

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, February 21, 2021

10:00 AM

Gathering

Prelude

“Prelude in F Major” from *8 Preludes and Fugues*

J. S. Bach
Sanghee Kim, organ

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Chalice Lighting

Hymn #168

One More Step

Mike Pfitzer, voice

1. One more step, we will take one more step,
'til there is peace for us and everyone, we'll take one more step.
2. One more word, we will say one more word,
'til every word is heard by everyone, we'll say one more word.
3. One more prayer, we will say one more prayer,
'til every prayer is shared by everyone, we'll say one more prayer.
4. One more song, we will sing one more song,
'til every song is sung by everyone, we'll sing one more song.

Sharing

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

Freedom on the Menu

by Carol Boston Weatherford
Michelle Coté,
Director of Religious Education

Joys and Sorrows

Ingrid Holcomb, Lay Minister

Prayer or Meditation

Exploring

Sharing Our Gifts

“Is This America” from the opera
This Little Light of Mine

C. Carter
Brianna J. Robinson, soprano
Opera on Tap Boston

This month we share our weekly offering with the UU Urban Ministry.

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Sermon

*Civil Rights
History and Today*

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Returning

Hymn

“Let Justice Roll Down”

A. Vance/Avenida Music
Lea Morris, vocals

1. There is no freedom, the wise man said. Let justice roll down, roll down.
When the poor cry out for shelter and bread: Let justice roll down like a mighty stream.

Chorus: Oh children, don’t you get weary. Walk together. Believe in the dream.
When the way get’s rough we’ll make a new way.
Let justice [your love, peace, justice] roll down like a mighty stream.
2. Hatred will never drive out hate. Let love roll down, roll down.
Remember our heart can make us great.
Let love roll down like a might stream.
(Chorus)
3. When brutality threatens our daughters and sons: Let peace roll down, roll down.
May our voices rise up louder than the guns: Let peace roll down like a mighty stream.
(Chorus)

4. Step by step, one by one: Let justice roll down, roll down.
They can kill the prophet but the dream lives on:
Let justice roll down like a mighty stream. (Chorus)

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

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

D. Akers
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: Sharon Brownfield & Sheryl LaFayette
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
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Sanghee Kim, Organist/Pianist
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