

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN BILLERICA

*Worship Leader:* Susanne Beeber, Sarah Mills, and Ida Morrison  
*Pianist:* Jodi Templer

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#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

**OPENING WORDS:** SLT # 649

**CHALICE LIGHTING:** Marjorie Montgomery

Life is a gift for which we are grateful.

We gather in community to celebrate the glories and the mysteries of this great gift.

**OPENING HYMN\*:** SLT #346

“Come Sing A Song With Me”

#### 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.*

**TIME FOR ALL AGES:** Gordon the Goat

#### SINGING OUT THE CHILDREN:

*Go now in peace, go now in peace,  
May the Spirit of Love surround you,  
Everywhere, everywhere you may go.*

## CANDLES OF JOY AND CONCERNS

#### PIANO INTERLUDE:

**CENTERING HYMN:** SLT #409 "Sleep My Child"

**SERMON:** When You Want Something Done, Give it to a Busy Mother

#### 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

**EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE\*** E.S.Jones

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”

(it is our tradition to sing the last hymn facing the world we are about to enter)

**BENEDICTION\*** SLT #464 And Then

#### POSTLUDE\*

*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*

Please join us for refreshments and conversation 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.



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*On the Common*

*Billerica, Massachusetts*