

# FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

*Unitarian Universalist*

Sunday, October 25, 2020

10:00 AM

## Gathering

**Prelude**

*Trio in E♭ Major*

J. Rheinberger  
Sanghee Kim, organ

**Welcome & Announcements**

Rebecca Stadolnik

**Call to Worship**

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

**Chalice Lighting**

**Hymn**

*Shine On Me*

Melanie DeMore, vocal activist

## Sharing

**Covenant**

Peace Vigil Participants

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**

*This Is My Song*

J. Sibelius  
Mike Pfitzer & Kendall Square Orchestra,  
Elena Spencer, President

This month we share our weekly offering with UU Mass Action

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

### **Sermon**

*Values and Democracy* The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

## **Returning**

### **Hymn #1028**

*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**

*Autumn Leaves*

J. Kosma  
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 our helpers today: Susan Avery Sharon Brownfield & Lee Coopriders,  
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  
Janet Beatrice, External Publicity

Katy Weeks, President  
Sharon Brownfield, Vice President  
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