

**FIRST PARISH
CHURCH**
OF STOW & ACTON
Unitarian Universalist



Thursday, February 23, 2023
Black History Month Vespers Service

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum, Minister
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*First Parish is a Unitarian Universalist Association
Welcoming Congregation.*

*We warmly welcome gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender
people into our community.*

To help everyone be a part of worship in the fullest way possible, the ushers can provide large print orders of service and hymnals or, for people who need to step out during the service for any reason, an assisted listening device (portable radio) which works throughout the building.

On the web at fpc-stow-acton.org and on Facebook.

February 23, 2023
6:00 PM

Wading In

Gathering Music
#210

Wade in the Water

(Chorus) Wade in the water, wade in the water, children,
wade in the water, God's gonna trouble the water.

1. See that band all dressed in white.
God's gonna trouble the water.
The leader looks like an Israelite.
God's gonna trouble the water. (Chorus)
2. See that band all dressed in red.
God's gonna trouble the water.
It looks like the band that Moses led.
God's gonna trouble the water. (Chorus)

Land Acknowledgement

Opening Words

“Each Day”

Kristin Harper

Chalice Lighting

A Long Way

Readings

“Wade in the Water”

Sofia Betancourt

“Lynching Version
2.0”

Ebony C. Peace

Reflections

Lisa Fagerstrom

Hymn # 97

*Sometimes I Feel Like
a Motherless Child*

1. Sometimes I feel like a motherless child,
sometimes I feel like a motherless child,
sometimes I feel like a motherless child,
a long way from home, a long way from home.

