

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, June 26th, 2022, 10AM

"Life at the Intersections"

Hybrid Service (In the Sanctuary and on Zoom)

Welcome/Land Acknowledgement/Announcements Katy Weeks

Call to Worship "You Are Who I Love" by Aracelis Girmay Helen Ham

Chalice Lighting "A Spark of Hope" by Melanie Davis June McKnight

Opening Hymn #155 "Circle Round for Freedom" Song Leaders & Congregation

Circle 'round for freedom, circle 'round for peace,
for all of us imprisoned, circle for release,
circle for the planet, circle for each soul,
for the children of our children, keep the circle whole.

Covenant Congregation

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.

Reading Members of the Racial Justice Task Force and the Social Justice Committee
Excerpts from "In This Place (An American Lyric)" by Amanda Gorman

Responsive Song # 1053 "How Could Anyone Ever Tell You" Song Leaders & Congregation

How could anyone ever tell you,
you were anything less than beautiful?
How could anyone ever tell you
you were less than whole?
How could anyone fail to notice
that your loving is a miracle?
How deeply you're connected to my soul.

Joys and Sorrows Lisa Fagerstrom

Sharing Our Gifts

Katy Weeks

This summer we share our weekly offering with 3L Place, Cultivate Care Farm, & MARA (Maynard Anti-Racism Alliance).

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Pledges: attn: Pledge Secretary, PO Box 215, Stow MA 01775

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Offertory Hymn #168

“One More Step”

Song Leaders & Congregation

One more step,
we will take one more step,
‘til there is peace for us and everyone,
we’ll take one more step.

One more word,
we will say one more word,
‘til every word is heard by everyone,
we’ll say one more word.

One more prayer,
we will say one more prayer,
‘til every prayer is shared by everyone,
we’ll say one more prayer.

One more song,
we will sing one more song,
‘til every song is sung by everyone,
we’ll sing one more song.

Sermon

“Life at the Intersections”

Lisa Fagerstrom

Closing Hymn # 1014

“Answering the Call of Love”

Song Leaders & Congregation

The promise of the Spirit: faith, hope and love abide.
And, so every 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.

Sometimes we build a barrier to keep love tightly bound.
Corrupted by fear, unwilling to hear,
Denying the beauty we've found.

Chorus

A bright new day is dawning when love will not divide.
Reflections of grace in every embrace,
Fulfilling the vision divine.

Chorus

Benediction

Lisa Fagerstrom

Sung Benediction

Congregation

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 'til we meet again!

Thank you to our helpers today: Zoom host Sharon Brownfield & AV Coordinator Brad Dumont, our RJTF and Social Justice participants. And a special thank you to all of our staff.



*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
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