

First Parish Billerica OOS for March 24, 2024

Worship Leader: Reb Yaakov Trek Reef

Worship Musician: Liz Cardenas, Guitar

BELL & CHIME

GATHERING MUSIC

Hallelujah

music by Buckley/Cohen

WORDS OF WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING SONG #347 Gather the Spirit *words and music by Jim Scott*

CHALICE LIGHTING & COVENANT

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.

OFFERING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

From you I receive, to you I give

Together, we share, and from this we live.

STORY

The Masks We Wear

Go now in peace, go now in peace,

May the Spirit of Love surround you -

Everywhere, everywhere you may go.

JOYS, SORROWS, & MILESTONES

PRAYER

Spirit of Life, come unto us.

Sing in our hearts all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold us close; wings set us free;

Spirit of Life, come to us, come to us.

LEGEND & LORE

CENTERING SONG When I'm Gone *words and music by Phil Ochs*
(see insert)

MEDITATION

D'VAR TORAH "The Gift of Transformation" *Reb Yaakov Trek Reef*

REFLECTION

CLOSING SONG Low to the Ground *words and music by Libby Roderick*
(see insert)

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE *words by Melissa Jeter*

We extinguish this chalice today, but we are illuminated

by a faith that allows us to sit and think.

In this quiet time, we can reflect in solitude,

meditating on Love, and growing out of our comfort.

Though we experience discomfort,

we are excited to give birth to a new, just world.

MUSIC FOR GOING FORTH Our World *words & music by Paul Williams*