

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 Côté
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
sung to *My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean*

Words: Rev. Eugene Navias,
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,
And he was as sad as could be. | 3. The wind kept his ship on the sandbar,
John Murray was true to his word.
With a sermon on godly forgiveness,
Universalist teaching was heard. |
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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
Dedication of the Christian Church (Universalist)
in South Acton, Mass., Feb. 21, 1878

Rev. I.C. Knowlton

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
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Sharon Brownfield, Vice President
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