

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**FIRST PARISH CHURCH BILLERICA**

Worship Leader: Teresa English  
Worship Assistant: Meredith Lovell  
Musician: Liz Cardenas

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**WELCOME**

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREETINGS**

**CHALICE LIGHTING**

**OPENING WORDS**

**OPENING SONG\*:** SLT #188 “Come, Come,  
Whoever You Are”

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH\*:**

Love is the doctrine of this church. The quest of truth is its sacrament, and service is its prayer. To dwell together in peace, to seek knowledge in freedom, to serve humanity in fellowship, to the end that all souls shall grow into harmony with the Divine: thus we covenant with each other and with God.

**STORY FOR ALL AGES:** Winter Animals  
**SING OUT THE CHILDREN:**

*Go Now in Peace, Go Now in Peace,  
Let the Spirit of Love Surround you,  
Everywhere, Everywhere, You May Go*

**SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**READING:** Morning Blessing by Dr. Elias Ortega

**SONG:** Help in Hard Times by Carrie Newcomer  
performed by Liz Cardenas

**SERMON:** “Spiraling In The Darkness”

**OFFERTORY WORDS:** On Stewardship

**DOXOLOGY\*:**

From all that dwell below the skies  
Let songs of love and faith arise  
Let peace, goodwill on earth be sung  
Through every land, by every tongue. Amen

**CLOSING WORDS:** “If We Do Not Venture  
Out” words from Marni Harmony

**EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE\***

We extinguish this flame / but not the light of  
truth, the warmth of community / or the fire of  
commitment. These we carry in our hearts /  
until we are together again.

**CLOSING HYMN\*:** SLT #118 “This Little Light  
of Mine”

(This hymn is sung facing the world we are about to enter)

**BENEDICTION\*:** An Evening Blessing by  
Dr. Ortega

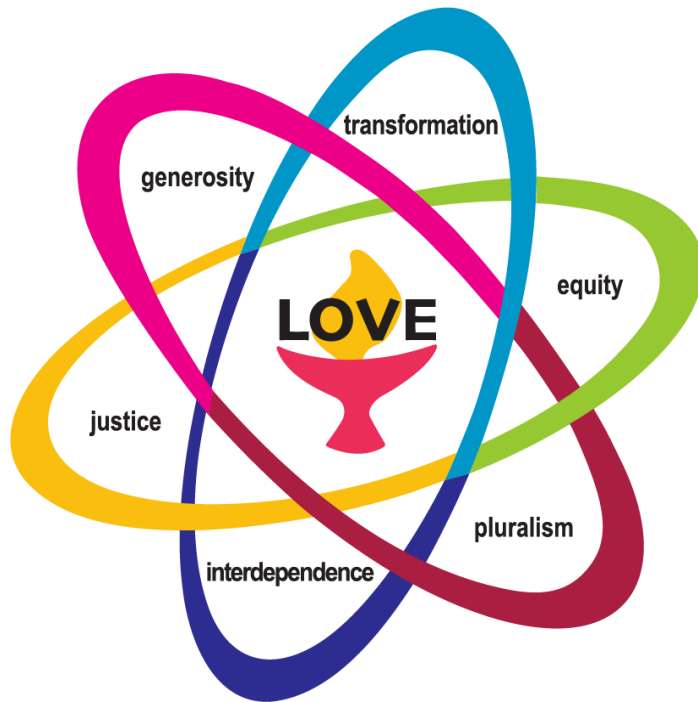
\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Please join us for refreshments downstairs  
immediately after the service

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As Unitarian Universalists, we covenant, congregation-to-congregation and through our Association, to support and assist one another in our ministries. We draw from our heritages of freedom, reason, hope, and courage, building on the foundation of love. Love is the power that holds us together and is at the center of our shared values. We are accountable to one another for doing the work of living our shared values through the spiritual discipline of Love. Inseparable from one another, these shared values are: Interdependence, Equity, Transformation, Pluralism, Generosity, and Justice.

## *The First Parish Church in Billerica*

Unitarian Universalist on the Common -  
Billerica, Massachusetts



*"Spiraling in the Darkness"*

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December 21, 2025  
Worship Leader: Teresa English  
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Coffee Hour Host: