

**FIRST PARISH CHURCH
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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.



July 27, 2025

***The First Parish Church in Billerica,
Unitarian Universalist***

WORSHIP LEADER: JOHN BEWICK

PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/LAND

OPENING WORDS: **"Generosity" by
Sandra Feldman**

CHALICE LIGHTING

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: #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 we covenant with each other
and with God.

CANDLES OF JOY AND CONCERN

READING: Luke 10:25-37
The Good Samaritan

MUSICAL INTERLUDE: #1021 Lean on Me

MEDITATION/PRAYER: The "he"
(pronounced "HEY") plant - Thich Nhat Hanh
Foundation, "Buddhist Generosity"

HYMN: #402 "From You I Receive"

SERMON: "The Good Samaritan throughout
my life"

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:

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:

A open hand, a giving heart, A shared smile, a
brand new start. Kindness sown, a gentle breeze,
Bringing joy and inner peace - *by Google AI*

POSTLUDE*

*Please stand in body or spirit.