

July 16, 2023

10:00 AM

Gathering

Prelude *Here Comes the Sun* Trish Woods, Piano
The Beatles

**Land Acknowledgement, Welcome,
& Announcements** Neil Saunders
Worship Committee Chair

Opening Words “The Wisdom to Survive” Shana Dumont Garr
by Wendell Berry
Affirmation 465,
*Singing the Living
Tradition* (SLT)

Chalice Lighting Tommy Garr

Hymn *Morning Has Broken* Trish Woods, Piano
George Butterworth The congregation may
sing or follow along in
the hymnal, hymn #38

Reading Sarah Alden Ripley,
460 SLT

*** Covenant & Affirmation**

Love is the spirit of this From all that dwell below the skies
church, and service its law. let words of love and peace arise.
This is our great covenant: Let joyful songs of praise be sung,
To dwell together in peace, through every land, by every tongue.
to seek the truth in love,
and to help one another.

Centering

Musical Interlude *98 Loveliest of Trees* Trish Woods, Piano

Joys and Sorrows Neil Saunders

**Prayer/
Meditation** “The Ages” Shana Dumont Garr
by Friedrich Hölderlin

Reading “Marine” June McKnight
by Arthur Rimbaud

Sharing Our Gifts

In July and August we share our weekly offering with two organizations, **Horizons at LMS** and **Libros Para Todos**. 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.

Anthem *Somewhere Over the Rainbow* Trish Woods,
Israel Kamakawi’ole” Piano

Sermon “What Philosophy and Trees Shana Dumont
Can Remind Us About Coping Garr
with Our Mortality”

Returning

*** Benediction** Isaiah 55 Shana Dumont Garr

*** 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 *Summertime* Trish Woods, Piano
George Gershwin



Thank you to:
Sharon Brownfield, Zoom Helper
Brendon Chetwynd, Tech Helper
Jeff Brown & Ingrid Holcomb, Ushers
Eric Garr for helping coordinate music with Vernon
and our staff and leadership



** Please rise in body or in spirit.*



Land Acknowledgement

We would like to acknowledge that this service is being held by a community that gathers on the stolen traditional lands of the Massachusett, Nipmuc, Pawtucket, and Wampanoag People. We pay respect to those Indigenous Peoples who lost their lives in the colonization of this land and recognize that these Indigenous tribes are still today facing violations of sovereignty, territory, and water. We also give thanks for the Earth we walk upon, the waters, the lifegiving plants, and all the Earth's creatures, as well as the winds, sun, moon, and stars. We recognize this is just a first step in moving toward right relationship with Native peoples and healing of the Earth.

How to Connect with First Parish Church:

- Sign our visitor log at tinyurl.com/visitfpc.
We'll send you information if you request it.
- Come to Sunday service and coffee hour
10 & 11 am, in person or online.
- Subscribe to our publications
The Chronicle - monthly e-newsletter
This Week at FPC - weekly e-newsletter
FPCAnnounce & FPCForum - e-mail groups
at <https://www.fpc-stow-acton.org/subscribe-newsletters>



FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist



Sunday, July 16, 2023

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum, Minister
Meg Rivers-Wright, Administration and Membership
Mike Silkonis, Sexton
Janet Beatrice, External Publicity
Jenni Edgerton, President
Brendon Chetwynd, 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.*

To help everyone be a part of worship in the fullest way possible, the ushers can provide large print orders of service and hymnals or, for people who need to step out during the service for any reason, an assisted listening device which works throughout the building.

Masking Policy: As of July 1, 2023, FPC has moved to a **mask-optional policy** throughout the church. We have designated several rows in the back of the Sanctuary as mask-required, while the rest of the Sanctuary and the church will be mask-optional. The mask-required section was chosen for its distance from unmasked speakers and the choir, as well as its availability of accessible seating.

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

ONLINE SUPPLEMENT PAGE

This page contains information specifically for folks joining us online.

1. Closed captioning is available for FPC's online services. If you don't see captions on your screen, you can use the button at the bottom of your screen to request that the host turn them on.



2. Today's Zoom Host is **Sharon Brownfield**.
3. Hymn lyrics are below.

Hymn #38 *Morning Has Broken*

1. Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
2. Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.
3. Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Sharing Our Gifts

If you're 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

Announcements start on next page

Plate Sharing This Summer

JULY/AUGUST: Horizons at LMS and Libros Para Todos



Horizons at LMS is part of a national program for under-

served youth. It is a summer program, but they stay in touch with the children throughout the year and invite them to return every year. It creates community, exposes children to nature, provides food and swimming lessons, and fills gaps in their education.

Libros Para Todos offers teacher training workshops to teachers in and around San Miguel to nurture students' literacy, provides literature to students, and arranges for school visits by the authors of books featured.



Every Week at FPC

All are welcome to these weekly FPC events

Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Coffee & Chat 10-11 am Town Gazebo at Town Park, adjacent to FPC. Bring your own coffee!	Meditation 7:30-8:30 pm Fellowship Hall and Online. Contact: meditation@fpc-stow-acton.org	Peace Vigil 5-6 pm in front of FPC, btwn Common & Great Roads. Contact: Neil Saunders neilsaund@verizon.net	Bridge Group 1-3:30 pm Community Rm. Contact: Hector Hconstantzos@gmail.com

Upcoming 10 am Sunday Services

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

7/23	"Annual Summer Jazz Service" Parish Jazz Band
7/30	"Blessing of the Animals" Susan Avery, <u>FPC front lawn</u>
8/6	"20 th Annual Joint Summer Service" Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum
8/13	"Circle Worship" Lindsay LaPointe, <u>Fellowship Hall</u>
8/20	"Superheroes" Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum
8/27	"Spiritual Conversations Through Poetry" <u>Community Room</u>
9/3	"Meditation" Joe Stadolnik, <u>Fellowship Hall</u>

Join Worship by Video: <https://tinyurl.com/2223fpc>

Meeting ID: 999 7077 0266; Passcode: 01775

Join Worship by Phone: (929) 205-6099 (toll call)



FPC Summer Announcements

Parish Jazz Band Performance Sat. 7/29, 6-9 pm, Hudson Town Hall
 78 Main St. in Hudson. The band is also presenting a summer service in two weeks on Sunday, July 23 at 10 am!

Assabet Craft Beer and Food Truck Festival Sat. 9/2, 12-4 pm in front of the church

Rev. Cindy's Summer Schedule and Lay Minister Coverage:

Starting	Where is Cindy?	Lay Minister
7/17	Study Leave - NC	Ann
7/24	Study Leave - home	Ann
7/31	At FPC; leading joint summer service 8/6	Susie
8/7	Study Leave - staff	Ingrid
8/14	At FPC; preaching 8/20	Ann
8/21	Study Leave - staff	Hector
8/28	Vacation – college?	Susie

Hello Goodbye (Lennon & McCartney)

You say "Yes", I say "No".
You say "Stop" and I say "Go, go, go".
Oh no.
You say "Goodbye" and I say "Hello, hello, hello".
I don't know why you say "Goodbye", I say "Hello, hello, hello".
I don't know why you say goodbye, I say hello.

I say "High", you say "Low".
You say "Why?" And I say, "I don't know".
Oh no.
You say "Goodbye" and I say "Hello, hello, hello".
I don't know why you say "Goodbye", I say "Hello, hello, hello".
(Hello, goodbye, hello, goodbye. Hello, goodbye.)
I don't know why you say "Goodbye", I say "Hello".

(Hello, goodbye, hello, goodbye. Hello, goodbye. Hello, goodbye.)
Why, why, why, why, why, why, do you
Say "Goodbye, goodbye, bye, bye".
Oh no.
You say "Goodbye" and I say "Hello, hello, hello".
I don't know why you say "Goodbye", I say "Hello, hello, hello".
I don't know why you say "Goodbye", I say "Hello".

You say "Yes", I say "No".
(I say "Yes", but I may mean "No").
You say "Stop", I say "Go, go, go".
(I can stay still it's time to go).
Oh, oh no.

You say "Goodbye" and I say "Hello, hello, hello".
I don't know why you say "Goodbye", I say "Hello, hello, hello".
I don't know why you say "Goodbye", I say "Hello, hello, hello".
I don't know why you say "Goodbye", I say "Hello-wow, oh. Hello".