

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

**Sunday,
January 17,
2021
10:00 AM**

Gathering

Prelude

Percussion Improvisation

Matt Meyer

Welcome & Announcements

Sue Stewart, Small Group Ministry

Call to Worship

Matt Meyer

Chalice Lighting

Trisha Guditz, Worship Committee

Hymn

Blessed Motion

Annie Zylstra

I believed in solid ground until I saw the earth in motion,
in the winds of steady change and in the ever-rolling ocean.

All moves on in perfect, perfect motion.

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

Desmond Gets Free

Matt Meyer

Joys and Sorrows

Marcia Rising, Lay Minister

Prayer & Meditation

Prayer for Protection

by the Rev. Elizabeth Nguyen

Matt Meyer

Hymn

The People Will Rise

Nelini Stamp

The people will rise (6x)

Why are we in this situation that brings us down.

Can't you see we are losing patience with oppression now.

We have come to raise our voices for the broken down.

You and me, we will stand together on common ground.

Exploring

Reading

The Song at the Sea

Matt Meyer

Sharing Our Gifts

Ozi V'zimrat Yah

Matt Meyer

This month we share our weekly offering with RIA House

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

Sermon

Before the Song at the Sea

Matt Meyer

Returning

Hymn

More Waters Rising

Saro Lynch-Thomason

There are more waters rising, This I know, This I know.

There are more waters rising, This I know.

There are more waters rising, They will find their way to me.

There are more waters rising, This I know.

There are more fires burning...

There are more mountains falling...

I will wade through the waters... When they find their way to me...

I will walk through the fires...

I will rebuild the mountains...

Benediction

Matt Meyer

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

Percussion Improvisation

Matt Meyer



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 & Laurie Proulx
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

Janet Beatrice, External Publicity

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