

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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or donate online at <https://fpc-stow-acton.org/donate>

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 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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