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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.



**July 20, 2025**

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

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

### **FIRST PARISH CHURCH BILLERICA**

Worship Leader:

Brita Learned

#### **OPENING WORDS**

#### **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.

#### **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.

**OPENING HYMN:** Words by Rumi  
Come, Come, Whoever you Are,  
wander, worshipper, lover of leaving.  
Ours is no caravan of despair.  
Come, yet again come.

#### **CANDLES OF JOY AND CONCERN**

**VIDEO:** “God-Mother” by Nina Paley

**SERMON:** The Chalice and The Blade

#### **OFFERTORY:**

#### **EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE:**

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.

#### **CHANT:**

The earth is Our Mother, we must take care of  
Her,  
Hey yana ho yana hey yan yan  
Her sacred ground we walk upon, with every  
step we take,  
Hey yana ho yana hey yan yan  
The Earth is Our Mother, She will take care of  
us,  
Hey yana ho yana hey yan yan

#### **BENEDICTION:**

Starhawk