

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON
Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, June 6, 2021
10:00 AM

Gathering

Prelude

Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve

M.J.G. Eberling
arr. B. Kolodziej
Sanghee Kim, organ

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Chalice Lighting

Hymn #347

Gather the Spirit

Mike Pfitzer, voice

1. Gather the spirit, harvest the power. Our sep'rate fires will kindle one flame.
Witness the mystery of this hour. Our trials in this light appear all the same.
(Chorus) Gather in peace, gather in thanks. Gather in sympathy now and then.
Gather in hope, compassion and strength. Gather to celebrate once again.
2. Gather the spirit of heart and mind. Seeds for the sowing are laid in store.
Nurtured in love, and conscience refined, with body and spirit united once more.
(Chorus)
3. Gather the spirit growing in all, drawn by the moon and fed by the sun.
Winter to spring, and summer to fall, the chorus of life resounding as one. (Chorus)

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

Honoring Our Graduates

Michelle Coté,
Director of Religious Education

Finn Bouley
Rhia Chetwynd
Norah Francis
Sheena Grabarek

Rose Mallon
Alana Sinclair
Masha Schmitt

Blessing for Transitions

Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Joys and Sorrows

Marcia Rising, Lay Minister

Prayer or Meditation

Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Exploring

Sharing Our Gifts

Circle Game

J. Mitchell
Mike Pfitzer, voice

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Sermon

Transitions

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Returning

Hymn #354

We Laugh, We Cry

1. We laugh, we cry, we live, we die; we dance, we sing our song.
We need to feel there's something here to which we can belong.
We need to feel the freedom just to have some time alone.
But most of all we need close friends we can call our very own.
And we believe in life, and in the strength of love;
and we have found a need to be together.
We have our hearts to give, we have our thoughts to receive;
and we believe that sharing is an answer.
2. A child is born among us and we feel a special glow.
We see time's endless journey as we watch the baby grow.
We thrill to hear imagination freely running wild.
We dedicate our minds and heart to the spirit of this child.
And we believe in life, and in the strength of love;
and we have found a time to be together.
And with the grace of age, we share the wonder of youth,
and we believe that growing is an answer.
3. Our lives are full of wonder and our time is very brief.
The death of one among us fills us all with pain and grief.
But as we live, so shall we die, and when our lives are done
the memories we shared with friends, they will linger on and on.

And we believe in life, and in the strength of love;
and we have found a place to be together.
We have the right to grow, we have the gift to believe
that peace within our living is an answer.

4. We seek elusive answers to the questions of this life.
We seek to put an end to all the waste of human strife.
We search for truth, equality, and blessed peace of mind.
And then, we come together here, to make sense of what we find.
And we believe in life, and in the strength of love,
and we have found a joy being together.
And in our search for peace, maybe we'll finally see:
even to question, truly is an answer.

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

Waltz in D-flat Major, Op. 64, No. 1

F. Chopin
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 helpers today: Sharon Brownfield and Sheryl LaFayette
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
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Sanghee Kim, Organist/Pianist
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