

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, November 8, 2020

10:00 AM

Gathering

Prelude: *Prelude in C Major* from *Eight Little Preludes and Fugues*, J.S. Bach, Sanghee Kim, organ

Welcome & Announcements: Rachelle Reisberg,
Stewardship Committee

Call to Worship: *The Old Threads Are Unraveling* by
Julia Meyers, The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Chalice Lighting

Hymn #357: *Bright Morning Stars*, Quinci Sprague &
Michael Merrill

1. Bright morning stars are rising.
Bright morning stars are rising.
Bright morning stars are rising.
Day is a-breaking in my soul.
2. Oh, where are our dear mothers?
Oh, where are our dear mothers?
Oh, where are our dear mothers?
Day is a-breaking in my soul.

3. They are sowing seeds of gladness.
They are sowing seeds of gladness.
They are sowing seeds of gladness.
Day is a-breaking in my soul.
4. Oh, where are our dear fathers?
Oh, where are our dear fathers?
Oh, where are our dear fathers?
Day is a-breaking in my soul.
5. They are in the fields a-plowing.
They are in the fields a-plowing.
They are in the fields a-plowing.
Day is a-breaking in my soul.

Sharing

Covenant FPC Members at Boon Lake

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.

Testimonial

Message for All Ages: *Superheroes Are Everywhere* by Kamala Harris

Recognition of Veterans

Reflection on Change and Joy: The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Joys and Sorrows Hector Constantzos, Lay Leader

Prayer or Meditation

Music for Meditation: *Alleluia Chant* Based on Westminster Chimes, arr. G.T. Rideout, ed. Prod. Mike Halerz, Chalice Singers, First UU Congregation of Ann Arbor, MI

Exploring

Reading: *V'ahavta* by Aurora Levins Morales

Sharing Our Gifts : *Autumn Glow*, M. Mier, Sanghee Kim, Piano

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

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: *What's Next?*, The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Returning

Hymn #157: *Step by Step the Longest March*, Mike Pfitzer, Voice

Step by step the longest march can be won, can be won.
Many stones can form an arch, singly none, singly none.
And by union, what we will can be accomplished still;
drops of water turn a mill, singly none, singly none.

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: *Valse Op. 64, No. 1*, F. Chopin, 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 Kim & 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

Joleen Trotta, Welcoming & Membership Coordinator

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