



**November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025**  
***“Harvest and Season of  
the Grateful Heart”***

Worship Leader:	Jim Scott
Musician:	Jim Scott
Worship Assistant:	Brita Learned
Coffee Hour Host:	Heidi Boone

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

**GATHERING MUSIC:** *Let the Magic Start*

**CHALICE LIGHTING:** Light of the World

**OPENING SONG:** *Gather the Spirit*  
STLT # 347

**READING:** Season of the Grateful Heart

**SONG FOR ALL AGES:** *A Great Big Breath*

**JOYS AND CONCERNS (with a song)**  
*With Every Story Told*

With every story told, our friendship becomes art.  
Each passage of life is a gateway to the heart.  
We are one in joy and sorrow and the music of our learnin'  
Is danced in love and harmony with each day of earth's  
turning.

**READING:** Blackberries

**SONG:** *Once More the Liberal Year Laughs Out*  
- John Greenleaf Whittier  
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**HOMILY, part 1:** It's the Season of the Grateful Heart

**OFFERTORY:** Season of the Grateful Heart

**HOMILY, part 2:** I Love This World

**SONG:***Thanksgiving Eve*

– Bob Franke

What can you do with your days but work and hope  
Let your dreams bind your work to your play  
What can you do with each moment of your life  
But love 'til you've loved it away  
Love 'til you've loved it away

**CLOSING SONG:***Go Your Way in Peace*

Go your way in peace, wander as you may,  
Blessed is the path you take, may love guide you on your way.  
Comfort find in truth, may your struggles cease,  
May the fire within your heart light the way of peace.

**BENEDICTION:***Coherence***EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE****POSTLUDE:***Companeros*

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