



January 11, 2026
“On Ralph Waldo Emerson”

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Coffee Hour Host: Lisa O’ Connor

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

HYMN*

My Life Flows On In Endless Song

STLT #108

SERMON

On Ralph Waldo Emerson

CHORAL RESPONSE**RESPONSIVE READING**

We Will Pay Attention

(see insert)

OFFERTORY

From You I Receive

STLT #402

DOXOLOGY*

STLT #374

Since what we choose is what we are
And what we love we yet shall be
The goal may ever shine a far
The will to win it makes us free. Amen.

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE*

Words by Elizabeth Selle Jones

(all together)

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.

HYMN*

Go Now in Peace

STLT #413

(the church has a tradition of facing outward during this last hymn as a sign of going forth to live our religion)

BENEDICTION*

Words from Ralph Waldo Emerson

POSTLUDE*

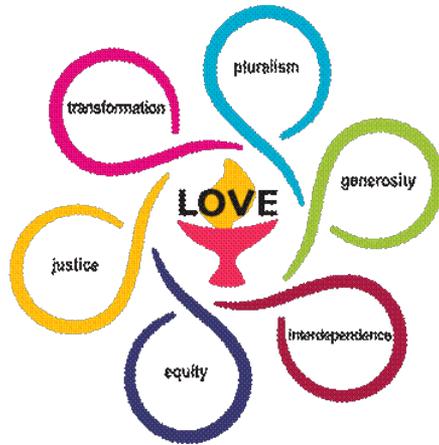
** Please stand in body or spirit*

Please join us following service for coffee and conversation

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Composer, guitarist and singer Jim Scott is our guest this morning. His songs are in our UU Hymnbooks, and he's toured the country for four decades playing at over 700 UU churches. Jim was one of the originators of the UU Green Sanctuary program and with a grant from the Fund for UUism, created the "Earth and Spirit Songbook."

Mark your calendars, Jim will be doing a concert and workshop for Arts Wayland on Sunday January 18. at their new gallery in the town center.

Formerly a member of the Paul Winter Consort and co-composer of their *Missa Gaia/Earth Mass*, Jim has gone on to record nine CDs and publish a growing line of choral works. He won the UU "Silliman Anthem Contest" for his piece "I Am Waiting" that he'll be doing today.

We can thank him by visiting his table with CDs and books at coffee hour. After hearing him today, I'm sure you'll want to take some of his work home with you.