

17th Annual Joint Summer Service

First Parish of Bolton

**First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church of
Fitchburg**

Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church

Unitarian Church of Marlborough and Hudson

First Church of Christ Unitarian, Lancaster

First Church Unitarian, Littleton

**Host: First Parish Church of Stow and Acton,
Unitarian Universalist**

Sunday, August 2, 2020

10:00 AM

Gathering

Prelude: “Chorale in G Major,” A. Guilmant

Sanghee Kim, organ

First Parish Church of Stow and Acton

Welcome & Announcements

Rick Gentilman

First Parish Church of Stow and Acton

Introit: “Yonder Come Day,”

Georgia Sea Islands Spiritual

Joint Summer Service Choir

Mike Pfitzer, Director

Call to Worship

The Rev. Lara Hoke

First Church Unitarian, Littleton

Chalice Lighting

“Grounding in Our Faith”

by the Rev. Alice Anachecka-Naseman

Unitarian Church of Marlborough and Hudson

Neil Saunders,

First Parish Church of Stow and Acton

Hymn #1003: “Where Do We Come From?”

Joint Summer Service Choir

Where do we come from? What are we? Where are
we going?

Where do we come from?

Mystery. Mystery. Life is a riddle and a mystery.

Where do we come from? Where are we going?

Sharing

Covenant: (blended from various Joint Summer Service churches)

Elinor Gentilman,

First Church Unitarian, Littleton

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.

Sung Affirmation: (blended from Harvard & Stow/Acton)

Mike Pfitzer, Music Director

First Parish Church of Stow and Acton

From all that dwell below the skies

Let words of hope and faith arise;

Let peace, goodwill on earth be sung,

Through every land, by every tongue.

Reading: “A Simple Hope” by the Rev. Theresa I. Soto

Mary Krause

Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church

Prayer or Meditation

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Landrum

First Parish Church of Stow and Acton

Exploring

Sharing Our Gifts: “Let the River Run,” C. Simon

Joint Summer Service Choir

Mike Pfitzer, Director

Sanghee Kim, piano

Peter Fiske, percussion

It is the tradition of the Joint Summer Service for our offering to benefit the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. Donations may be made at uusc.org.

Reading: “The Gates of Hope”

by the Rev. Victoria Safford

Bryan Walters

First Church of Christ Unitarian, Lancaster

Sermon: “Hope Leading to Action…….”

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Landrum

First Parish Church of Stow and Acton

Returning

Hymn #146

Soon the Day Will Arrive Joint Summer Service Choir

1. Soon the day will arrive when we will be together,
and no longer will we live in fear.

And the children will smile without wondering whether
on that day thunderclouds will appear.

(Chorus)..Wait and see, wait and see what a world there
can be
if we share, if we care, you and me.
Wait and see, wait and see what a world there
can be
if we share, if we care, you and me.

2. Some have dreamed, some have died to make a
bright tomorrow,
and our vision remains in our hearts.
Now the torch must be passed with new hope, not in
sorrow,
and a promise to make a new start. (Chorus)

Benediction

The Rev. Jill Cowie

Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church

Postlude: “Let Everything That Has Breath,” M. Redman

Sanghee Kim, piano

First Parish Church of Stow and Acton

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 the Joint Summer Service Team:

Rev. Lara Hoke (Littleton), Rev. Bea Manning (Bolton),
Rev. Jill Cowie (Harvard), Bryan Walters (Lancaster and
Fitchburg),

Diane Defranzo (Marlborough/Hudson), Mary Krause
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Cindy Malley (Littleton), Neil Saunders (Stow/Acton),
Rev. Cindy Landrum (Stow/Acton), and Mike Pfitzer
(Stow/Acton)

and the Stow/Acton Zoom team:

Sharon Brownfield, Jenni Edgerton, and Joe Stadolnik

And thank you to all the leadership and members of our churches

who help to keep us united and strong during this time.