

ORDER OF SERVICE

FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN BILLERICA

October 27, 2024

Worship Leader: Reb Yaakov "Trek" Reef
Musician: Liz Cardenas

“Walking. I am listening to a deeper way. Suddenly all my ancestors are behind me. Be still, they say. Watch and listen. You are the result of the love of thousands.” - Linda Hogan

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

CALL TO WORSHIP & WELCOME

GATHERING CHANT* SLT#389 “Gathered Here”

CHALICE LIGHTING* words: B.T. Newberg

Here and now is the Center, the fulcrum of the mind,

The hearth of the Community, the birthplace of the Cosmos;

In it, we behold the world, and we know what we have always known:

That we are of this world.

OPENING SONG “To Be Loved” by Curtis Stugers

MEDITATION meditation: B.T. Newberg

response: Carl Sagan

Some part of our being knows this is where we came from.

We long to return. And we can.

Because the cosmos is also within us. We’re made of star-stuff.

We are a way for the cosmos to know itself.

LORE OF THE SEASON

Samhain and Dia De Muertos

STORIES OF OUR ANCESTORS

CALL OF THE ANCESTORS words/tunes: Sable

LITANY OF GRATITUDE (see insert)

COMMUNITY PRAYER

SONG OF PRAYER “Plowshare Prayer”

words/tune: Spencer LaJoye

OFFERTORY

CLOSING SONG * “I Am Willing” by Holly Near

(see insert)

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

words: Amy Morgenstern

EPITAPH / BENEDICTION words: Merritt Mallory

MUSIC FOR GOING FORTH Liz Cardenas

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Please join us for refreshments and conversation downstairs immediately after the service. A big thank you to Lisa O'Connor for hosting!