

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

Katy Weeks, President
Sharon Brownfield, Vice President
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