

November 8, 2026
Let Us Give Thanks!

Worship Leader:	**Rev. Nannene Gowdy**
Worship Musician:	Jacob Clapper
Worship Assistant:	Susanne Beeber
Sound/Equipment:	John Luke Mills
Zoom Team:	Sarah Mills, John Bewick, Tara Maharjan
Greeter:	Ida Morrison
Coffee Hour Host:	Barbara Moloney

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

PRELUDE *Jacob Clapper*

WELCOME

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHALICE LIGHTING

Life is a gift for which we are grateful.
We gather in community to celebrate the glories
and the mysteries of this great gift.

OPENING WORDS In Her Dreams
by Nancy Carey Johnson

OPENING HYMN For The Beauty Of The Earth
#21 in the Singing the Living Tradition Hymnal

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 we covenant with each other and with God.

STORY FOR ALL AGES Alone
From Days with Frog and Toad by Arnold Lobel

SINGING OUT THE CHILDREN

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

CANDLES OF JOYS AND CONCERN

OFFERTORY

SERMON Let Us Give Thanks!

HYMN We Sing Now Together
#67 in the Singing the Living Tradition Hymnal

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

Words by 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

BENEDICTION So Much To Be Thankful For
Rev. Nannene Gowdy

POSTLUDE *Jacob Clapper*

We invite you to stay after our service and join us for coffee and conversation

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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.