

**FIRST PARISH
CHURCH OF STOW
& ACTON**

Unitarian Universalist

**Sunday, September 20, 2020
10:00 AM**

Gathering

Prelude

Songs without words op.19 no.1 F. Mendelssohn

Sanghee Kim, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Ann Sadler

Call to Worship

“On Claiming the Time for Renewal” by Gretchen Haley

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Chalice Lighting

“Spilling the Light” by Theresa I. Soto

Ilene Rudman

Hymn #12

O Life That Maketh All Things New

Mike Pfitzer, voice

1. O Life that maketh all things new, the blooming earth, our thoughts within,
our pilgrim feet, wet with thy dew, in gladless hither turn again.
2. From hand to hand the greeting flows, from eye to eye the signals run,
from heart to heart the bright hope glows, the seekers of the light are one:

3. One in the freedom of the truth, one in the joy of paths untrod,
one in the soul's perennial youth, one in the larger thought of God;
4. The freer step, the fuller breath, the wide horizon's grander view,
the sense of life that knows no death, the Life that maketh all things new.

Sharing

The Wickham/Marble Family

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

Michelle Coté, Director of Religious Education

Joys and Sorrows

Marcia Rising, Lay Minister

Prayer or Meditation

Exploring

Sharing Our Gifts

We Shall Be Known

MaMuse

“How We Thrive” Virtual Choir

Unitarian Universalist Association

This month we share our weekly offering with Supporting Asylum Seekers

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

We also invite you to donate by text to (978) 310-3309;

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

Sermon

Renewal and Repair

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Returning

Hymn #216

Hashiveinu

Translation:

Ha-shi-vei-nu, ha-shi-vei-nu,

A-do-nai ei-le-cha.

ve-na-shu-va, ve-na-shu-va.

Cha-deish, cha-deish ya-mei-nu ke-ke-dem.

Turn us back, turn us back,

O Lord to You,

and we shall be turned, we shall be turned.

Renew, renew our days as before.

Benediction

“Rosh Hashana Benediction”

by Amy Zucker Morgenstern

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

Lobe den Herren

M. Drischner

Sanghee Kim, organ



Thank you to Katy Weeks, Jenni Edgerton,
and Brendon Chetwyn for technical support,
and to our volunteers for today's service.

Thank you also to our staff, board, and other leaders.

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



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