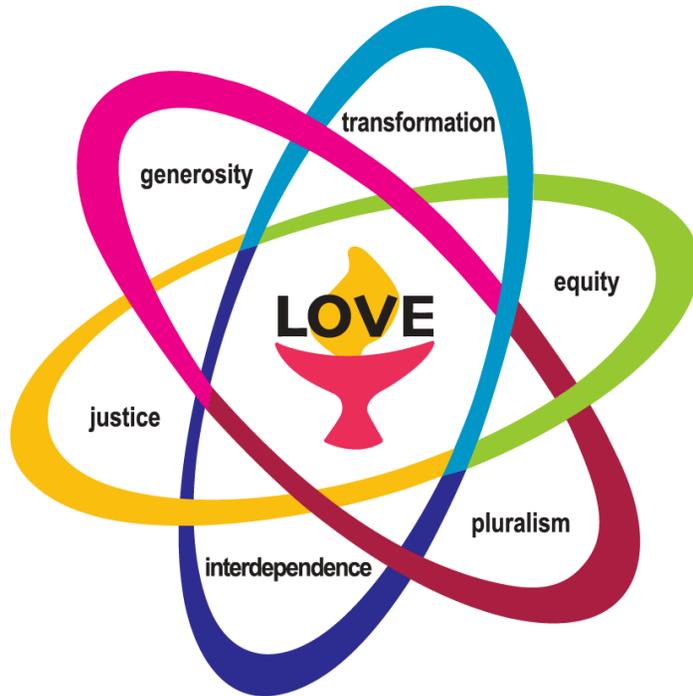


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As Unitarian Universalists, we covenant, congregation-to-congregation and through our Association, to support and assist one another in our ministries. We draw from our heritages of freedom, reason, hope, and courage, building on the foundation of 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.

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



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“Wisdom from Clarence Jordan”

February 8, 2026
Worship Leader: Teresa English
Worship Assistant: Meredith Lovell
Musician: Jodi Templer
Coffee Hour Host: Denise O' Connor

**ORDER OF SERVICE
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WELCOME

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS

CHALICE LIGHTING

OPENING WORDS: "Love's Exquisite
Freedom", Maya Angelou

OPENING SONG*: SLT #131 | “Love Will
Guide Us”

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: A Creation Story

SING OUT THE CHILDREN:

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

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER: My Prayer, Rev. Connie Goodbread

SONG: SLT #318 We Would Be One

SERMON: Wisdom from Clarence Jordan

OFFERTORY WORDS:

DOXOLOGY*:

From all that dwell below the skies
Let songs of love and faith arise
Let peace, goodwill on earth be sung
Through every land, by every tongue. Amen

CLOSING WORDS: Let Us Be That Circle

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.

CLOSING HYMN*: #1051 | “We Are”
(This hymn is sung facing the world we are about to enter)

BENEDICTION*: Love Holds You

*Please stand in body or spirit.

Please join us for refreshments following the service.

For each child that's born,
a morning star rises and
sings to the universe
who we are.

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We are our grandmothers' prayers
and we are our grandfathers' dreamings,
we are the breath of our ancestors,
we are the spirit of God.

We are mothers of courage and fathers of time,
we are daughters of dust and the sons of great
visions,
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