

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON
Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, May 17, 2020
10:00 AM

Gathering

Prelude

Amazing Grace

arr. A.L. Page
Sanghee Kim, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Sharon Brownfield, Vice President

Call to Worship

Michelle Coté, Director of Religious Education

Hymn

We've Got the Whole World

Mike Pfitzer, Voice
FPC Uketarians

1. We've got the whole world in our hands (x4)
2. We've got the puppies and the kitties in our hands (x3)
We've got the whole world in our hands
3. We've got the fishies and the birdies in our hands (x3)
We've got the whole world in our hands
4. We've got the hamsters and the bunnies in our hands (x3)
We've got the whole world in our hands

Covenant and Affirmation

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.

Blessing of the Animals

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Time of Remembrance

Reading

from *The Velveteen Rabbit*

by Margery Williams
Marcia Rising

Exploring

Sharing Our Gifts

The Gentle Arms of Eden

D. Carter
Ken Langer, voice and guitar

This month we share our weekly offering with the 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

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

Reflections

Why We Bless the Animals The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Sharing

Joys and Sorrows

Sharon Brownfield, Vice President

Prayer or Meditation

Returning

Hymn

All God's Critters

Mike Pfitzer, voice
FPC Uketarians

Chorus: All God's critters got a place in the choir.
Some sing low, some sing higher
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire and
Some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they got now.

1. Listen to the bass. It's the one on the bottom
Where the bullfrog groans and the hippopotamus
Moans and groans with a big to-do.
The old cow just goes moo.
2. Well the dogs and cats, they take up the middle.
The hummingbird hums and the crickets fiddle.
The donkey brays and the pony neighs.
The old coyote howls.

CHORUS

3. Listen to the top where the little birds sing
The melody with the high voice ringing
The hoot owl hollers over everything
And the jay bird disagrees.
4. Singing in the nighttime, singing in the day.
The little duck quacks and is on his way.
The possum don't got much to say
And the porcupine talks to himself.

CHORUS

5. Everybody here is a part of the plan.
We all get to play in the great critter band.
From the eagle in the sky to the whale in the sea,
It's one great symphony.

CHORUS

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

Uptown Jazz

L. Clarke
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!



*Our thanks to Sue Stewart, Emily Jones, Pat Sorn, and the
FPC Uketarians for their help with the hymns this week!*

Thank you to all those who helped with this service,
including speakers and tech helpers,
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
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