



November 9th, 2025
“Veterans Day, Past, Present, Future”

Worship Leader:	Teresa English
Musician:	Don Hodgkins
Worship Assistant:	Brita Learned

The First Parish Church in Billerica,
Unitarian Universalist
On the Common - Billerica, Massachusetts

PRELUDE

Chorale Prelude on Nun Bitten Wir
- Buxtehude

WELCOME

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

OPENING WORDS

CHALICE LIGHTING

OPENING HYMN: We Are A Gentle, Angry People
SLT# 170

TIME FOR ALL AGES

PARTING SONG/ SINGING OUT THE CHILDREN

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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Love is the doctrine of this church. The quest for truth 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.

CANDLES OF JOY AND CONCERN

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OFFERTORY

RESPONSIVE READING

See insert

A Prayer for the World by Amy Petrie Shaw

SERMON (part 1)

Veterans Day: Past and Present

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Allegretto - Purcell

MEDITATION:

“We Begin Again In Love”

SERMON (part 2)

Veterans Day: Future

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

Words by Debra Burrell

We have basked in the warmth and beauty
of this flame and this community.
As the chalice flame is extinguished,
let us carry its glow within.
Let us kindle new sparks within these walls and
beyond.

CLOSING HYMN:

Go Lifted Up

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

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata in d - Froberger

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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.