

ORDER OF SERVICE
FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN BILLERICA
September 8, 2024

Worship Leader: Rev. Nannene Gowdy
Worship Assistant: Brita Learned
Organist: Joowha Park

"You are not a drop in the ocean. You are an entire ocean in a drop." Rumi

PRELUDE

WELCOME

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHALICE LIGHTING by Marjorie Montgomery
Life is a gift for which we are grateful. We gather together in community to celebrate the glories and the mysteries of this great gift.

OPENING HYMN*

“Morning Has Broken” SLT #38

OPENING WORDS “This House” By Ken Patton

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.

STORY FOR ALL AGES

CANDLES OF JOY AND CONCERNS

PIANO INTERLUDE Intermezzo No. 2, op. 118,
by J. Brahms

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

WATER CEREMONY

HYMN* “Turn the World Around” SLT #1074
(it is our tradition to sing the last hymn facing the world we are about to enter)

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.

BENEDICTION*

“I've Known Rivers” by Langston Hughes

POSTLUDE*

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Please join us for refreshments and conversation downstairs immediately after the service. A big thank you to Barbara Moloney for hosting!