

17th Annual Joint Summer Service
First Parish of Bolton
First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church of Fitchburg
Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
Unitarian Church of Marlborough and Hudson
First Church of Christ Unitarian, Lancaster
First Church Unitarian, Littleton
Host: First Parish Church of Stow and Acton, Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, August 2, 2020
10:00 AM

Gathering

- Prelude** *Chorale in G Major* A. Guilmant
Sanghee Kim, organ
First Parish Church of Stow and Acton
- Welcome & Announcements** Rick Gentilman
First Parish Church of Stow and Acton
- Introit** *Yonder Come Day* Georgia Sea Islands Spiritual
Joint Summer Service Choir
Mike Pfitzer, Director
- Call to Worship** The Rev. Lara Hoke
First Church Unitarian, Littleton
- Chalice Lighting** *Grounding in Our Faith*
by the Rev. Alice Anachecka-Naseman
Unitarian Church of Marlborough and Hudson
Neil Saunders,
First Parish Church of Stow and Acton
- Hymn #1003** *Where Do We Come From?* Joint Summer Service Choir

Where do we come from? What are we? Where are we going?
Where do we come from?
Mystery. Mystery. Life is a riddle and a mystery.
Where do we come from? Where are we going?

Sharing

- Covenant** *(blended from various Joint Summer Service churches)* Elinor Gentilman,
First Church Unitarian, Littleton

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.

Sung Affirmation *(blended from Harvard & Stow/Acton)* Mike Pfitzer, Music Director
First Parish Church of Stow and Acton

From all that dwell below the skies
Let words of hope and faith arise;
Let peace, goodwill on earth be sung,
Through every land, by every tongue.

Reading *A Simple Hope* by the Rev. Theresa I. Soto
Mary Krause
Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church

Prayer or Meditation The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Landrum
First Parish Church of Stow and Acton

Exploring

Sharing Our Gifts *Let the River Run* C. Simon
Joint Summer Service Choir
Mike Pfitzer, Director
Sanghee Kim, piano
Peter Fiske, percussion

*It is the tradition of the Joint Summer Service for our offering to benefit the
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. Donations may be made at uusc.org.*

Reading *The Gates of Hope* by the Rev. Victoria Safford
Bryan Walters
First Church of Christ Unitarian, Lancaster

Sermon *Hope Leading to Action* The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Landrum
First Parish Church of Stow and Acton

Returning

Hymn #146 *Soon the Day Will Arrive* Joint Summer Service Choir

1. Soon the day will arrive when we will be together,
and no longer will we live in fear.
And the children will smile without wondering whether
on that day thunderclouds will appear.
(Chorus) Wait and see, wait and see what a world there can be
if we share, if we care, you and me.
Wait and see, wait and see what a world there can be
if we share, if we care, you and me.
2. Some have dreamed, some have died to make a bright tomorrow,
and our vision remains in our hearts.
Now the torch must be passed with new hope, not in sorrow,
and a promise to make a new start. (Chorus)

Benediction

The Rev. Jill Cowie
Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church

Postlude

Let Everything That Has Breath

M. Redman
Sanghee Kim, piano
First Parish Church of Stow and Acton



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 the Joint Summer Service Team:

Rev. Lara Hoke (Littleton), Rev. Bea Manning (Bolton),
Rev. Jill Cowie (Harvard), Bryan Walters (Lancaster and Fitchburg),
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Rev. Cindy Landrum (Stow/Acton), and Mike Pfitzer (Stow/Acton)

and the Stow/Acton Zoom team:

Sharon Brownfield, Jenni Edgerton, and Joe Stadolnik

And thank you to all the leadership and members of our churches
who help to keep us united and strong during this time.