

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, May 3, 2020

10:00 AM

Gathering

Prelude

Strophe

A. Guilmant
Sanghee Kim, organ

Welcome & Announcements

Dave Kay, Partner Church Committee

Call to Worship

The Rev. Mary Margaret Earl

Chalice Lighting

Ilene Rudman, Board Member

Hymn #108

My Life Flows On

Mike Pfitzer, voice

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

Covenant and Affirmation

Susie O'Brien, Lay Minister

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

Marcia Rising and Hector Constantzos, Lay Ministers

Prayer or Meditation

Exploring

Reading

from *Hope in the Dark*

by Rebecca Solnit

Introduction to Plate Sharing

Ellen Kisslinger

This month we share our weekly offering with the Boston Area Gleaners

Sharing Our Gifts

Won't You Be My Neighbor

F. Rogers
Mike Pfitzer, voice

Checks may be made to “First Parish Church” and sent to the Church at:

Pledges: attn: Pledge Secretary, PO Box 215, Stow MA 01775

Donations: attn: Treasurer, 353 Great Rd, Stow MA 01775

We also invite you to donate by text to (978) 310-3309;
or donate online at <https://fpc-stow-acton.org/donate>

Sermon

Who Is Our Neighbor?

Rev. Mary Margaret Earl

Returning

Hymn #168

One More Step

1. One more step, we will take one more step,
'til there is peace for us and everyone, we'll take one more step.
2. One more word, we will say one more word,
'til every word is heard by everyone, we'll say one more word.
3. One more prayer, we will say one more prayer,
'til every prayer is shared by everyone, we'll say one more prayer.
4. One more song, we will sing one more song,
'til every song is sung by everyone, we'll sing one more song.

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

Hurdy-Gurdy

D. Shostakovich
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,
including Kim and Karen Kinnear, Hector Constantzos, and Sharon Brownfield,
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
Deedee Perkins, Parish Administrator
Dr. Mike Pfitzer, Director of Music
Sanghee Kim, Organist/Pianist
Joleen Trotta, Welcoming & Membership Coordinator
Whitney Granger, Sexton
Paul Spanagel, Youth Coordinator
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