

**FIRST
PARISH
CHURCH OF
STOW & ACTON**
*Unitarian
Universalist*

**“Hope Leading to
Action Redux”
Sunday, January 3,
2021
10:00 AM**

Gathering

Prelude

Prelude in C Major

J. S. Bach

Sanghee Kim, organ

Welcome & Announcements

Kirsten Chetwynd, Small Group Ministry

Introit

Yonder Come Day

Georgia Sea Islands Spiritual

Joint Summer Service Choir

Mike Pfitzer, Director

Call to Worship

Neil Saunders, Worship Committee

Chalice Lighting

Grounding in Our Faith

by Alice Anachecka-Naseman

Aimeé Ledwell

Hymn #346

Come Sing a Song with Me

1 Come, sing a song with me, come, sing a song with me, come, sing a song with me, that I might know your mind.

(Chorus) And I'll bring you hope when hope is hard to find, and I'll bring a song of love and a rose in the wintertime.

2 Come, dream a dream with me, come, dream a dream with me, come, dream a dream with me, that I might know your mind. (Chorus)

3 Come, walk in rain with me, come, walk in rain with me, come, walk in rain with me, that I might know your mind. (Chorus)

4 Come, share a rose with me, come, share a rose with me, come, share a rose with me, that I might know your mind. (Chorus)

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

The Shepherd's Dream

Aimeé Ledwell

Joys and Sorrows

Marcia Rising, Lay Minister

Prayer & Meditation

Each Breath by the Rev. Leaf Seligman

Neil Saunders

Exploring

Sharing Our Gifts

Tomorrow

by Kate and Justin Miner

Virtual Choir from UUA General Assembly

This month we share our weekly offering with RIA House

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Reading

The Gates of Hope

by the Rev. Victoria Safford

Aimeé Ledwell

Sermon

Hope Leading to Action Reprised

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia Landrum

Returning

Hymn #146

Soon the Day Will Arrive

Joint Summer Service Choir

1. Soon the day will arrive when we will be together,
and no longer will we live in fear.
And the children will smile without wondering whether
on that day thunderclouds will appear.

(Chorus) Wait and see, wait and see what a world there can be
if we share, if we care, you and me.
Wait and see, wait and see what a world there can be
if we share, if we care, you and me.

2. Some have dreamed, some have died to make a bright
tomorrow,
and our vision remains in our hearts.
Now the torch must be passed with new hope, not in
sorrow,
and a promise to make a new start. (Chorus)

Benediction

Neil Saunders

Sung Benediction

Mike Pfitzer, Voice

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

The Heart of Worship

J. S. Bach

Sanghee Kim, piano



Those who are on Zoom may remain
for a virtual “coffee hour” following the postlude.

Thank you to our helpers today: Katy Weeks & 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*

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
Janet Beatrice, External Publicity

Katy Weeks, President
Sharon Brownfield, Vice President
Bill Froberg, Treasurer
Helen Ham, Clerk

*transgender people into
our community.*

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