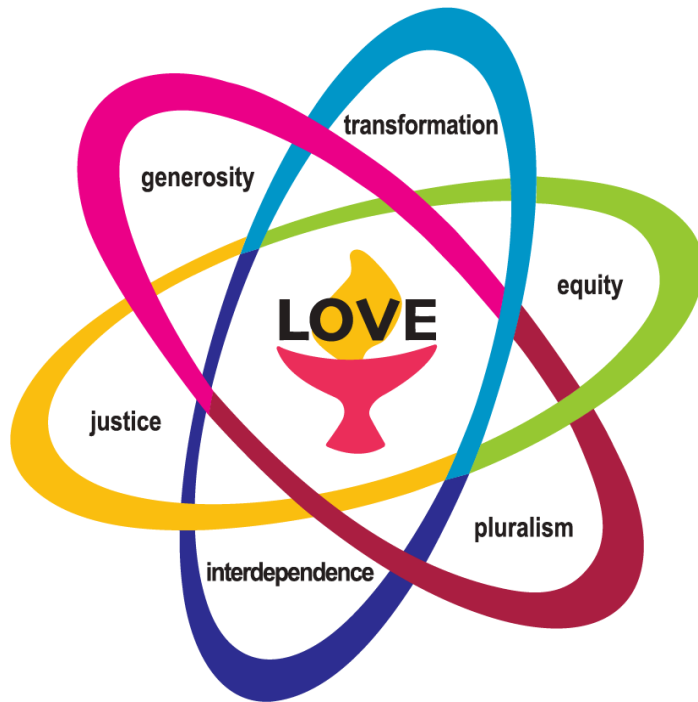


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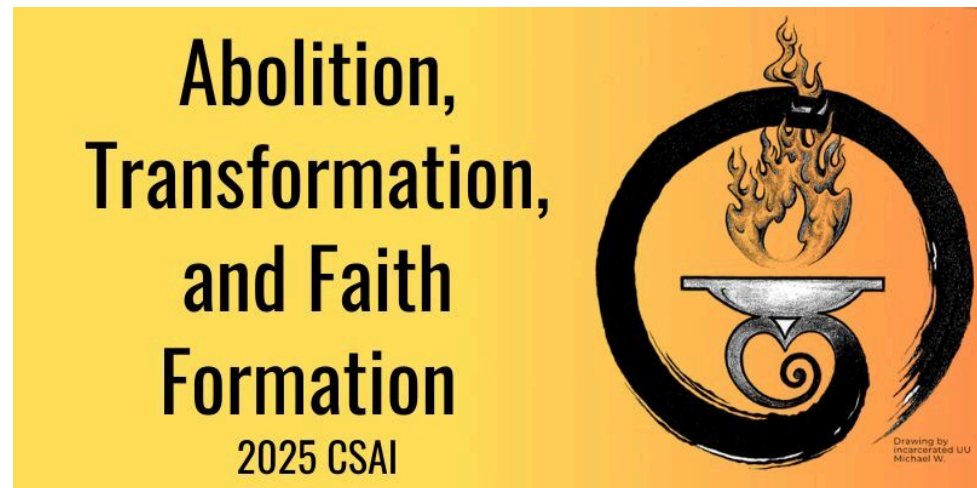
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As Unitarian Universalists, we covenant, congregation-to-congregation and through our Association, to support and assist one another in our ministries. We draw from our heritages of freedom, reason, hope, and courage, building on the foundation of 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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February 22, 2026

Led by your Social Justice Committee  
Members and Delegates to the 2025  
General Assembly:

Susanne Beeber, Adam Bejtlich, Heidi Boone,  
Teresa English, Meredith Lovell, Barbara  
Moloney, Denise O'Connor, and Lisa O'Connor

**ORDER OF SERVICE  
FIRST PARISH CHURCH BILLERICA**

Leaders: Social Justice Committee  
Musician: Jodi Templer  
Coffee Hour Host: Lisa O'Connor

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**WELCOME  
LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
GREETINGS**

**CHALICE LIGHTING**

**OPENING WORDS:** What is a CSAI

**OPENING SONG\*:** We Shall be Known -  
MaMuse

**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:** Abolition is Love

**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**

**READING:**

**SONG:** Wade in the Water #210

**SERMON:** Abolition, Transformation and  
Faith Formation

**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:**

**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\*:** Gentle Angry People #170  
(This hymn is sung facing the world we are about to enter)

**BENEDICTION\*:**

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

Please join us for refreshments immediately  
after the service