

# FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN BILLERICA

December 10, 2023

“Having Faith”

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING WORDS:**

**ADVENT WREATH & CHALICE LIGHTING**

**STORY FOR ALL AGES:**

"On The Night You Were Born" by Nancy Tillman

**OPENING HYMN\*:#118 This Little Light of Mine**

**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**

**MUSICAL MEDITATION/INTERLUDE:**

played by Joohwa Park

**SERMON:** "Having Faith", Laura Evonne Steinman

**HYMN:** #226 People Look East

**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\*:** "Peace, Salaam, Shalom"  
(refrain only)

*the hymn is sung facing the world we are about to enter*

**BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

Please join us for refreshments  
downstairs immediately after the service

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

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**Worship Leaders: Laura Evonne Steinman**  
**Worship Assistant: Brita Learned**  
**Organist: Joohwa Park**

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

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