

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, August 23, 2020

10:00 AM

Gathering

Prelude

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G.G. Nivers
Sanghee Kim, organ

Welcome & Announcements

Neil Saunders, Worship Committee Chair

Call to Worship

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Chalice Lighting

Hymn #396

I Know This Rose Will Open

Mike Pfitzer, voice

I know this rose will open. I know my fear will burn away.
I know my soul will unfurl its wings. I know this rose will open.

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

Instructions

by Neil Gaiman

Joys and Sorrows

Prayer or Meditation

How to Survive the Apocalypse

by Sean Parker Dennison

Sharing Our Gifts

Whole World's Gone Crazy
From *Parable with the Sower*

Toshi Reagon

This summer we share our weekly offering with:
Bridges to Malawi, Degede Village Project, and Sheroes Hangout

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>

Exploring

Reading

Excerpts from *Parable of the Sower*
and *Parable of the Talents*

by Octavia Butler

Sermon

Earthseed

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Returning

Hymn #1020

Woyaya

We are going, heaven knows where we are going, but we know within.
And we will get there, heaven knows how we will get there, but we know we will.
It will be hard, we know, and the road will be muddy and rough,
but we'll get there, heaven knows how we will get there, but we know we will.

Woyaya, Woyaya, Woyaya, Woyaya,
We are going, heaven knows where we are going, but we know within.

Benediction

P.S.

by Sean Parker Dennison

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

Waltz op. 39 no. 15

J. Brahms
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
Deedee Perkins, Parish Administrator
Dr. Mike Pfitzer, Director of Music
Sanghee Kim, Organist/Pianist
Joleen Trotta, Welcoming & Membership Coordinator
Janet Beatrice, External Publicity

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