

ORDER OF SERVICE
FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN BILLERICA
January 10, 2021

Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Bill Gardiner
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Choir Director/Organist: Joohwa Park

WELCOME

OPENING WORDS

CHALICE LIGHTING words by Marjorie Montgomery
Life is a gift for which we are grateful.
We gather in community to celebrate the glories
And the mysteries of this great gift.

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.

OPENING HYMN “Gather the Spirit” (lyrics on following pages, #347 in the hymnal)

CANDLES OF JOY AND CONCERN

PRAYER AND MEDITATION

MUSICAL INTERLUDE “How Can I Keep from Singing and More” arranged and played by Joohwa Park, Piano

HYMN

“Circle ‘Round for Freedom” (lyrics on following pages, #155 in the hymnal)

SERMON

“Justice, Equity and Compassion in Human Relations: Reimagining Community Safety in our Time”, Rev. Gardiner

OFFERTORY

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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 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.

HYMN

“There Is More Love Somewhere” (lyrics on following pages, #95 in the hymnal)

BENEDICTION

Gather the Spirit

Gather the spirit, harvest the power.
Our sep'rate fires will kindle one flame.
Witness the mystery of this hour.
Our trials in this light appear all the same.

Gather in peace, gather in thanks.
Gather in sympathy now and then.
Gather in hope, compassion and strength.
Gather to celebrate once again.

Gather the spirit of heart and mind.
Seeds for the sowing are laid in store.
Nurtured in love, and conscience refined,
With body and spirit united once more.

Gather in peace, gather in thanks.
Gather in sympathy now and then.
Gather in hope, compassion and strength.
Gather to celebrate once again.

Gather the spirit growing in all,
Drawn by the moon and fed by the sun.
Winter to spring, and summer to fall,
The chorus of life resounding as one.

Gather in peace, gather in thanks.
Gather in sympathy now and then.
Gather in hope, compassion and strength.
Gather to celebrate once again.

Circle 'Round for Freedom

Circle 'round for freedom, circle 'round for peace,
For all of us imprisoned, circle for release,
Circle for the planet, circle for each soul,
For the children of our children, keep the circle whole.

There Is More Love Somewhere

There is more love somewhere.
There is more love somewhere.
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it.
There is more love somewhere.

There is more hope somewhere.
There is more hope somewhere.
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it.
There is more hope somewhere.

There is more peace somewhere.
There is more peace somewhere.
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it.
There is more peace somewhere.

There is more joy somewhere.
There is more joy somewhere.
I'm gonna keep on 'til I find it.
There is more joy somewhere.