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### What is Humanism?

#### **Humanists have...:**

- \*An orientation and focus on here and now, this world, “this life” issues.
- \*a concentration on the welfare, progress, and happiness of all humanity in this one and only life.
- \*a belief that one’s spiritual life can and should be done within the confines provided by nature and science
- \*an excitement and liberating belief about what can and does happen when the removal of a faith in supernatural things occurs.
- \*Humanists testify to a renewed clarity, some an epiphany, that can come from, and create an urgency about this life.
- \*Humanists have both a desire and the belief that the definition of religion should be a functional, sociological one.
- \*a focus on building structures they think will improve the lot of mankind. International Courts, Amnesty International are examples
- \*a view that all present orthodox religions
  - embodying superstitious ideas
  - relying too much on the unreliable nature of “revelatory” information
  - building worldviews on unexamined implicit premises
  - is a sentimental tie to days gone by
- \*Historically humanists have taken a stand that experiences describable as meaningful in the “spiritual or religious sense are usually better understood in the language of modern psychological principals than by the language that employs supernatural intervention.

# *The First Parish Church* *The Unitarian Universalist Church*

*On the Common, Billerica Massachusetts*

## **HUMANIST REVELATIONS**



## **FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2026**

**FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN BILLERICA**  
**My Humanist Revelation**  
**February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

**MUSICAL PRELUDE:**

**WELCOME &  
LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**      Rev. Steve Wilson

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR**

**CHALICE LIGHTING:**      From the Humanist Manifesto

**OPENING WORDS:**      The Silence of Doubt

**OPENING HYMN:**      #95 More Love Somewhere

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT:**      Bundle of Sticks

**PARTING SONG/ SINGING OUT THE CHILDREN**

“Go Now in Peace, Go Now in Peace,  
Let the Spirit of Love Surround you,  
Everywhere, Everywhere, You May Go.”

**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.

**CENTERING HYMN:**    #108 My Life Flows on In Endless  
Song

**PRAYER/MEDITATION:**      Collected by Dan Harper

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**CANDLES OF JOY AND CONCERN:**

**MUSICAL MEDITATION/INTERLUDE:**

**READING:**      “What Humanism Means to Me” H. Bennett

**REFLECTIONS:**      Our Humanist Revelations

**OFFERTORY WORDS:**      Your Dog is one of us

**MUSICAL 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\*** Elizabeth Selle 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**      #305 De Colores

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

**CLOSING WORDS:**      Hebrew Scripture (Isaiah 55:12)

**POSTLUDE**

\*Please stand in body or spirit.