

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON  
*Unitarian Universalist*

**Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021**  
**10:00 AM**

**Gathering**

**Prelude**

*Let Everything That Has Breath*

M. Redman  
Sanghee Kim, piano

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit**

"Tutti Fior" from *Madame Butterfly* G. Puccini  
Erin Merceruio Nelson, soprano & Caitlin Felsman, mezzo-soprano  
Opera on Tap Boston

**Call to Worship**

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

**Chalice Lighting**

**Hymn #203**

*All Creatures of the Earth and Sky*

1. All creatures of the earth and sky,  
come, kindred, lift your voices high, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Bright burning sun with golden beam,  
soft shining moon with silver gleam: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
2. Swift rushing wind so wild and strong,  
white clouds that sail in heav'n along, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Fair rising morn in praise rejoice,  
high stars of evening find a voice: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
3. Cool flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for all life to hear, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Dance, flame of fire, so strong and bright,  
and bless us with your warmth and light: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
4. Embracing earth, you, day by day,  
bring forth your blessings on our way,  
Alleluia, Alleluia! All herbs and fruits that richly grow,  
let them the glory also show: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Covenant**

FPC Members

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.

**Remembering the Sorrow**

**Sharing of Sorrows**

Marcia Rising, Lay Minister

**In Memoriam**

*Memory*

Yiruma  
Sanghee Kim, piano

**Prayer or Meditation**

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

**Hymn #61**

*Lo, the Earth Awakes Again*

1. Lo, the earth awakes again--Alleluia!  
From the winter's bond and pain. Alleluia!  
Bring we leaf and flower and spray--Alleluia!  
to adorn this happy day. Alleluia!
2. Once again the word comes true, Alleluia!  
All the earth shall be made new. Alleluia!  
Now the dark, cold days are o'er, Alleluia!  
Spring and gladness are before. Alleluia!
3. Change, then, mourning into praise, Alleluia!  
And, for dirges, anthems raise. Alleluia!  
How our spirits soar and sing, Alleluia!  
How our hearts leap with the spring! Alleluia!

**Awakening to Joy**

**Sermon**

Embracing the Alleluias The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

**Sharing Our Gifts**

*Alleluia*

R. Thompson  
FPC Adult Choir

*Children are especially encouraged to join us for the next portion of the service.*

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

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Pledges: attn: Pledge Secretary, PO Box 215, Stow MA 01775  
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or donate online at <https://fpc-stow-acton.org/donate> or by text to (978) 310-3309.

**Message for All Ages**

Michelle Coté,  
Director of Religious Education

**Sharing Joys and Hallelujahs**

Marcia Rising, Lay Minister

**Virtual Egg Hunt**

*Yonder Come Day*

trad. Spiritual, arr. C. Hardin  
FPC Virtual Choir

**Returning**

**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.

**Community Singing**

*“Hallelujah” from Messiah*

G.F. Handel  
FPC Driveway Choir  
Sanghee Kim, organ



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: Susan Avery & Jenni Edgerton  
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.*  
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The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum, Minister  
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