

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

This month we share our weekly offering with Boston Area Gleaners.

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SermonStory: Personal and
Community Narrative

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Returning**Hymn #1051***We Are*Dr. Ysaÿe Barnwell
& UUA General Assembly 2020 virtual choir

Produced and Directed by Benjie Messer. Video Editing and Motion Graphics by Izzy Hyman.

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Paul Becker, Janine Gelsinger, and contributed by members of the 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.



*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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