

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

October 13, 2024

*Worship Coordinator: Barbara Moloney*

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**GATHERING MUSIC:** traditional Mi'kmaq Gathering Song

**OPENING SONG:** "I've Got Peace Like a River"

performed by the UU Society of Grafton & Upton Choir

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CHALICE LIGHTING**

**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 do we covenant with each other and with God.*

**FIRST STORY:** "Earth on Turtle's Back"

Traditional Haudenosaunee Creation Story

**DISCUSSION**

**WORSHIP SONG:** "Woyaya" words by Annie Masembe| performed by the Spring for Change Virtual Choir

**SECOND STORY:** National Day of Mourning

**DISCUSSION**

**WORSHIP SONG:** Ancient Mother

**THIRD STORY:** Boarding School Healing

**DISCUSSION**

**OFFERING**

**FOURTH STORY:** Why are the Sioux Fighting the North Dakota Access Pipeline

**WORSHIP SONG:** Water is Life by Sara Thomsen

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE:** words by Robin Wall Kimmerer

**MUSIC FOR GOING FORTH:** The Giving Song

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