

February 27, 2022

9 and 11 AM

Gathering

Prelude *Fantasia* Composer J. Pachelbel
Sanghee Kim, organ

Welcome & Announcements Sharon Webb, Worship Committee

Greet Your Neighbor

Land Acknowledgement Sharon Webb

Call to Worship *To Learn More* Erika A. Hewitt
About Being Human

Chalice Lighting *A Flame to Light Our Path* Debra Burrell

* **Hymn #188** *Come, Come, Whoever You Are*

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 Sharon Webb

Going Forth with the Light

Joys and Sorrows

9 am:

Ann Sadler, Lay Minister

11 am:

Marcia Rising, Lay Minister

Prayer or Meditation *Wild Geese* Mary Oliver
The Journey

* **Hymn #1020** *Woyaya*

Exploring

Reading Isaiah 43: 1-2; 18-19

Sharing Our Gifts

This month we share our weekly offering with
Concord Prison Outreach

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

Anthem

9 am: *How can I Keep from Singing?* G. Walker
FPC Adult Choir

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Sermon *The Endemic Nature of Life*
Lisa Fagerstrom

Returning

* **Hymn #108** *My Life Flows On*

Benediction

* **Closing Song** *Keep on Movin’ Forward* Pat Humphries
Emma’s Revolution

Postlude *Pass Me Not* W.H.Doane
Sanghee Kim, piano

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



Thank you to:
Kim Kinnear, Zoom Helper,
Marion Scott & Jeff Brown, First Service Ushers
Rebecca & John MacNeill, Second Service Ushers
Hector Constantzos and Brendon Chetwynd, Tech Helpers
Ben Child, Tech Assistant
Hymn leaders
and to our staff and leadership

Our flowers today are given by
Sharon Brownfield & Rick Lent
in memory
Richard & Lillian Lent



FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist



Sunday, February 27, 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.

ONLINE SUPPLEMENT PAGE

This page contains information specifically for folks joining us online!

Today's Online Helpers

Zoom Host: Kim Kinnear

Hymn Lyrics

*** Hymn #188** *Come, Come, Whoever You Are*

Come, come, whoever you are,
wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving.
Ours is no caravan of despair.
Come, yet again come.

*** Hymn #1020** *Woyaya*

We are going,
heaven knows where we are going,
but we know within.
And we will get there,
heaven knows how we will get there,
but we know we will.
It will be hard, we know,
and the road will be muddy and rough,
but we'll get there,
heaven knows how we will get there,
but we know we will.

Woyaya, Woyaya, Woyaya, Woyaya,
We are going,
heaven knows where we are going,
but we know within.

*** Hymn #108** *My Life Flows On*

1. My life flows on in endless song
above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife
I hear the music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul.
How can I keep from singing!
2. What though the tempest 'round me roars,
I know the truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close,
songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love prevails in heav'n and earth,
how can I keep from singing!
3. When tyrants tremble as they hear
the bells of freedom ringing,
when friends rejoice both far and near,
how can I keep from singing!
To prison cell and dungeon vile
our thoughts to them are winging;
when friends by shame are undefiled,
how can I keep from singing!

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

FPC Announcements
Sunday, February 27, 2021

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

This Week in our Religious Education Program

Please note that we have different options for different age groups this week:

Please note that all children and youth 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.

The Junior Youth Group will meet at 9am (after the Message for all Ages) to learn about Martial Arts from Grey Shea, one of our own Junior Youth as well as some Yoga from Lindsey Lapointe.

The Senior Youth Group will meet at 11am (after the Message for all Ages) to cook lunch together in the kitchen and then eat together outside!

OWL program for 7-10th grade meets at **2 today** in Fellowship Hall

Coffee and Chat Tuesday Mornings

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!

~Ann Sadler

THE WEEK OF FEB 28 - MARCH 5

Monday

Assabet Food 8:00am-11:30am Vestry
Sounds of Stow 7:00pm Hall

Tuesday

Coffee & Chat at the Gazebo 10am-11am
Book Club 7:00pm zoom
RE Meeting 7:00pm
Social Justice Council Mtg 7:00pm zoom

Wednesday

UU Journey 7:00pm zoom
Racial Justice TF 1619 Forum zoom
Membership Meeting 7:00pm
Meditation 7:25 pm zoom

Thursday

Archive Meeting 9:30-11:30 Vestry
Piano Tuning 10:30 Hall
Peace Vigil outside front of church 5:00 pm
SGM Group 5:45pm Community Room
SGM Facilitators 6:00pm zoom
Choir Rehearsal 7:15 pm Hall

Friday

Club UU Lower Hall 6:30-8:30pm

SUNDAY March 6, 2022

“Abolish the Police? An Exploration”

Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

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

The UUA General Assembly recently passed an Action of Immediate Witness that included the goal of police abolition. What are the possibilities and limitations of this idea? How can we reimagine the future of justice and community life? Recommended reading – Rev. Cindy will be drawing from the UUA’s Common Read book for 2021-2022, *Defund Fear: Safety Without Policing, Prisons, and Punishment* by Zach Norris, and we may be having events later in the year to discuss the book.

We are no longer requiring advance registrations for in-person worship. We are requiring masks (covering both the nose and mouth) and social distancing in our building. Thank you!

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

Meeting ID: 933 6431 4909

Passcode: 01775

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



BRIDGING AND BREAKING

Arts, Incarceration, and Empowering Song

JOIN OUR MUSIC DIRECTOR, BRAD DUMONT, FOR A ZOOM PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION ABOUT THE WORK OF THE ARTS IN INCARCERATED ENVIRONMENTS.



A First Parish Church
of Stow and Acton
Arts Event

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7:00 PM

On Zoom

VISIT WWW.FPC-STOW-ACTON.ORG FOR MORE DETAILS.

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.

THIS 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.