

## **“The Land Remembers”**

*a joint service of*

Brighton Allston Congregational Church, UCC

First Parish Church of Berlin

First Parish Church of Groton

First Parish Church of Stow & Acton Unitarian Universalist

First Parish Church United, Westford

First Parish in Framingham Unitarian Universalist

First Parish of Chelmsford Unitarian Universalist

Unitarian Church of Marlborough and Hudson

*with the*

Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples

Friends Peace Team

**Sunday, Nov. 15, 2020**

**10:00 AM**

## **Gathering**

### **Prelude**

*This Is My Father's World*

F.L. Sheppard

Sanghee Kim, piano

First Parish Church of Stow & Acton

### **Welcome & Call to Worship**

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

First Parish Church of Stow and Acton

### **Chalice Lighting**

The Rev. Elea Kemler

First Parish Church of Groton

### **Naming the History of This Land**

Statement from

First Parish Church of Stow and Acton

### **Hymn #160**

*Far Too Long by Fear Divided*

Mike Pfitzer, voice

First Parish Church of Stow and Acton

1. Far too long, by fear divided, we have settled with the  
sword  
quarrels which should be decided by the reconciling word.
2. Now the nations are united, though as yet in name alone,  
and the distant goal is sighted which the prophet souls have  
shown.
3. May, at least, we cease from warring, barriers of hate  
remove,  
and, earth's riches freely sharing, found the dynasty of love.

### **Sharing**

### **Covenant**

*Combined from the Marlborough & Hudson,  
Framingham, and Stow & Acton, Churches*

Love is the spirit of this church,  
The quest for truth is its sacrament,  
and service is its prayer.  
This is our great covenant:

To dwell together in peace,  
to seek knowledge in freedom  
to seek the truth in love,  
and to help one another  
to the end that all souls shall grow  
into harmony with the divine.

### **Message for All Ages**

Rev. Nikira Hernandez-Evans

Brighton Allston Congregational Church, UCC

### **Prayer or Meditation**

Rev. Aaron Stockwell

First Parish in Framingham, Unitarian Universalist

### **Exploring**

### **Reading**

*Even After Everything*

by Robin Wall Kimmerer

*Onondaga*

The Rev. Alice Anacheke-Naseman

Unitarian Church of Marlborough and Hudson

**Introduction to the Offering**

The Rev. Ellen Rowse Spero,

First Parish of Chelmsford

**Sharing Our Gifts**

*Spirit of Life*

C. McDade

Virtual Singers from FPC of Stow & Acton

and First Parish UU Chelmsford

Please check with your home congregation

for how to make donations at this time.

*Thank you to the generous contributions*

*that made today's service possible.*

*Thanks to your generosity we will be*

*making a sizable donation to  
the United Native American Cultural Center  
(UNACC) in Devens, MA.*

## **Sermon**

*The Land Remembers*

Paula Palmer, Co-Director

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## **Video**

*Boulder Indigenous People's Day 2018*

*Right Relationship Boulder Summary of the Day*

Sermon Continued & Guided Meditation

Paula Palmer

## **Returning**

## **Hymn #1017**

*Building a New Way*

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. 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.

3. (Repeated) 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.

## **Benediction**

The Rev. Ellen Rowse Spero,

First Parish of Chelmsford

## **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**

*“Old French” and “Liberty”*

trad. Contradance Tunes

Ginny, Grace, and Andrew Briggs

Unitarian Church of Marlborough and Hudson



Please join us for a virtual “coffee hour” following the postlude.

### **Questions for Coffee Hour Discussion:**

- How does it feel to invite the experience of Native Peoples, past and present, into your way of experiencing the land?
- How might you consider this question through the lens of the Unitarian Universalist principles or of the religious values of integrity, equality, community, and sustainability?



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For more information on the TRR Friends Peace Team:

<https://friendspeaceteams.org/trr/>

For more information on the

United Native American Cultural Center

<http://www.unacc.org/>