



May 17, 2026
“Working Together”

Worship Leader: Lisa Jamieson
Worship Musician: Liz Cardenas
Worship Assistant: John Bewick
Sound/Equipment: John Luke Mills
Zoom Team: Sarah Mills, John Bewick, Tara Maharjan
Greeter: John Bewick
Coffee Hour Host: Deirdre and Bob Leger

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETINGS

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.

OPENING WORDS

by Susan Enzweiler

OPENING HYMN:

Come, Come Whoever You Are
#188 in Singing The Living Tradition

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 do we covenant with each other and with God.

TIME FOR ALL AGES

A story from A Lamp in Every Corner: Our Unitarian
Universalist Storybook by Janeen K Grohsmeyer

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

MUSICAL MEDITATION:

“Don’t Carry It All”

The Decemberists

SERMON

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

Words by Elizabeth Selle Jones

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

*The church has a tradition of facing outward during the Closing Hymn
as a sign of going forth to live our religion.*

CLOSING HYMN:

Building Bridges

#1023 in *Singing The Journey* (teal hymnal)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

With A Little Help From My Friends

the Beatles

Please join us downstairs in the Parish Hall for coffee and conversation immediately following the service.

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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.