



August 9, 2026
“Held At The Threshold”

Worship Leader:	Kerry Anne Kilkelly
Sound/Equipment:	John Luke Mills
Zoom Team:	Sarah Mills, John Bewick, Tara Maharjan
Greeter:	Adam Bejtlich
Coffee Hour Host:	Deirdre & Bob Leger

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

PRELUDE In My Life

Laurel Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING WORDS

Kerry Anne Kilkelly

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.

INTRODUCTION

SONG Just Breathe

Pearl Jam

READING The Guest House

Rumi

REFLECTION My End-of-Life Doula Experience

READING Hamlet Act V, Scene I *William Shakespeare*

OFFERTORY The Parting Glass *boygenius, Ye Vagabonds*

READING When Death Comes *Mary Oliver*

MUSICAL PRESENCE Going Home *Dvořák/Yo Yo Ma*

SHARED JOYS/SORROWS

CLOSING SONG May We Walk In Beauty *Leah Salomaa*

BENEDICTION For the Dying *John O'Donohue*

POSTLUDE May You Walk In Beauty *Johnny Mike*

We invite you to stay after our service and join us for coffee and conversation

NEXT SERVICE - Sunday, August 16 led by Marjorie Masse

LOOKING AHEAD

Virtual Lunch Tuesday, August 11th at 12pm on Zoom

Join fellow First Parish friends for a virtual and freeform lunch discussion each Tuesday. Find the "Join Our Service" button at www.uubillerica.org/

Sew & Sews Tuesday, August 11th at 4pm in the Parish Hall

Grab your unfinished sewing or craft projects and join us this Tuesday from 4-8pm. We are a group of supportive quilters, sewers, stitchers, and crafters all who enjoy a cup of tea, good conversations and creative fun together. There is a \$5 suggested donation based on ability to pay. All are welcome to join us!

First Parish Pool Party & BBQ - Wednesday, August 19th at 4pm at Meredith Lovell's home. Join us as we take time to relax and hang out with one another for an afternoon of summer pool and food fun! See the weekly newsletter for more details and address information.

VOLUNTEER CALL!

Billerica's annual Yankee Doodle Homecoming is fast approaching on Saturday, September 19th and First Parish Church will again be marching in the parade and hosting a booth. We are seeking volunteers to help out throughout the day to walk in the parade and/or lend a hand with setting up and cleaning up. If you can share sometime on September 19th, please add your name to the sign up sheet on the board. Many hands make the work lighter and the fun greater!

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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.