

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, November 1, 2020

10:00 AM

Gathering

Prelude: *Ich ruf' zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ*, J.S. Bach
Sanghee Kim, organ

Welcome & Announcements: Ann Sadler

Call to Worship: The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Chalice Lighting

Hymn #103: *For All the Saints*, Mike Pfitzer, voice

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name most holy be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Thou wast their rock, their shelter, and their might;
their strength and solace in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness deep their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. O blest communion of the saints divine!
We live in struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia!
Alleluia!

4. And when the strife is fierce, the conflict long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sharing

Covenant: Ilene Rudman, Committee on Ministry Member

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: *Invisible String* by Patrice Karst
Michelle Coté, Director of Religious Education

Joys and Sorrows: Marcia Rising, Lay Minister

Prayer or Meditation

Hymn #336: *All My Memories of Love*

1. All my memories of love hang upon high stars.
All the souls I've lost to tears now the autumn jars;
and the air around me here thickens with their song;

sing again their nameless tunes, sing again, and strong.

2. Willows in September touch the water clear,
set among the rushes tall of the flowing year.
Rising up from sunlit past comes the shadowed sigh
running toward me silently, love to fortify.
3. Many are the graceful hearts hung upon this tree.
And it seems there's room for mine on these branches
free;
and the sky above the tree, whether wet or bright,
is my ease and comforting, my good news and light.

Exploring

Altar of Remembrance

Sharing Names of Those Who Have Gone Before

Blessing and Dedication

Sharing Our Gifts: “In Remembrance” from *Requiem*,
E. Daley, FPC Driveway Choir

This month we share our weekly offering with FPC’s Guest Table.

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attn: Pledge Secretary, PO Box 215, Stow MA 01775

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or donate online at <https://fpc-stow-acton.org/donate>

Reflections: *Memories of Love*

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Returning

Hymn #206: *Amazing Grace*

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
was blind but now I see.
2. Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!
3. Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
4. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

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: *Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart*, H. Smith
Sanghee Kim, piano



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

Thank you to our helpers today, Kim and Karen Kinnear,
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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