

**FIRST PARISH CHURCH  
OF STOW & ACTON**

Unitarian Universalist

**Sunday, August 16, 2020**

**10 AM**

**“Loss of Passion”**

**Presented by Janet Beatrice**

**Gathering**

**Prelude** Like a Stone

Cahalen Morrison & Eli West

performed by Quinci Sprague & Michael Merrill

**Welcome & Announcements**

Neil Saunders, Worship Committee

**Call to Worship**

Janet Beatrice

## **Chalice Lighting**

Embrace the Night

by Jennifer Gracen

Neil Saunders

## **Sharing**

### **Covenant and Affirmation**

Love is the spirit of this church,  
and service its law

From all that dwell below the skies  
let words of love and peace arise.  
This is our great covenant:

Let joyful songs of praise be sung,  
To dwell together in peace,

through every land, by every tongue.  
to seek the truth in love,  
and to help one another.

## **Joys and Sorrows**

Ingrid Holcomb, Lay Minister

## **Exploring**

## **Sharing Our Gifts**

For Real

Bob Franke

performed by Bob Franke

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This month we share our weekly  
offering with Bridges to Malawi,  
Degede Village Project, and Sheroes Hangout

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>

## **Reading**

Tao Te Ching

Verse 20

by Lau Tzu

(translated by Stephen Mitchell)

Janet Beatrice

## **Sermon**

Loss of Passion

Janet Beatrice

## **Returning**

## **Musical Interlude**

For the Sake of My Heart

Della Mae

performed by Quinci Sprague & Michael Merrill

## **Closing Words**

Excerpt from Kitchen Table Wisdom

by Rachel Naomi Remen

Janet Beatrice

### **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**

A Healing in This Night

Bob Franke

performed by Janet Beatrice

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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 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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Helen Ham, Clerk

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