

"The Land Remembers"

a joint service of

Brighton Allston Congregational Church, UCC
First Parish Church of Berlin
First Parish Church of Groton
First Parish Church of Stow & Acton Unitarian Universalist
First Parish Church United, Westford
First Parish in Framingham Unitarian Universalist
First Parish of Chelmsford Unitarian Universalist
Unitarian Church of Marlborough and Hudson

with the

Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples
Friends Peace Team

Sunday, Nov. 15, 2020
10:00 AM

Gathering

Prelude

This Is My Father's World

F.L. Sheppard
Sanghee Kim, piano

First Parish Church of Stow & Acton

Welcome & Call to Worship

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum
First Parish Church of Stow and Acton

Chalice Lighting

The Rev. Elea Kemler
First Parish Church of Groton

Naming the History of This Land

Statement from
First Parish Church of Stow and Acton

Hymn #160

Far Too Long by Fear Divided

Mike Pfitzer, voice
First Parish Church of Stow and Acton

1. Far too long, by fear divided, we have settled with the sword
quarrels which should be decided by the reconciling word.
2. Now the nations are united, though as yet in name alone,
and the distant goal is sighted which the prophet souls have shown.
3. May, at least, we cease from warring, barriers of hate remove,
and, earth's riches freely sharing, found the dynasty of love.

Sharing

Covenant

*Combined from the Marlborough & Hudson,
Framingham, and Stow & Acton, Churches*

Love is the spirit of this church,
The quest for truth is its sacrament,
and service is its prayer.
This is our great covenant:
To dwell together in peace,
to seek knowledge in freedom
to seek the truth in love,
and to help one another
to the end that all souls shall grow
into harmony with the divine.

Message for All Ages

Rev. Nikira Hernandez-Evans
Brighton Allston Congregational Church, UCC

Prayer or Meditation

Rev. Aaron Stockwell
First Parish in Framingham, Unitarian Universalist

Exploring

Reading

Even After Everything by Robin Wall Kimmerer
for Onondaga The Rev. Alice Anacheka-Naseman
Unitarian Church of Marlborough and Hudson

Introduction to the Offering

The Rev. Ellen Rowse Spero,
First Parish of Chelmsford

Sharing Our Gifts

Spirit of Life C. McDade
Virtual Singers from FPC of Stow & Acton
and First Parish UU Chelmsford

Please check with your home congregation for how to make donations at this time.

*Thank you to the generous contributions that made today's service possible.
Thanks to your generosity we will be making a sizable donation to
the United Native American Cultural Center (UNACC) in Devens, MA.*

Sermon

The Land Remembers Paula Palmer, Co-Director
Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples
Friends Peace Team

Video

Boulder Indigenous People's Day 2018
Right Relationship Boulder Summary of the Day

Sermon Continued & Guided Meditation

Paula Palmer

Returning

Hymn #1017

Building a New Way

1. We are building a new way. We are building a new way.
We are building a new way, feeling stronger ev'ry day,
We are building a new way.
2. Peace and freedom is our cry. Peace and freedom is our cry.
Peace and freedom is our cry, Without these this world will die.
Peace and freedom is our cry.
3. (Repeated) We are building a new way. We are building a new way.
We are building a new way, feeling stronger ev'ry day,
We are building a new way.

Benediction

The Rev. Ellen Rowse Spero,
First Parish of Chelmsford

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

"Old French" and "Liberty"

trad. Contradance Tunes

GINNY, GRACE, and ANDREW BRIGGS

Unitarian Church of Marlborough and Hudson



Please join us for a virtual "coffee hour" following the postlude.

Questions for Coffee Hour Discussion:

- How does it feel to invite the experience of Native Peoples, past and present, into your way of experiencing the land?
- How might you consider this question through the lens of the Unitarian Universalist principles or of the religious values of integrity, equality, community, and sustainability?



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and all those who helped with this service.



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For more information on the United Native American Cultural Center <http://www.unacc.org/>