

# FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

*Unitarian Universalist*

Sunday, July 26, 2020 10 AM

*"A Passion for Justice"*

Presented by FPC Racial Justice Task Force

## Gathering

**Prelude**

*We Are a Gentle, Angry People*

H. Near  
Sanghee Kim, piano

**Welcome & Announcements**

Neil Saunders, Worship Committee

**Call to Worship** *Breathe into Me the Courage to Make Something New* by Ted Loder Josh Ledwell

**Chalice Lighting**

*Quote from Fannie Lou Hamer*

Bill Dusett

**Hymn #346**

*Come Sing a Song with Me*

1 Come, sing a song with me, come, sing a song with me, come, sing a song with me, that I might know your mind.

(Chorus) And I'll bring you hope when hope is hard to find, and I'll bring a song of love and a rose in the wintertime.

2 Come, dream a dream with me, come, dream a dream with me, come, dream a dream with me, that I might know your mind. (Chorus)

3 Come, walk in rain with me, come, walk in rain with me, come, walk in rain with me, that I might know your mind. (Chorus)

4 Come, share a rose with me, come, share a rose with me, come, share a rose with me, that I might know your mind. (Chorus)

## 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, Lay Minister

**Meditation Reading**

*When Great Trees Fall* by Maya Angelou

Helen Ham

## Exploring

### **Sharing Our Gifts**

*A Song for George*

Sharon Webb & Lisa Fagerstrom

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**

*Quotes from John Lewis*

June McKnight

### **Sermon**

*What Now?*

Dr. Michelle Holmes,  
Associate Professor of Medicine, Brigham and Women’s Hospital

## Returning

### **Hymn #168**

*One More Step*

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

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

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

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

### **Benediction**

*Quote from John Lewis*

Lisa Fagerstrom

### **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**

*Festival Fanfare*

M. Mier  
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 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  
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