

**FIRST
PARISH
CHURCH OF
STOW &
ACTON**
*Unitarian
Universalist*

Sunday, May 2,
2021
10:00 AM

Gathering

Prelude

Fantasia in D-minor

J. Pachelbel

Sanghee Kim, organ

Welcome & Announcements

Ann Sadler, Nominating Committee

FPC Spring Auction Pajama Party Starting Soon!

Jen Atkins, Auction Committee

Call to Worship

The Day Unwritten

by Rev. Dr. David Breeden

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Chalice Lighting

A New Story Into Being...

by Rev. Dr. David Breeden

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Hymn #188

Come, Come, Whoever You Are

Mike Pfitzer, voice

Come, come, whoever you are,
wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving.
Ours is no caravan of despair.
Come, yet again come.

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

Marcia Rising, Lay Minister

Prayer or Meditation

by Rev. Douglas Taylor

Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Exploring

Introduction to Plate Sharing

Usha Thakrar, Executive Director

Boston Area Gleaners

Sharing Our Gifts

"We Tell Each Other Stories" from *Considering Matthew Shepard*

C.H. Johnson

Conspirare

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

Sermon

Story Part 1: Fiction and Legend

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Returning

Hymn #295

Sing Out Praises for the Journey

1. Sing out praises for the journey, pilgrims, we, who
carry on,
searchers in the soul's deep yearnings, like our
forebears in their time.

We seek out the spirit's wholeness in the endless
human quest.

2. Look inside, your soul's the kindling of the hearth fire
pilgrims knew.

Find the spirit, always restless, find it in each mind
and heart.

Touch and hold that ancient yearning, kindling for a
newfound truth.

3. Stand we now upon the threshold, facing futures yet
unknown.

Hearth behind us, wayside hostel built by those who
knew wild roads.

Guard we e'er their sacred embers carried in our
minds and hearts.

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

Dance Humoresque

D. Alexander

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 host today: Sharon Brownfield
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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