

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, March 7, 2021

10:00 AM

Gathering

Prelude *Trios No. 1 in G Minor & No. 6 in E-flat Major* J. Rheinberger
Sanghee Kim, organ

Welcome & Announcements Sharon Brownfield, Board Vice President
Call to Worship The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Chalice Lighting

Hymn #108 *My Life Flows On in Endless Song* Mike Pfitzer, voice

1. My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing!
2. What though the tempest 'round me roars, I know the truth, it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love prevails in heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing!
3. When tyrants tremble as they hear the bells of freedom ringing,
when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing!
To prison cell and dungeon vile our thoughts to them are winging;
when friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing!

Sharing

Covenant June McKnight & Linda Campo

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

Marcia Rising, Lay Minister

Prayer or Meditation

Exploring

Introduction to Plate Sharing

Anne Hayes
Executive Director, The Food Project

Sharing Our Gifts

“Seasons of Love” from *Rent*

J. Larson
First Unitarian Church of Baltimore Choir

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

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

or donate online at <https://fpc-stow-acton.org/donate> or by text to (978) 310-3309.

Sermon

One Year Later Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum, with
Rev. Charlotte Arsenault, Rev. Emily DeTar Birt, Rev. Caitlin Cotter Coillberg,
Rev. Jason Cook, Rev. Kevin W. Jagoe, Rev. Rica Kaufel, Rev. Sara LaWall,
Rev. Jim Magaw, Rev. Elizabeth Mount, and Rev. Amy Carol Webb

Video produced by Rev. Jason Cook

Returning

Hymn #1021

Lean on Me

1. Sometimes in our lives we all have pain, we all have sorrow.
But if we are wise we know that there's always tomorrow.

Chorus: Lean on me when you're not strong
and I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on,
For it won't be long 'til I'm gonna need somebody to lean on.
Just call on me brother when you need a hand.
We all need somebody to lean on.
I just might have a problem that you'd understand.
We all need somebody to lean on.

2. Please swallow your pride if I have things you need to borrow,
For no one can fill those of your needs that you won't let show.
3. If there is a load you have to bear that you can't carry,
I'm right up the road, I'll share your load if you just call me.

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

The Little Wanderers, Op. 78, No. 2

G. Lange
Sanghee Kim, piano



Those who are on Zoom may remain
for a virtual "coffee hour" following the postlude.

Thank you to our helpers today: Susan Avery
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
Joleen Trotta, Welcoming & Membership Coordinator
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