

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

Sunday, May 16,
2021
10:00 AM

Gathering

Prelude

Picardy (French Folk Tune)

arr. C. Callahan

Sanghee Kim, organ

Welcome & Announcements

Dr. Mike Pfitzer, Director of Music

Call to Worship

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Chalice Lighting

Hymn #51

Lady of the Seasons' Laughter

Mike Pfitzer, voice

1. Lady of the seasons' laughter, in the summer's warmth be
near;
when the winter follows after, teach our spirits not to fear.
Hold us in your steady mercy, Lady of the turning year.
2. Sister of the evening starlight, in the falling shadows stay
here among us till the far light of tomorrow's dawning ray.
Hold us in your steady mercy, Lady of the turning day.
3. Mother of the generations, in whose love all life is worth
everlasting celebrations, bring our labors safe to birth.
Hold us in your steady mercy, Lady of the turning earth.
4. Goddess of all times' progression, stand with us when we
engage
hands and hearts to end oppression, writing history's fairer
page.
Hold us in your steady mercy, Lady of the turning age.

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

Here's the Story... of RE!

RE Committee

Joys and Sorrows

Marcia Rising, Lay Minister

Prayer or Meditation

Exploring

Sharing Our Gifts

Great Things

arr. V. Labenske

Sanghee Kim, piano

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Sermon

Story: Personal and

Community Narrative

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Returning

Hymn #1051

We Are

Dr. Ysaye Barnwell & UUA General Assembly 2020 virtual choir

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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

Uptown Jazz

L. Clarke

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 Zoom host today, Sharon Brownfield
and all those who helped with this service,
and to our staff, board, and other leaders.



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

Katy Weeks, President

Sharon Brownfield, Vice President

Bill Froberg, Treasurer

Helen Ham, Clerk

First Parish is a Unitarian

Universalist Association

Welcoming Congregation.

We warmly welcome gay,

lesbian, bisexual, and

transgender people into

our community.

On the web at fpc-stow-acton.org and on

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