne in Eb Major op.9 no.2*      F. Chopin  
Sanghee Kim, piano



Thank you to:

Peter Fiske & Jamison House, First Service Ushers  
Kim Kinnear, Zoom Host & Ben Child, Tech Assistant  
Kate Imhoff & Nick Francis, Second Service Ushers  
and to our staff and leadership

Our flowers today are given by  
Marion Scott  
in memory of  
Her Father

“Who, as an ophthalmologist, set the example  
of dedication to hard work.”



**FIRST PARISH CHURCH  
OF STOW & ACTON**

*Unitarian Universalist*



**Sunday, February 20, 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](http://fpc-stow-acton.org) and on Facebook.

*\* As pandemic levels remain high, we ask that you hum instead of singing.*

## ONLINE SUPPLEMENT PAGE

This page contains information specifically for folks joining us online!

### Today's Online Helpers

**Zoom Host:** Kim Kinnear

**Tech Assistant:** Ben Child

### Hymn Lyrics

**\* Hymn #368**      *Now Let Us Sing*

1. Sing to the power of the faith within.  
Sing to the power of the faith within.  
Lift up your voice, be not afraid;  
sing to the power of the faith within.
2. Sing to the power of the hope within ...
3. Sing to the power of the love within. ...
4. Sing to the power of the joy within. ...

**\* Hymn #1068**      *Rising Green* (verses 1, 2, & 4)

1. My blood doth rise in the roots of yon oak,  
her sap doth run in my veins.  
Boundless my soul like the open sky  
where the stars forever have lain.  
Where the stars, where the stars,  
where the stars forever have lain.
2. My hands hold the weavings of time without end,  
my sight as deep as the sea.  
Beating, my heart sounds the measures of old,  
that of love's eternity.  
That of love, that of love,  
that of love's eternity.
4. My foot carries days of the old into new,  
our dreaming shows us the way.

Wondrous our faith settles deep in the earth,  
rising green to bring a new day.  
Rising green, rising green,  
rising green to bring a new day.

**\* Hymn #1064**      *Blue Boat Home*

1. Though below me, I feel no motion  
standing on these mountains and plains.  
Far away from the rolling ocean  
still my dry land heart can say:  
I've been sailing all my life now,  
never harbor or port have I known.  
The wide universe is the ocean I travel  
and the earth is my blue boat home.
2. Sun my sail and moon my rudder  
as I ply the starry sea,  
leaning over the edge in wonder,  
casting questions into the deep.  
Drifting here with my ship's companions,  
all we kindred pilgrim souls,  
making our way by the lights of the heavens in our  
beautiful blue boat home.
3. I give thanks to the waves up holding me,  
hail the great winds urging me on,  
greet the infinite sea before me,  
sing the sky my sailor's song:  
I was born up on the fathoms,  
never harbor or port have I known.  
The wide universe is the ocean I travel,  
and the earth is my blue boat home.

### Sharing Our Gifts

If you are mailing a pledge or a donation, here is the information:

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

Donations: attn: Treasurer, 353 Great Rd, Stow MA 01775

## PLATE SHARE FOR FEBRUARY

**Concord Prison Outreach** (CPO) is a 501(c)(3) organization composed of a network of diverse individuals and faith communities committed to helping people who are incarcerated build better lives for themselves and their families. CPO works in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Correction (DOC), offering educational programs that focus on skill-building and personal growth, essentials to help people in prison achieve success while incarcerated or post-incarceration. Since its founding in 1968, when its first volunteers helped to support people in a local prison infirmary, CPO has developed into the largest organization of its kind in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

### **Saturday Morning Breakfast**

**March 19, 2022 8:05 Zoom**

#### **Making a Children's Picture Book Explained**

Have you ever wondered how children's picture books are created? Local children's author Casey W. Robinson will share a behind-the-scenes look at the creative and publishing process behind her picture book, *IVER AND ELLSWORTH*, including the local landmark that inspired the story. Kids are welcome!

Casey is Event Director at the Silver Unicorn Bookstore in West Acton. And she is a former president of the Picture Book Writer's Association of New England.

*~Jeff Brown*

**Sunday, February 20, 2022**

### **This Week-February 20th-in Our Religious Education Program**

Please note that all children should go directly to the church and will leave for their RE programs after the Message for all Ages.

**Prek-5th graders** will have a hybrid program during the 9am service that will focus on kindness toward animals.

**Our Junior and Senior Youth Groups** are invited to come and enjoy the service.

**OWL program for 7-10th grade** meets at 2:00pm

*~Michelle Cote*

## The Week of February 21-26

### MONDAY

Sounds of Stow 7:00pm community room

### TUESDAY

Coffee & Chat at the Gazebo 10am-11a

### WEDNESDAY

Worship Committee 12:30 zoom

Meditation 7:25 pm zoom

### THURSDAY

Peace Vigil outside front of church 5:00 pm

Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm Hall

### SATURDAY

Growing Victory Garden 9am Zoom (Rick Lent)

### SUNDAY FEBRUARY 27, 2022

“The Endemic Nature of Life”

9am in the sanctuary; 11am in the sanctuary and online

**Lisa Fagerstrom, Lay Leader**

Within the past month or so, there has been talk in the news of moving from pandemic to endemic when describing COVID-19. This service will explore this changing perspective and how life itself is "endemic"--something that is always with us to experience and move through, with an invitation to embrace its "lifey-ness" in our daily living.

To allow for social distancing, we are requiring advance requests to attend our services in person. To request a spot, please fill out this form by Thursday at noon:

<https://fpcosna.breezechms.com/form/26dae8347547489866918>

Join by video: <https://tinyurl.com/fpcfebmar>

Meeting ID: 933 6431 4909

Passcode: 01775

Join by phone: 1-929-205-6099 (long distance rates will apply)

### Can you believe it?

It's already time to start planning for the FPC Spring Auction. The Auction Committee met last night and selected Garden Party! as the theme. This year's auction will feature an on-line silent auction scheduled to run from June 8 through around June 22.

And (drum roll!) an outdoor live auction/Garden Party on June 18 (inside if it rains.) **MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!**

To make this event happen, the Auction Committee needs your help. We have a core group of hard-working, experienced people already working on the auction, but we **NEED MORE MEMBERS!** New members bring new ideas and new energy. All volunteers will have plenty of support from our well-seasoned team. Please think about joining - it's fun and rewarding.

**Your Auction Team**

<mailto:auction@fpc.groups.io>

## **Bridging and Breaking:**

### **Arts, Incarceration, and Empowering Song**

*Join our music director, Brad Dumont, for a Zoom presentation and discussion about the arts in incarcerated environments.*

**Sunday, February 27 - 7:00pm**

Zoom Link: <https://assumption.zoom.us/j/8443249741>

Music and the arts can allow us to re-envision our futures and better understand our past. The arts can allow us deeper empathy for others and space for greater understanding of experiences that are not our own. In the United States we incarcerate over 2 million individuals. More than any other country in the world. But how many of us have found ourselves in direct proximity to incarcerated individuals or returning citizens during our lives? The arts can create an intentional space for this necessary proximity where we can begin dialogue between people and ideas which may have never intersected otherwise.

Since 2017, Brad has been working with the Empowering Song approach in classrooms, community centers, spaces of psychiatric rehabilitation, and incarcerated environments. Join Brad in a presentation and discussion about the work of the arts in incarcerated spaces.



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Arts Event

**FEB • 27 • 2022**  
**7:00 PM**  
On Zoom

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