

ORDER OF SERVICE
FIRST PARISH CHURCH BILLERICA

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHALICE LIGHTING

OPENING WORDS: *The Service Berry*,
Robin Wall Kimmerer

OPENING SONG*: SLT #361 "Enter,
Rejoice, and Come In"

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:

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

CENTERING HYMN: SLT #175 "We Celebrate the Web of Life"

MEDITATION: The Fibonacci Sequence

SERMON: "Interdependence: We Need Each Other"

OFFERTORY

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

CLOSING HYMN*: "Low to the Ground"
(see insert)

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.

BENEDICTION*

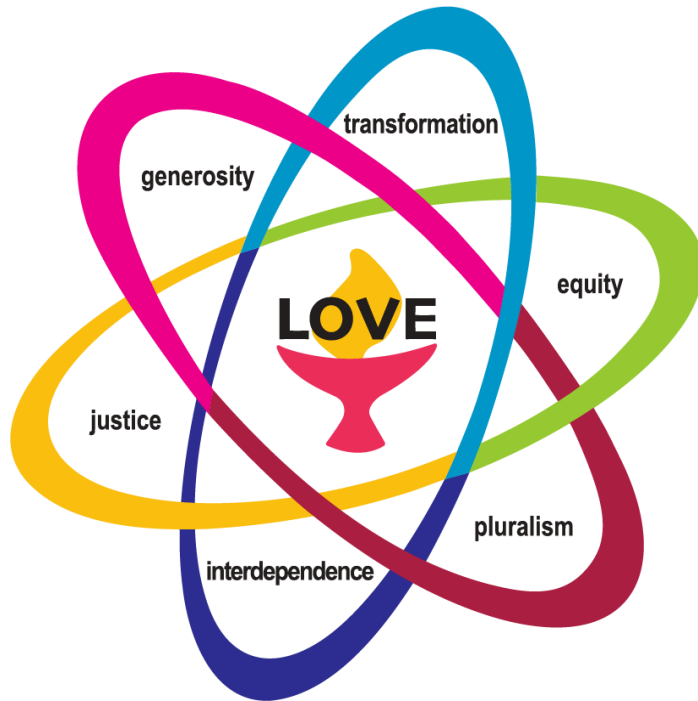
POSTLUDE:

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Please join us for refreshments downstairs immediately after the service

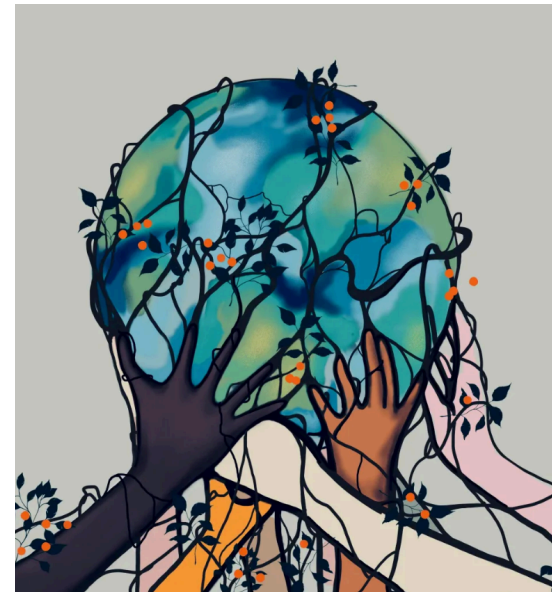
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As Unitarian Universalists, we covenant, congregation-to-congregation and through our Association, to support and assist one another in our ministries. We draw from our heritages of freedom, reason, hope, and courage, building on the foundation of 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



*“Interdependence:
We Need Each Other”*

September 27, 2026
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LOW TO THE GROUND

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From Thinking Like a Mountain

We stand on the edge of a cliff in the deepest
night I've ever seen
People looking for light, people who cherish a
dream
But the light's shining out from our eyes and
the dream's resting deep in our souls
If it's magic we're needing to keep us from
falling, it's magic we already know

*It's music that keeps us alive, it's dancing that
sets our hearts free
It's children remember the laughter in life, it's
animals teach us to see
Stay low to the ground, live close to the earth,
don't stray very far from your soul
It's simple things show us the reason we're
here and it's simple things keeping us
whole.*

Tell me the place you were born, the lives your
ancestors led
The ground that surrounded the people you
love, the streams from which you were
fed
It's the wind that carries the seed, and the seed
that carries the song

The food that we're eating is rooted in soil, and
it's soil that is keeping us strong

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Stay low to the ground, live close to the earth,
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It's simple things show us the reason we're
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whole.*

The temples are falling around us, we stand
strong and fierce where they've been
I never have seen a holier sight than a person
who sings in the wind
Our blood is the river of life, our joy is the sun
on the land
All of the love that is inside this heart is more
than one person can stand

*And it's music that keeps us alive, it's dancing
that sets our hearts free
It's children remember the laughter in life, it's
animals teach us to see
Stay low to the ground, live close to the earth,
don't stray very far from your soul
It's simple things show us the reason we're
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