

**FIRST PARISH
CHURCH OF STOW
& ACTON**

Unitarian Universalist

**Sunday, September 27, 2020
10:00 AM**

Gathering

Prelude

Fantasia

J. Pachelbel

Sanghee Kim, organ

Welcome & Announcements

Deb O'Connell, Board Trustee

Call to Worship

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Chalice Lighting

Michelle Côté

Director of Religious Education

Hymn #114

Forward Through the Ages

1. Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine:
gifts in differing measure, hearts of one accord,
manifold the service, one the sure reward.
Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine.
2. Wider grows the vision, realm of love and light;
for it we must labor, till our faith is sight.
Prophets have proclaimed it, martyrs testified,
poets sung its glory, heroes for it died.
Forward through the ages, in unbroken line,
move the faithful spirits at the call divine.

Sharing

Covenant and Affirmation

Michelle Coté Director of Religious Education

Mike Pfitzer, Voice

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.

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

Our Acton Universalist Heritage

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Rev. Dr. Cynthia Landrum

Recognition of Jim Isenberg, Our Universalist Heritage Member

Joys and Sorrows

Ingrid Holcomb, Lay Minister

Prayer or Meditation

Sharing Our Gifts

Two Hundred Thirty

P.F. Page

Sanghee Kim, piano

This month we share our weekly offering with Supporting Asylum Seekers

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>

250th Universalism Day!

Message for All Ages

The John Murray Song

Words: Rev. Eugene Navias,

sung to *My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean*

Mike Pfitzer, voice

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| 1. John Murray sailed over
the ocean.
From England he sailed
o’er the sea.
He’d just lost his wife
and his baby, | 3. The wind kept his ship on
the sandbar,
John Murray was true to
his word.
With a sermon on godly
forgiveness, |
|---|--|

And he was as sad as
could be.

Universalist teaching was
heard.

Chorus:

Sail on, Sail on,
Sail on, John Murray, sail
on, sail on.
Sail on, sail on,
Sail on, John Murray, sail
on.

Chorus: Preach on, preach
on...

2. The ship he was on hit a
sandbar,
The wind left his boat in
the lurch.
On landing he met
Thomas Potter
Who asked him to preach
at his church.

Chorus: Go on, go on...

Reading

Excerpts from the Sermon Delivered at the Rev. I.C. Knowlton

Dedication of the Christian Church (Universalist)

in South Acton, Mass., Feb. 21, 1878

Sermon

Universalism Then and Now

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Returning

Hymn #118

This Little Light of Mine

1. This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (sing three times)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
2. Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine...
3. Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine..

Benediction #704

by Rev. John Murray

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

Love

C.H. Gabriel Sanghee Kim, 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 our zoom and tech helpers: Laurie Proulx, Susan
Avery, and Mike Pfitzer,
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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