

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, August 29, 2021

10:00 AM

Gathering

Prelude *Preamble from 24 Pièces en style libre* L. Vierende
Sanghee Kim, organ

Welcome & Announcements Neil Saunders, Worship Committee Chair

Call to Worship "Invocation" by Angela Herrera
The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Chalice Lighting

Hymn #38 *Morning Has Broken* Lea Morris, vocals

1. Morning has broken like the first morning;
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning,
Praise for them springing fresh from the word.
2. Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where our feet pass.
3. Mine is the sunlight; mine is the morning,
Born of the one light Eden saw play.
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day.

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

Joys and Sorrows

Ingrid Holcomb, Lay Minister

Prayer or Meditation

“Everything Is Still on Fire”

by Theresa I. Soto

Sharing Our Gifts

The Journey Becomes Our Home

James Underberg, Composer and Performer
4th Universalist Society, City of New York

This month we share our weekly offering with OUT Metrowest.

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Exploring

Reading

“Temple”

by Steve Garnaas-Holmes

Sermon

Creating Sacred Space

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Returning

Hymn #4

I Brought My Spirit to the Sea

First Unitarian Church of
Baltimore Choir
McGregor Yatsevitch, Mandolin
John Olin, Director and Producer

1. I brought my spirit to the sea; I stood upon the shore.
I gazed upon infinity; I heard the waters roar.
And then there came a sense of peace, some whisper calmed my soul.
Some ancient ministry of stars had made my spirit whole.
2. I brought my spirit to the trees that loomed against the sky.
I touched each wand’ring careless breeze to know if God were nigh.
And then I felt an inner flame that fiercely burned my tears.
Uplift, I rose from bended knee to meet the asking years.

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

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

R. Lowry
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 Zoom and A/V helpers today, Susan Avery and Hector Constantzos
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
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