

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON
Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, May 9, 2021
10:00 AM

Gathering

Prelude

A Mother's Love

L. Weingarten
Sanghee Kim, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Sharon Brownfield, Board Vice President

Call to Worship

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Chalice Lighting

Hymn #212

We Are Dancing Sarah's Circle

Mike Pfitzer, voice

1. We are dancing Sarah's circle, we are dancing Sarah's circle
we are dancing Sarah's circle, family, neighbors, all.
2. We will all do our own naming, we will all do our own naming,
we will all do our own naming, family, neighbors, all.
3. On and on the circle's moving, on and on the circle's moving,
on and on the circle's moving, family, neighbors, all.

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

Hector Constantzos, Lay Minister

Prayer or Meditation

Exploring

Sharing Our Gifts

Nina Cried Power

Hozier
All Souls UU DC Choir

This month we share our weekly offering with Boston Area Gleaners.

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

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Sermon

Gender Effects in the Time of Pandemic

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Returning

Hymn #109

As We Come Marching, Marching

1. 1 As we come marching, marching, in the beauty of the day, a million darkened kitchens, a thousand workshops gray, are touched with all the radiance that a sudden sun discloses: for the people hear us singing, "Bread and roses, bread and roses!"
2. As we come marching, marching, we battle too for men, for they are women's children, and we mother them again. Our lives shall not be sweated from birth until life closes: hearts starve as well as bodies--give us bread, but give us roses!"
3. As we come marching, marching, unnumbered women dead go crying, through our singing, their ancient song of bread! Small art and love and beauty their drudging spirits knew: yes, it is bread we fight for, but we fight for roses too!
4. As we come marching, marching, we bring the greater days: the rising of the women means the rising of the race. No more the drudge and idler, ten that toil where one reposes, but a sharing of life's glories--bread and roses, bread and roses!

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

Postlude in G major

G.F. Handel
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 & 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
Joleen Trotta, Welcoming & Membership Coordinator
Janet Beatrice, External Publicity

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Sharon Brownfield, Vice President
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