

ORDER OF SERVICE
FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN BILLERICA

September 22, 2024

Worship Leader: Stephanie Trudel

Organist: Jooхва Park

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

OPENING WORDS: Autumnal Welcoming

CHALICE LIGHTING The Balance We Seek

OPENING HYMN*

“For the Earth Forever Turning” SLT #163

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 do we covenant with each other and with God.

TIME FOR ALL AGES

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 JOY AND CONCERNS

READING: "The Peace of Autumn" SLT #540

PIANO INTERLUDE

MEDITATION: Invocation & On the Four Directions

HYMN: "Find A Stillness" SLT # 352

SERMON: Autumnal Equinox

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY* SLT #375

As Saffron trees now capture fire
And memories our hopes inspire
We'll praise imaginations grace-
The human heart's best resting place. Amen

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE* E.S.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.

HYMN* "Go Lifted Up" SLT # 1057

(it is our tradition to sing the last hymn facing the world
we are about to enter)

BENEDICTION*

“Share Your Glorious Light”

POSTLUDE*

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Please join us for refreshments and conversation
downstairs immediately after the service. A big thank
you to Teresa English and Lisa O'Connor for hosting!