

November 15, 2026
Moving Beyond the Good/Bad Binary

Worship Leader:	**Claire Karl Müller / UU Mass Action**
Worship Musician:	Liz Cardenas
Worship Assistant:	Brita Learned
Sound/Equipment:	John Luke Mills
Zoom Team:	Sarah Mills, John Bewick, Tara Maharjan
Greeter:	Adam Bejtlich
Coffee Hour Host:	Susanne Beeber

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

PRELUDE *Liz Cardenas*

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

Bryan Stevenson, founder and executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative, wrote in his memoir, "Each of us is more than the worst thing we've ever done"

OPENING HYMN We Would Be One

#318 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 The Bear Who Did Not Share

By Faithyna Leonard

SINGING OUT THE CHILDREN

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

READING Excerpt from Fierce Vulnerability
by Kazu Haga

CANDLES OF JOYS AND CONCERN

OFFERTORY

SERMON Moving Beyond the Good/Bad Binary

HYMN For the Earth Forever Turning
#163 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

by Claire Karl Müller

POSTLUDE *Liz Cardenas*

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.