

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, June 21, 2020

10:00 AM

Today's Service is produced by the **FPC Supporting Asylum Seekers** Social Justice group.

Gathering

Prelude

Song of Hope

Hakansan, B.
Sanghee Kim, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Marion Scott & Rick Gentilman

Call to Worship : Chalice Lighting

Steve Evans

#459, "This is the mission of our faith," by Rev. William F. Schulz

This is the mission of our faith: To teach the fragile art of hospitality;
To revere both the critical mind and the generous heart;
To prove that diversity need not mean divisiveness;
And to witness to all that we must hold the whole world in our hands.

Covenant and Affirmation

Marion Scott

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.

Stories from the Heart, for All Ages

Mary Evans, Diane Miller, Laurie Proulx

Prayer or Meditation Reading

Roy and Diane Miller

Warsan Shire: "Home"

Joys and Sorrows

Katy Weeks

Sharing Our Gifts

Marion Scott

This month we share our weekly offering with Degede Village Project, Sheroes Hangout, and Bridges to Malawi.

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>

Offertory Hymn

This is My Song (with Kendall Square Orchestra)

Mike Pfitzer

Sermon:

Asylum Seeker Stories, Introductions by Susie O’Brien

- ★ Yanneth Bermudez Camp, Esq. will speak of the challenges for Asylum seekers.
- ★ Meredith Geraghty and Juan Antonio Samayoa recount their personal experience helping their niece and nephew escape violence in El Salvador.

Benediction

Norman Vincent Peale

Roy Miller

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.



Those who are on Zoom may remain for a virtual “coffee hour” following the Benediction.
If you’re in the “drive-in church”, honk and wave to each other!

The Supporting Asylum Seekers group is an active part of the Social Justice work of FPC. We work to support asylum seekers and refugees, who seek a safe home in our surrounding communities. At FPC "We commit to courageously build a caring and just world" and this is one way we do it.

There are an increasing number of refugees in the world, due to the disruptive forces of war, religious and gender persecution, climate change, violence, and other causes. We act here and now, and on a wide scale and long term to change the causes of emigration. We have allied with the Metrowest Immigrant Support Network, to support local families in need, and coordinate with UU Mass Action for direct support and to work for political change. We have provided food, funds, transportation, accompaniment, English language lessons, and volunteer labor for Immigrant families during the year and then during the pandemic. We have recently been asked by MISN if we would focus our help toward a particular young local family, and we have agreed, and look forward to the congregation's help to build a closer relationship with them.



*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
Whitney Granger, Sexton
Paul Spanagel, Youth Coordinator
Janet Beatrice, External Publicity

Katy Weeks, President
Sharon Brownfield, Vice President
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