

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON
Unitarian Universalist

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021
10:00 AM

Gathering

Prelude

Let Everything That Has Breath

M. Redman
Sanghee Kim, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Introit

"Tutti Fior" from *Madame Butterfly* G. Puccini
Erin Merceruio Nelson, soprano & Caitlin Felsman, mezzo-soprano
Opera on Tap Boston

Call to Worship

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Chalice Lighting

Hymn #203

All Creatures of the Earth and Sky

1. All creatures of the earth and sky,
come, kindred, lift your voices high, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beam,
soft shining moon with silver gleam: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
2. Swift rushing wind so wild and strong,
white clouds that sail in heav'n along, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Fair rising morn in praise rejoice,
high stars of evening find a voice: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
3. Cool flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for all life to hear, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Dance, flame of fire, so strong and bright,
and bless us with your warmth and light: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
4. Embracing earth, you, day by day,
bring forth your blessings on our way,
Alleluia, Alleluia! All herbs and fruits that richly grow,
let them the glory also show: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Covenant

FPC Members

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.

Remembering the Sorrow

Sharing of Sorrows

Marcia Rising, Lay Minister

In Memoriam

Memory

Yiruma
Sanghee Kim, piano

Prayer or Meditation

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Hymn #61

Lo, the Earth Awakes Again

1. Lo, the earth awakes again--Alleluia!
From the winter's bond and pain. Alleluia!
Bring we leaf and flower and spray--Alleluia!
to adorn this happy day. Alleluia!
2. Once again the word comes true, Alleluia!
All the earth shall be made new. Alleluia!
Now the dark, cold days are o'er, Alleluia!
Spring and gladness are before. Alleluia!
3. Change, then, mourning into praise, Alleluia!
And, for dirges, anthems raise. Alleluia!
How our spirits soar and sing, Alleluia!
How our hearts leap with the spring! Alleluia!

Awakening to Joy

Sermon

Embracing the Alleluias The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Sharing Our Gifts

Alleluia

R. Thompson
FPC Adult Choir

Children are especially encouraged to join us for the next portion of the service.

This month we share our weekly offering with the Southeast India Project.

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Pledges: attn: Pledge Secretary, PO Box 215, Stow MA 01775
Donations: attn: Treasurer, 353 Great Rd, Stow MA 01775
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Message for All Ages

Michelle Coté,
Director of Religious Education

Sharing Joys and Hallelujahs

Marcia Rising, Lay Minister

Virtual Egg Hunt

Yonder Come Day

trad. Spiritual, arr. C. Hardin
FPC Virtual Choir

Returning

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.

Community Singing

“Hallelujah” from Messiah

G.F. Handel
FPC Driveway Choir
Sanghee Kim, organ



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 & Jenni Edgerton
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.
On the web at fpc-stow-acton.org &
on Facebook*

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum, Minister
Michelle Cote, Director of Religious Education
Deedee Perkins, Parish Administrator
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