

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, March 20, 2020

10:00 AM

Gathering

Prelude

Andante

F. Mendelssohn
Sanghee Kim, organ

Welcome & Announcements

Sharon Brownfield, Board Vice President

Call to Worship

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Chalice Lighting

Ingrid Holcomb

Hymn #316

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

Dr. Mike Pfitzer, voice

1. Enter, rejoice, and come in. Enter, rejoice, and come in.
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.
2. Open your ears to the song. Open your ears to the song.
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.
3. Open your hearts ev'ryone. Open your hearts ev'ryone.
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.

Sharing

Covenant and Affirmation

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.

Message for All Ages

Michelle Coté,
Director of Religious Education

Joys and Sorrows

Ingrid Holcomb and Susie O'Brien,
Lay Ministers

Prayer or Meditation

Hymn #318

We Would Be One

1. We would be one as now we join in singing
our hymn of love, to pledge ourselves anew
to that high cause of greater understanding
of who we are, and what in us is true.
We would be one in living for each other
to show to all a new community.

2. We would be one in building for tomorrow
a nobler world than we have known today.
We would be one in searching for that meaning
which bends our hearts and points us on our way.
As one, we pledge ourselves to greater service,
with love and justice, strive to make us free.

Exploring

Reading

Sharing Our Gifts

Let It Be

Lennon-McCartney
Ken Langer, Guitar and Voice

This month we share our weekly offering with UU Mass Action

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or donate online at <https://fpc-stow-acton.org/donate>

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353 Great Road, Stow, MA 01775 or placed in the church mailbox.

Sermon

Creative Justice

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Returning

Hymn #1014

Answering the Call of Love

1. The promise of the Spirit:
faith, hope and love abide.
And so ev'ry soul
is blessed and made whole;
the truth in our hearts is our guide.

Chorus:

We are answering the call of love:
hands joined together
as hearts beat as one.
Emboldened by faith,
we dare to proclaim
we are answering the call of love.

2. Sometimes we build a barrier
to keep love tightly bound.
Corrupted by fear,
unwilling to hear,
denying the beauty we've found.

Chorus

3. A bright new day is dawning
when love will not divide.
Reflections of grace
in ev'ry embrace,
fulfilling the vision divine.

Chorus

Benediction

Sung Benediction

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

Lamplighter's Hornpipe

trad. American Fiddle Tune
Sanghee Kim, piano

Those who are on Zoom may remain
for a virtual “coffee hour” following the postlude.
If you’re in the “drive-in church”, honk and wave to each other!

Thank you to all those who helped with this service,
and to our staff, board, and other leaders.



*First Parish is a Unitarian
Universalist Association Welcoming
Congregation. We warmly welcome
gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender
people into our community.*

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum, Minister
Michelle Cote, Director of Religious Education
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