

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, November 22, 2020

10:00 AM

Gathering

Prelude

We Gather Together

A. Valerius
Sanghee Kim, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Rick Gentilmen, Stewardship Committee

Introduction to the 2021-2022 Stewardship Campaign

Rick Gentilmen

Call to Worship & Chalice Lighting

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Hymn #67 & #349

We Sing Now Together

Mike Pfitzer, voice

1. We sing now together in joyful thanksgiving,
acclaiming creation, whose bounty we share;
both sorrow and gladness we find now in our living,
we sing a hymn of praise to the life that we bear.
2. We sing of the prophets, the heroes, the dreamers,
teachers, creators, and workers, and seers;
the oppressed befriending, our gratitude unending,
their deeds have made immortal their days and their years.
3. We sing of community now in the making
in every far continent, region, and land;
with those of all races, all times and names and places,
we pledge ourselves in covenant firmly to stand.
4. We gather together to join in the journey,
confirming, committing our passage to be
a true affirmation, in joy and tribulation,
when bound to human care and hope--then we are free.

Sharing

Covenant

Rick Gentilmen, Rachelle Reisberg,
& Kate Imhoff, Stewardship Committee

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 AgesMichelle Coté,
Director of Religious Education**Testimonial**

Cece Braun

Joys and Sorrows**Prayer or Meditation****Exploring****Word Cloud Introduction**

What Does "Stewardship" Mean to You?
Enter a few words that you would use to define Stewardship

Please go to www.menti.com and enter the code 15 57 44 6

Video

by Mark Ewert

Word Cloud Results**Sharing Our Gifts***Grateful*J. Bucchino
Allie Whitfield, Soprano

This month we share our weekly offering with FPC's Guest Table.
Contributions will go to local food pantries.

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*FPC on the Side of Love* The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Invitation for Generosity Thanksgiving Theme from *A Charlie Brown Christmas* V. Guaraldi
Vince Guaraldi Trio

<http://fpc-stow-acton.org/stewardship-pledge>

Please pledge by December 22!

Returning

Hymn #1014

Answering the Call of Love

1. The promise of the Spirit: faith, hope and love abide.
And so ev'ry soul is blessed and made whole; the truth in our hearts is our guide.
Chorus: We are answering the call of love: hands joined together as hearts beat as one.
Emboldened by faith, we dare to proclaim we are answering the call of love.
2. Sometimes we build a barrier to keep love tightly bound.
Corrupted by fear, unwilling to hear, denying the beauty we've found.
3. A bright new day is dawning when love will not divide.
Reflections of grace in ev'ry embrace, fulfilling the vision divine.

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

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

J. Steurlein
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 our zoom helpers today: Laurie Proulx and Jenni Edgerton
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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