

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

**Sunday, June 25, 2025**



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*First Parish is a UU Association Welcoming Congregation. We warmly welcome  
gay, lesbian, bisexual, & 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, back rows with accessible seating are "mask-required."

On the web at [fpc-stow-acton.org](http://fpc-stow-acton.org) and on Facebook.

**Sunday, June 22, 2025**

**10:00 am**

**Gathering**

**Prelude**

"Blowin' in the Wind" 🎵  
Bob Dylan

Video

**Welcome & Announcements**

Susan Avery, Worship Host

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Chalice Lighting**

Dave Sansone

**Beginnings**

Dave Sansone

**Joys and Sorrows**

Ann Sadler, 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](mailto:caring@fpc-stow-acton.org).

**\* Covenant**

*(Spoken in unison)*

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.

"Subterranean Homesick Blues" 🎵  
Bob Dylan

Video

**Early Days**

Dave Sansone

"I Threw it All Away" 🎵  
Bob Dylan

Video

\* Please rise in body or in spirit.

🎵 Please see insert for song lyrics.

## Growing Pains

Dave Sansone

### Sharing Our Gifts

This month, we share our weekly offering with **OutMetrowest**. You may donate with a check made out to First Parish Church, online at <https://fpc-stow-acton.org/donate>, or text to (978) 310-3309.

**Offertory**      "Gotta Serve Somebody" 🎵      video  
Bob Dylan

## Middle Years

Dave Sansone

"Not Dark Yet" 🎵      video  
Bob Dylan

## Returning to the Future

Dave Sansone

**Closing Song**      A Surprise from Bob Dylan      video  
**Greet Your Neighbor**

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### "Blowin' In The Wind"

How many roads must a man walk down  
Before you call him a man?  
How many seas must a white dove sail  
Before she sleeps in the sand?  
Yes, and how many times must the cannonballs fly  
Before they're forever banned?

The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind  
The answer is blowin' in the wind

Yes, and how many years can a mountain exist  
Before it's washed to the sea?  
Yes, and how many years can some people exist  
Before they're allowed to be free?  
Yes, and how many times can a man turn his head  
And pretend that he just doesn't see?

The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind  
The answer is blowin' in the wind

Yes, and how many times must a man look up  
Before he can see the sky?  
Yes, and how many ears must one man have  
Before he can hear people cry?  
Yes, and how many deaths will it take 'til he knows  
That too many people have died?

The answer, my friend, is blowin' in the wind  
The answer is blowin' in the wind

### "Subterranean Homesick Blues"

Johnny's in the basement  
Mixing up the medicine  
I'm on the pavement  
Thinking about the government  
The man in a trench coat  
Says he's got a bad cough  
Wants to get it paid off  
Look out, kid  
It's somethin' you did  
God knows when  
But you're doin' it again  
You better duck down the alley way  
Lookin' for a new friend  
A man in a coon-skin cap  
In a pig pen  
Wants eleven dollar bills  
You only got ten.

Maggie comes fleet foot  
Face full of black soot  
Talkin' that the heat put  
Plants in the bed but  
The phone's tapped anyway  
Maggie says that many say  
They must bust in early May  
Orders from the DA

Look out, kid  
Don't matter what you did  
Walk on your tip toes  
Don't tie no bows  
Better stay away from those  
That carry around a fire hose  
Keep a clean nose  
Watch the plainclothes  
You don't need a weather man  
To know which way the wind blows.

Ah, get sick, get well  
Hang around an ink well  
Ring bell, hard to tell  
If anything is gonna sell  
Try hard, get barred  
Get back, write Braille  
Badge out, laid off

Get jailed, jump bail  
Join the army, if you fail  
Look out kid  
You're gonna get hit  
By losers, cheaters  
Six-time users  
Hanging 'round the theaters  
Girl by the whirlpool is  
Lookin' for a new fool  
Don't follow leaders  
Watch the parkin' meters.

Ah, get born, keep warm  
Short pants, romance, learn to dance  
Get dressed, get blessed  
Try to be a success  
Please her, please him, buy gifts  
Don't steal, don't lift  
Twenty years of schoolin'  
And they put you on the day shift

Look out kid  
They keep it all hid  
Better jump down a manhole  
Light yourself a candle  
Don't wear sandals  
Try to avoid the scandals  
Don't wanna be a bum  
You better chew gum  
The pump don't work  
'Cause the vandals took the handles.

### **"I Threw It All Away"**

I once held her in my arms  
She said she would always stay  
But I was cruel  
I treated her like a fool  
I threw it all away.

Once I had mountains in the palm of my hand  
And rivers that ran through ev'ry day  
I must have been mad  
I never knew what I had  
Until I threw it all away.

Love is all there is, it makes the world go around  
Love and only love it can't be denied  
No matter what you think about it  
You just won't be able to do without it  
Take a tip from one who's tried.

So if you find someone that gives you all of her love  
Take it to your heart, don't let it stray  
For one thing that's certain  
You will surely be a-hurtin'  
If you throw it all away.

### **"Gotta Serve Somebody"**

You may be an ambassador to England or France  
You may like to gamble, you might like to dance  
You may be the heavyweight champion of the world  
You may be a socialite with a long string of pearls

But you're gonna have to serve somebody, yes indeed  
You're gonna have to serve somebody  
It may be the devil or it may be the Lord  
But you're gonna have to serve somebody

Might be a rock'n' roll addict prancing on the stage  
Might have money and drugs at your commands, women in a cage  
You may be a business man or some high degree thief  
They may call you Doctor or they may call you Chief

But you're gonna have to serve somebody, yes indeed  
You're gonna have to serve somebody  
Well, it may be the devil or it may be the Lord  
But you're gonna have to serve somebody

You may be a state trooper, you might be an young turk  
You may be the head of some big TV network  
You may be rich or poor, you may be blind or lame  
You may be living in another country under another name

But you're gonna have to serve somebody, yes  
You're gonna have to serve somebody  
Well, it may be the devil or it may be the Lord  
But you're gonna have to serve somebody

You may be a construction worker working on a home  
You may be living in a mansion or you might live in a dome  
You might own guns and you might even own tanks  
You might be somebody's landlord you might even own banks

But you're gonna have to serve somebody, yes  
You're gonna have to serve somebody  
Well, it may be the devil or it may be the Lord  
But you're gonna have to serve somebody

You may be a preacher with your spiritual pride  
You may be a city councilman taking bribes on the side  
You may be working in a barbershop, you may know how to cut hair  
You may be somebody's mistress, may be somebody's heir

But you're gonna have to serve somebody, yes  
You're gonna have to serve somebody  
Well, it may be the devil or it may be the Lord  
But you're gonna have to serve somebody

Might like to wear cotton, might like to wear silk  
Might like to drink whiskey, might like to drink milk  
You might like to eat caviar, you might like to eat bread  
You may be sleeping on the floor, sleeping in a king-sized bed

But you're gonna have to serve somebody, yes indeed  
You're gonna have to serve somebody  
It may be the devil or it may be the Lord  
But you're gonna have to serve somebody

You may call me Terry, you may call me Jimmy  
You may call me Bobby, you may call me Zimmy  
You may call me R.J., you may call me Ray  
You may call me anything but no matter what you say

You're gonna have to serve somebody, yes indeed  
You're gonna have to serve somebody  
Well, it may be the devil or it may be the Lord  
But you're gonna have to serve somebody

## "Not Dark Yet"

Shadows are fallin' and I've been here all day  
It's too hot to sleep and time is runnin' away  
Feel like my soul has turned into steel  
I've still got the scars that the sun didn't heal  
There's not even room enough to be anywhere  
It's not dark yet but it's gettin' there.

Well, my sense of humanity has gone down the drain  
Behind every beautiful thing there's been some kind of pain  
She wrote me a letter and she wrote it so kind  
She put down in writin' what was in her mind  
I just don't see why I should even care  
It's not dark yet but it's gettin' there.

Well, I've been to London and I been to gay Paris  
I've followed the river and I got to the sea  
I've been down on the bottom of the world full of lies  
I ain't lookin' for nothin' in anyone's eyes  
Sometimes my burden is more than I can bear  
It's not dark yet but it's gettin' there.

I was born here and I'll die here against my will  
I know it looks like I'm movin' but I'm standin' still  
Every nerve in my body is so naked and numb  
I can't even remember what it was I came here to get away from  
Don't even hear the murmur of a prayer  
It's not dark yet but it's gettin' there.

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### Thank you to

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Our staff and leadership

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E-Newsletters

June Plate Sharing **OUTMetroWest** is a non-profit organization that



offers free programs for LGBTQ+ young people from pre-K through high school, including specific programs for trans and gender expansive children and youth. OUT MetroWest offers a safe and welcoming physical space for youth and their families to find friends and support so they can be themselves and thrive. Our trans and non-binary youth need all the support they can get right now. OUT MetroWest offers nearly 20 programs each month at 6 locations including their center in Framingham and satellite locations in Acton, Medway, Needham, Waltham and Westborough. For more information see [OUTMetrowest.org](http://OUTMetrowest.org).

## FPC Summer Announcements

### Parish Jazz Band Summer Performances



Sun, 7/20, 10 am, Summer Jazz Service, FPC

Sat, 8/23, 4-7 pm, Downtown Summer Music Series,  
Hudson Town Hall, 78 Main Street, Hudson, MA

### Game Night Fri, 6/27, 7-9pm, Vestry

Led by Chip Beauvais. All are welcome. Feel free to bring a game or join in and play one of ours! Fun, community, and snacks.

### Assabet Craft Beer & Food Truck Festival Sat. 8/30, 12-4 pm

A fun, family fundraiser in front of the church to benefit FPC

### Upcoming Sunday Services

All services are at 10 am in the Sanctuary and online, unless otherwise noted.  
Visit <https://www.fpc-stow-acton.org/services> for service descriptions.

- 6/29 UUA General Assembly 2025 Sun. Worship Recording - Online only
- 7/6 Quaker Service - Ingrid Holcomb - Vestry & Community Room
- 7/13 "Crime and Punishment vs Harm and Healing" - Lloyd Fallion
- 7/20 Parish Jazz Band Summer Worship Service, "Parables of Time"
- 7/27 "Reclaiming 1st Century Jesus in the 21st Century" - Lisa Fagerstrom
- 8/3 "Joint Summer Service at Harvard" - Harvard UU Church and online
- 8/10 "Peace as a UU Principle and Value" - Neil Saunders
- 8/17 "Blessing of the Animals" - outside on the FPC grounds - Susan Avery
- 8/24 "Liberal Religion in Challenging Times" - Rev. Tom Rosiello
- 8/31 "The Spirituality of Bearing Witness" - Shana Dumont Garr

## Lay Ministers on call for pastoral needs this summer

| WEEK           | LAY MIN | WEEK          | LAY MIN |
|----------------|---------|---------------|---------|
| June 9-15      | Hector  | July 28-Aug 3 | Ingrid  |
| June 16-22     | Ann S   | Aug 4-9       | Ann W   |
| June 23-29     | Ingrid  | Aug 10        | Mark    |
| June 30-July 6 | Ingrid  | Aug 11-17     | Ingrid  |
| July 7-13      | Hector  | Aug 18-24     | Ann S   |
| July 14-20     | Hector  | Aug 25-31     | Ann W   |
| July 21-27     | Ann S   |               |         |