

**FIRST PARISH CHURCH
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST**

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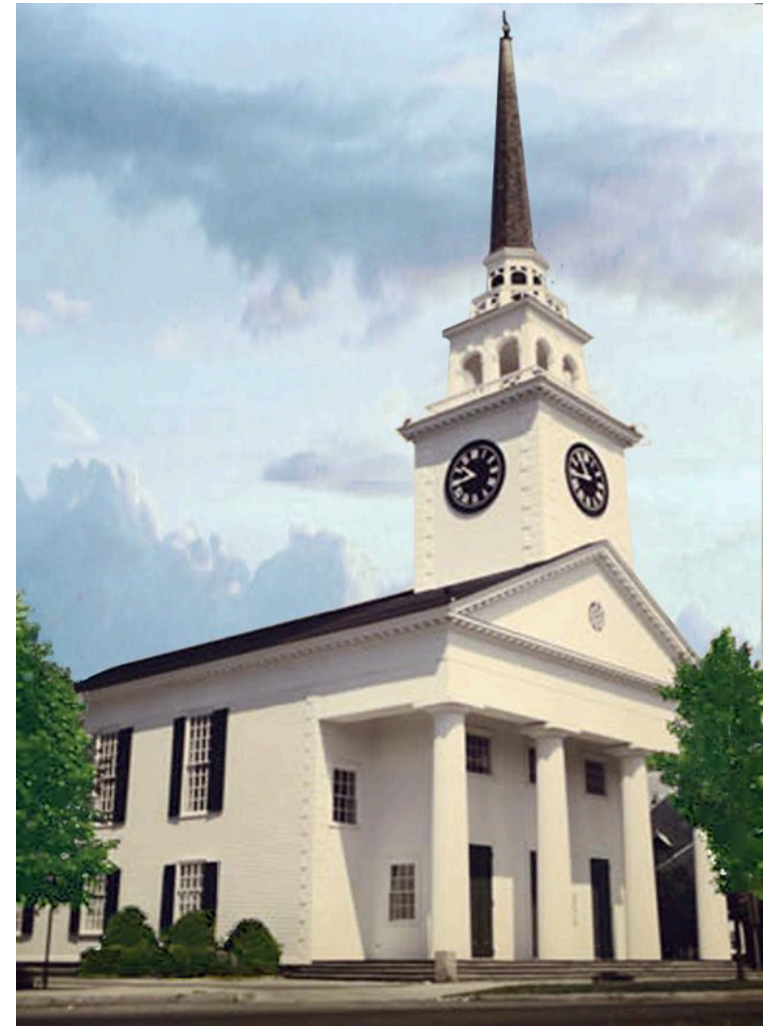
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As Unitarian Universalists, we covenant, congregation-to-congregation and through our Association, to support and assist one another in our ministries. We draw from our heritages of freedom, reason, hope, and courage, building on the foundation of 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.



September 28, 2025

Harvest On Our Finite Earth

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

Worship Leader: Jim Scott
Musician Jim Scott
Worship Assistant: Brita Learned

GATHERING MUSIC In Our Hands

CHALICE LIGHTING A Speck of Dust in a
Sunbeam (Carl Sagan)

OPENING SONG Gather The Spirit
STLT# 347

READING Gratitude

SONG FOR ALL AGES A Great Big Breath

JOYS & CONCERNS With Every Story Told
(with a song)

With every story told, our friendship becomes art,
Each passage of life is a gateway to the heart.
We are one in joy and sorrow and the music of our learning
Is danced in love and harmony with each day of earth's
turning.

READING Garden Wild

SONG Plant More Than You Harvest

HOMILY Harvest On Our Finite Earth

OFFERTORY Season of the Grateful Heart

HOMILY (part 2) I Love This World

SONG Go Your Way In Peace

Go your way in peace, wander as you may,
Blessed is the path you take, may love guide you on your way.
Comfort find in truth, may your struggles cease,
May the fire within your heart light the way of peace.

CLOSING SONG May Your Life Be As A Song

CHORUS: And may your life be as a song
Resounding with the dawn, to sing awake the light
Then softly serenade the stars
Ever dancing circles in the night.

BENEDICTION Coherence

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE May Your Life Be As A Song
(Instrumental reprise)

*Please join us for refreshments and conversation
downstairs immediately after the service.*

Composer, guitarist and singer Jim Scott is our guest this morning. His songs are in our UU Hymnbooks, including "Gather the Spirit," and he's toured the country for nearly three decades playing at over 700 UU churches. As co-chair of the UU Ministry for the Earth, Jim helped create the Green Sanctuary program, and assembled the "Earth and Spirit Songbook," a great contribution to our worship and RE resources.

Formerly a member of the Paul Winter Consort and co-composer of their Missa Gaia/Earth Mass, Jim has gone on to record a number of CDs of his original music and publish a growing line of choral works. He received an NEA grant to develop and produce his multimedia concert "the Year to Save the Earth." We can thank him by visiting his table with CDs and books at coffee hour.