

**FIRST PARISH  
CHURCH OF  
STOW &  
ACTON**  
*Unitarian  
Universalist*

Sunday, March 28, 2021  
10:00 AM

**Gathering**

**Prelude**

*Salut d'Amour*

E. Elgar

Sanghee Kim, piano

**Welcome & Announcements**

Ann Sadler

**Call to Worship**

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

**Chalice Lighting**

**Hymn #131**

## *Love Will Guide Us*

Mike Pfitzer, voice

1. Love will guide us, peace has tried us, hope inside us  
will lead the way  
on the road from greed to giving. Love will guide us  
through the hard night.
2. If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot speak  
before thousands,  
you can give from deep within you. You can change  
the world with your love.
3. Love will guide us, peace has tried us, hope inside us  
will lead the way  
on the road from greed to giving. Love will guide us  
through the hard night.

## **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**

Ingrid Holcomb, Lay Minister

## **Prayer or Meditation**

### **Exploring**

### **Sharing Our Gifts**

*How Can I Keep From Singing?*R. Lowry, arr. A. & M. Podd  
NYC Virtual Choir and Orchestra

This month we share our weekly offering with the Food Project.

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text to (978) 310-3309.

### **Sermon**

Stories of Commitment

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

## Returning

### Hymn #1028

#### *The Fire of Commitment*

1. From the light of days remembered burns a beacon  
bright and clear  
Guiding hands and hearts and spirits Into faith set  
free from fear.

Chorus: When the fire of commitment sets our mind  
and soul a blaze  
When our hunger and our passion meet to call  
us on our way  
When we live with deep assurance of the flame  
that burns within,  
Then our promise finds fulfillment and our future  
can begin.

2. From the stories of our living rings a song both brave  
and free,  
Calling pilgrims still to witness to the life of liberty.

3. From the dreams of youthful vision comes a new,  
prophetic voice,  
Which demands a deeper justice built by our  
courageous choice

## **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**

*Rondeau*

J. Mouret

Sanghee Kim, organ



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: Laurie Proulx & Jenni Edgerton

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

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