

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, March 29, 2020

10:00 AM

Gathering

Prelude

Song of Hope

B. Hakansan
Sanghee Kim, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Ann Sadler, Board of Trustees

Call to Worship

The Rev. Walter LeFlore

Chalice Lighting

Neil Saunders

Hymn #6

Just As Long As I Have Breath

Mike Pfitzer, voice

1. Just as long as I have breath, I must answer, "Yes," to life;
though with pain I made my way, still with hope I meet each day.
If they ask what I did well, tell them I said, "Yes," to life.
2. Just as long as vision lasts, I must answer, "Yes," to truth;
in my dream and in my dark, always that elusive spark.
If they ask what I did well, tell them I said, "Yes," to truth.
3. Just as long as my heart beats, I must answer, "Yes," to love;
disappointment pierced me through, still I kept on loving you.
If they ask what I did best, tell them I said, "Yes," to love.

Sharing

Covenant and Affirmation

Joleen Trotta

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.

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

Hector Constantzos and Ingrid Holcomb,
Lay Ministers

Prayer or Meditation

The Rev. Walter LeFlore

Hymn #295

Sing Out Praises for the Journey

4. Sing out praises for the journey, pilgrims, we, who carry on,
searchers in the soul's deep yearnings, like our forebears in their time.
We seek out the spirit's wholeness in the endless human quest.
5. Look inside, your soul's the kindling of the hearth fire pilgrims knew.
Find the spirit, always restless, find it in each mind and heart.
Touch and hold that ancient yearning, kindling for a newfound truth.
6. Stand we now upon the threshold, facing futures yet unknown.
Hearth behind us, wayside hostel built by those who knew wild roads.
Guard we e'er their sacred embers carried in our minds and hearts.

Exploring

Reading #529

The Stream of Life

by Rabindranath Tagore
Susie O'Brien

Sharing Our Gifts

Mike Pfitzer, voice

The Oneness of Everything

J. Scott
Sanghee Kim, piano

Introduction to the Offering

Ann Sadler, Board of Trustees

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>

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353 Great Road, Stow, MA 01775 or placed in the church mailbox.

Sermon

The First Shall Be Last and the Last First

The Rev. Walter LeFlore

Returning

Hymn #318

We Would Be One

1. We would be one as now we join in singing
our hymn of love, to pledge ourselves anew
to that high cause of greater understanding
of who we are, and what in us is true.
We would be one in living for each other
to show to all a new community.

2. We would be one in building for tomorrow
a nobler world than we have known today.
We would be one in searching for that meaning
which bends our hearts and points us on our way.
As one, we pledge ourselves to greater service,
with love and justice, strive to make us free.

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

All Things Bright and Beautiful

arr. A. L. Page
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 all those who helped with this service,
including our Zoom helpers Kim and Karen Kinnear, Hector Constantzos, and Ingrid Holcomb,
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
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