

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON
Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, January 17, 2021
10:00 AM

Gathering

Prelude	<i>Percussion Improvisation</i>	Matt Meyer
Welcome & Announcements		Sue Stewart, Small Group Ministry
Call to Worship		Matt Meyer
Chalice Lighting		Trisha Guditz, Worship Committee
Hymn	<i>Blessed Motion</i>	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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