

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, June 7, 2020

10:00 AM

Gathering

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| Prelude | <i>Melancholy Reflections</i> | M. Schoenmehl Liz Freeman, piano |
| Welcome & Announcements | Neil Saunders, Worship Committee Chair | |
| Introit | "Climb Ev'ry Mountain" from <i>The Sound of Music</i> | Rodgers & Hammerstein Katy Weeks, voice |
| Call to Worship | The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum | |
| Chalice Lighting | Ken Langer, Board Trustee Elect | |
| Covenant and Affirmation | Carolyn Zettler, Lay Minister | |

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.

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.

Sharing

Flower Community Ritual



Please use the QR code or go to www.menti.com and use the code 36 45 32
or make a sign and hold it up in the worship service to answer this question:

“What words come to mind as you think about the FPC Community and
what you value about it?”

Our Guiding Principles: A Message from the RE Committee

Michelle Coté,
Director of Religious Education
& Members of the RE Committee

Hymn #78

Color and Fragrance

Mike Pfitzer, voice

1. Color and fragrance, magical rhythm,
sweet changing music will change us with them:
life within life, inner light gently glowing,
surely you seem to be God's vision growing.
2. Hand full of pebbles, high mountain passes,
depths of the ocean, dew on the grasses:

great things and small, with the light gently glowing,
word of the wordless song, God's vision growing.

3. Delicate beings, lacewing and sparrow
in field and forest, clover and yarrow:
life greeting life with the light brightly glowing,
none are too small to be God's vision growing.
4. In human eyes burns the soul of living,
illuminates altars of loving giving:
greeting, we meet, seeing light brightly glowing,
share in a greater life, God's vision growing.

Recognizing Graduating Seniors

Michelle Coté, Director of Religious Education
and the Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Theo Grabarek, Elsa MacNeill, Nathan Haberle, and Walter Stadolnik

Recognition of Youth Director: Paul Spanagel

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum
and Michelle Coté, Director of Religious Education

Exploring

Sharing Our Gifts

Jen Dal

N.F. Čapek arr. S. Cartreine
FPC Adult Choir

This month we share our weekly offering with Bridges to Malawi,
Degede Village Project, and Sheroes Hangout

Checks may be made to “First Parish Church” and sent to the Church at:

Pledges: attn: Pledge Secretary, PO Box 215, Stow MA 01775

Donations: attn: Treasurer, 353 Great Rd, Stow MA 01775

We also invite you to donate by text to (978) 310-3309;
or donate online at <https://fpc-stow-acton.org/donate>

Sermon

The Heart of Flower Communion

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Joys and Sorrows

Marcia Rising, Lay Minister

Prayer or Meditation

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Returning

Hymn #305

De Colores

1. All the colors, yes, the colors we see in the springtime with all of its flowers.
All the colors, when the sunlight shines out through a rift in the cloud and it showers.
All the colors, as a rainbow appears when a storm cloud is touched by the sun.
All the colors abound for the whole world around and for ev'ryone under the sun.

2. All the colors, yes, the colors of people parading on by with their banners. All the colors, yes, the colors of pennants and streamers and plumes and bandannas. All the colors, yes, the colors of people now taking their place in the sun.
All the colors abound for the whole world around and for ev'ryone under the sun.
3. All the colors, yes, the black and the white and the red and the brown and the yellow.
All the colors, all the colors of people who smile and shake hands and say "Hello!"
All the colors, yes, the colors of people who know that their freedom is won.
All the colors abound for the whole world around and for ev'ryone under the sun.
4. De colores, de colores se visten los campos en la primavera.
De colores, de colores son los pajaritos que vienen de a fuera.
De colores, de colores es al arco iris que vemos lucir.
Y por eso los grandes amores de muchos colores me gustan a mi.

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

Lean on Me

B. Withers
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 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
Whitney Granger, Sexton
Paul Spanagel, Youth Coordinator
Janet Beatrice, External Publicity

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