

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, January 10, 2021

10:00 AM

Gathering

Prelude

O Quanta Qualia

arr K.J. Sadiwski
Sanghee Kim, organ

Welcome & Announcements

Nathan Sugioka
Small Group Ministry Facilitator

Call to Worship

Call to Worship and Action

by Sharon Wylie
The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Chalice Lighting

Flame, friend of our most ancient ancestors

by Orlanda Brugnola

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

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

We Imagine a Path

by D. Scott Cooper

Exploring

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| Reading | <i>Remembering the Future</i> | by Teresa I. Soto |
| Introduction to Plate Sharing | | Diane Miller |
| Sharing Our Gifts | “Imaagine” | John Lennon Mike Pfitzer & Ken Langer |

This month we share our weekly offering with RIA House.

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| Sermon | <i>Imagination</i> | The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum |
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Returning

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| Hymn #1020 | <i>Woyaya</i> |
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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.

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| Benediction | <i>An ending, or merely a prelude to more glorious beginnings?</i> | by Michael A. Schuler |
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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.

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| Postlude | <i>2 Minuets in G Major</i> | Anna Magdalena Bach Sanghee Kim, piano |
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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 & Sheryl LaFayette
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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