

FIRST PARISH CHURCH
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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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Sharing of how our challenges can be gifts.

August 3, 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE
FIRST PARISH CHURCH BILLERICA

Worship Leader: Rev. Steve Wilson

WELCOME / LAND

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: Rev. Steve
Wilson

ANNOUNCEMENTS
GREET YOUR NEIGHBOR

OPENING WORDS: Naomi King
(adapted)

CHALICE LIGHTING *Outwitted* by Edwin
Markham

He drew a circle that shut me out -
Heretic, rebel, a thing to flout
But Love and I had the wit to win:
We drew a circle that took him in!

TIME FOR ALL AGES/PARTING SONG

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

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

*Love is the doctrine of this church. The quest for
Truth 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 do we covenant with each other
and with God.*

CENTERING HYMN: #34 Bravest Fire

PRAYER/MEDITATION:

Monet Refuses the Operation

CANDLES OF JOY AND CONCERN

MUSICAL MEDITATION/INTERLUDE

RESPONSIVE READING: The Telling

SHARING:

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OFFERTORY WORDS: To Arrh is Pirate

CHORAL RESPONSE/MUSICAL
OFFERTORY

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*

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: #318 We Would Be One

CLOSING WORDS: Robert Kaufmann

POSTLUDE

Please join us for coffee and conversation after the service.
Our Calendar meeting will begin at 11:30