

August 31, 2025

10:00 am

Gathering

Prelude

“Supper Time” Sara Beauvais, solo,
Irving Berlin Trish Woods, piano
Charles Beauvais, saxophone

Welcome & Announcements Ann Wickham, Worship Host

Opening Words excerpt from *Posthuman Knowledge* Shana Garr
by Rosi Braidotti

Chalice Lighting “Seeing” Tommy & Shana Garr
by Annie Dillard

*** Hymn #38** “Morning has Broken” Sara Beauvais, solo
Cat Stevens Trish Woods, piano
Charles Beauvais, Saxophone

Centering

*** Covenant and Affirmation**

<i>(Spoken in unison)</i>	<i>(Sung in unison)</i>
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 Ann Wickham, Worship Host

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 from the Sermon, “Jesus Entered” Tommy Garr
by Meister Eckart

** Please rise in body or in spirit.*

*** Hymn #205** “Amazing Grace” Sara Beauvais, solo
Trish Woods, piano
Charles Beauvais, Saxophone

Exploring

Reading “Attention and Will” Ann Wickham,
by Simone Weil Worship Host

Sharing Our Gifts

In July and August we share our weekly offering with four
recipients, **UU Trauma Response Ministry, UU Mass Action,
Native Plant Trust, and Groton Hill Music Center.** 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 “Stars” Sara Beauvais, solo
Trish Woods, piano
Charles Beauvais, Saxophone

Sermon “On Bearing Witness” Shana Garr

Returning

*** Benediction**

*** 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.

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Thank you

Sharon Webb, Zoom Host
Webb Tilney, Tech Helper
Our ushers, Justin Marble and June McKnight
Our staff and leadership

To our visitors, thank you for coming!

We hope you find 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)
- Visit our website, www.fpc-stow-acton.org. There is so much happening at FPC! Our homepage and the "Church Life" tab detail our events and programs.
- Subscribe to our e-newsletters and email groups (QR Code)



E-Newsletters

July/August Plate Sharing

- **UU Trauma Response Ministry** Provides culturally sensitive spiritual care to congregations after critical and traumatic events.
- **UU Mass Action** Organizes and mobilizes UUs in Massachusetts to confront oppression.
- **Native Plant Trust** Conserves and promotes New England's native plants to ensure healthy, biologically diverse landscapes.
- **Groton Hill Music Center** A community music school and performing arts venue hosting lessons, lectures, concerts, and recitals.

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON *Unitarian Universalist*

Sunday, August 31, 2025



The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum, Minister
Rayla Baldwin-Mattson, Director of Religious Education
Meg Rivers-Wright, Parish Administration & Membership
Chris Hossfeld, Music Director
Trevor Berens, Accompanist
Justin Marble, Nursery Care Coordinator
Mike Silkonis, Sexton
Brendon Chetwynd, President,
Trisha Gudit, Vice President
Bill Froberg, Treasurer
Johanna Pyle, Clerk

First Parish is a UU Association Welcoming Congregation. We warmly welcome gay, lesbian, bisexual, & transgender people into our community.

Large print orders of service & 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 and on Facebook.