

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist

Sunday, October 11, 2020

10:00 AM

Gathering

Prelude

Nocturne, Op. 9, No. 2

F. Chopin
Sanghee Kim, piano

Welcome & Announcements

Neil Saunders, Worship Committee

Call to Worship & Chalice Lighting

Sana Saeed, Central East Region
Congregational Life Staff, UUA

Hymn #1017

Building a New Way

Amanda Thomas, Music Director,
Second Unitarian Church of Chicago

1. We are building a new way. We are building a new way.
We are building a new way, feeling stronger ev'ry day, We are building a new way.
2. We are working to be free. We are working to be free.
We are working to be free, hate and greed and jealousy. We are working to be free.
3. We can feed our every need. We can feed our ev'ry need.
We can feed our ev'ry need, Start with love, that is the seed. We can feed our ev'ry need.
4. Peace and freedom is our cry. Peace and freedom is our cry.
Peace and freedom is our cry, Without these this world will die. Peace and freedom is our cry.

Sharing

Covenant

Ingrid Holcomb & Neil Saunders

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 Story of
Frances Ellen
Watkins Harper*

Christina Rivera, Aisha Hauser &
Michael Tino, Lead Ministry Team,
Church of the Larger Fellowship

Joys and Sorrows

Hector Constantzos, Lay Minister

Exploring

Updates on UU the Vote

Ingrid Holcomb

Sharing Our Gifts

Grace and Mercy

Amanda Thomas, Music Director,
Second Unitarian Church of Chicago

This month we share our weekly offering with UU Mass Action

Checks may be made to “First Parish Church” and sent to the Church at:

Pledges: attn: Pledge Secretary, PO Box 215, Stow MA 01775

Donations: attn: Treasurer, 353 Great Rd, Stow MA 01775

We also invite you to donate by text to (978) 310-3309;
or donate online at <https://fpc-stow-acton.org/donate>

Homily

The Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray
President, Unitarian Universalist Association

Returning

Hymn #131

Love Will Guide Us

Amanda Thomas, Music Director,
Second Unitarian Church of Chicago

1. Love will guide us, peace has tried us, hope inside us will lead the way
on the road from greed to giving. Love will guide us through the hard night.
2. If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot speak before thousands,
you can give from deep within you. You can change the world with your love.
3. Love will guide us, peace has tried us, hope inside us will lead the way
on the road from greed to giving. Love will guide us through the hard night.

Closing Prayer

Rev. Mykal Slack, Community Minister for
Worship and Spiritual Care,
Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism

Benediction

Rev. Meg Riel and Charles Du Monde,
Co-Moderators, UUA Board of Trustees

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

America the Beautiful

Carl Kennedy, 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 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

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

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