

# FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

*Unitarian Universalist*

Sunday, April 11, 2021

10:00 AM

## Gathering

**Prelude**

*Prelude in C Major, BWV 553*

J.S. Bach  
Sanghee Kim, organ

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

**Chalice Lighting**

**Hymn #1003**

*Where Do We Come From*

Mike Pfitzer, voice

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**

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.

**Affirmation**

Mike Pfitzer, Voice

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, Lay Minister

**Prayer or Meditation**

**Exploring**

**Sharing Our Gifts**

“At Once the Earth Opens” from *The Creation*

J.F. Haydn

University of North Texas Symphony & Symphonic Orchestra

This month we share our weekly offering with Southeast India Project.

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**Sermon**

Creation

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

**Returning**

**Hymn #193**

*Our Faith Is But a Single Gem*

1. Our faith is but a single gem upon a rosary of beads;  
the thread of truth which runs through them supports our varied human needs.
2. Confucian wisdom, Christian care, the Buddhist way of self-control,  
the Muslim's daily call to prayer are proven pathways to the goal.
3. From many lips, in every age, the truth eternal is proclaimed  
by Western saint, and Eastern sage, and all the good, however named.
4. Beside the noblest of our race our lives as yet cannot compare:  
may we at length their truth embrace and in their sacred mission share.

**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**

*Horsemen of the Plains*

V.R. Roubos  
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 our helpers today: Kim & Karen Kinnear  
and 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  
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