

First Parish in Billerica

Sunday, March 29, 2026

Reb Yaakov “Trek” Reef, *Worship Leader*

Unitarian Universalist

11:00 AM

Liz Cardenas, *Musician*

WELCOME, CALL TO WORSHIP, and CHALICE LIGHTING

“Come, Come, Whoever You Are”

SHARING OUR 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.

ACT OF GENEROSITY

SONG | Sing Out Praises #295

STORY FOR OUR TIMES I

‘Pilgrimage Stories’ • *Yaakov Trek Reef*

JOYS & SORROWS

MEDITATION & PRAYER

— ***In Words*** | Waves by Alix Klingenberg
— ***In Silence*** | *silent meditation and/or prayer*
— ***In Song*** | We Will Carry Each Other (insert)

STORY FOR OUR TIMES II

‘Pilgrimage Stories’ • *Yaakov Trek Reef*

SONG | Swimming to the Other Side (insert)

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

As we go forward
into this frightening, exhilarating,
confusing, miraculous world,
may we offer
our comfort to the afflicted
our love to those who are lonely
and our wish for all to be safe.

MUSIC FOR GOING FORTH

*Join us for refreshments & fellowship after
worship.*

Worship Tech Team

Sarah Mills & John Bewick, *Zoom Hosts & Tech Team*
John Luke Mills, *Audio Tech*

Our Unitarian Universalist Values

Love

Love is the power that holds us together, accountable to one another, and is at the center of our shared values.

Interdependence

We honor the interdependent web of all existence and acknowledge our place in it.

Pluralism

We are all sacred beings, diverse in culture, experience, and theology.

Justice

We work to be diverse multicultural Beloved Communities where all feel welcome and can thrive.

Transformation

We adapt to the changing world.

Generosity

We cultivate a spirit of gratitude and hope.

Equity

We declare that every person is inherently worthy and has the right to flourish with dignity, love, and compassion.



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Swimming to the Other Side

By Pat Humphries & Emma's Revolution

Chorus

We are living 'neath the great big dipper
We are washed by the very same rain
We are swimming in this stream together
Some in power and some in pain
We can worship this ground we walk on
Cherishing the beings that we live beside
Loving spirits will live forever
We're all swimming to the other side

I am alone and I am searching
Hungering for answers in my time
I am balanced at the brink of wisdom
I'm impatient to receive a sign
I move forward with my senses open
Imperfection, it be my crime
In humility I will listen
We're all swimming to the other side

Chorus

On this journey through thoughts and feelings
Binding intuition, my head, my heart
I am gathering the tools together
I'm preparing to do my part
All of those who have come before me
Band together and be my guide
Loving lessons that I will follow
We're all swimming to the other side

Chorus

When we get there, we'll discover
All of the gifts we've been given to share
Have been with us since life's beginning
And we never noticed they were there
We can balance at the brink of wisdom
Never recognizing that we've arrived
Loving spirits will live together
We're all swimming to the other side

Chorus

We Will Carry Each Other

By Soren Austenfeld

I am looking for shelter in a friend.
We can build a beginning but I do not know the end
I am scared of breaking when I bend.

We will carry each other on the way:

Chorus:

My courage is your courage
when the journey is only getting longer.
My strength is your strength:
we will carry each other on the way.

There are prayers I don't know how to say.
But I still find solace when I close my eyes to pray
What I've lost and what I hope can stay
We will carry each other on the way:

Chorus

I am full and I am running out,
I'm a flooding river and I'm living through the
drought,
I have firm conviction and my heart is full of doubt.
We will carry each other on the way:

Chorus:

My courage is your courage
when the journey is only getting longer.
My strength is your strength:
we will carry each other on the way.

There are people I have never met,
There is something special, and I haven't found it yet,
There's abundance, given freely, taken with no debt!
We will carry each other on the way:

Chorus x2