

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON
Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, July 12, 2020
10:00 AM

Gathering

Prelude *Come into This Place* Ken Langer

Welcome & Announcements Aimee Ledwell, Worship Committee

Call to Worship *Let Us Gather* Ken Langer

Chalice Lighting *Let Our Flame Be a Beacon* Ken Langer

Hymn #186 *Grieve Not Your Heart*

1 Grieve not your heart for want of place, nor yearn for easy praise; but fit yourself some task to do, and well employ your days.

2 From wise and foolish both alike we should all try to learn, for one can show us how to live, the other what to spurn.

3 Be fair to people when they err, when good, your pleasure show; their faults be quick to understand, in judging them be slow.

4 But this above all else obey, it is the best of goals, what you would wish not done to you, do not to other souls.

Sharing

Covenant and Affirmation

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.

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.

Joys and Sorrows Ingrid Holcomb

Prayer and Meditation *Prayer of Purpose and Inner Fire* Tamara Lebak

Hymn # 184 *Be Ye Lamps Unto Yourselves*

Be ye lamps unto yourselves; be your own confidence;
hold to the truth within yourselves as to the only lamp.

Exploring

Readings	<i>Conversations with God: An Uncommon Dialogue</i>	Neale Donald Walsch
	<i>Leadership and the New Science</i>	Margaret J. Wheatley
	<i>Life, the Universe, and Everything</i>	Douglas Adams
Sharing Our Gifts	<i>Fill My Life</i>	Ken Langer

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

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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	<i>The Purpose Derived Life</i>	Ken Langer
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Returning

Hymn #288	<i>All Are Architects</i>
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1 All are architects of fate, working in these walls of time; some with massive deeds and great, some with ornaments of rhyme.

2 For the structure that we raise time is with materials filled; our todays and yesterdays are the blocks with which we build.

3 Build today, then, strong and sure, with a firm and ample base; and ascending and secure shall tomorrow find its place.

Benediction	<i>Go and Return</i>	Ken Langer
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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	<i>The Sacred</i>	Ken Langer
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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

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