

ORDER OF SERVICE  
FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN BILLERICA  
October 17, 2021

*Worship Leader:* Rev. Nannene Gowdy  
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*Choir Director/Organist:* Joohwa Park

*“Universalists believe God is too good to damn people, Unitarians believe they are too good to be damned.” ~Thomas Starr King*

WELCOME AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHALICE LIGHTING words by Marjorie Montgomery  
*(Everyone is invited to say the words of the 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 “Late October” by Maya  
Angelou

OPENING HYMN “Come, Thou Fount of Every  
Blessing” (lyrics on following  
pages, #126 in the hymnal)

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.

INGATHERING AND CANDLES OF JOY AND CONCERN

PRAYER AND MEDITATION

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

"Theme from La La Land",  
music by Justin Hurwitz,  
arranged by Jacob Koller;  
Joohwa Park, Piano

READING

“He Drew a Circle” by Edwin  
Markham

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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

SERMON

“Love and I Had the Wit to  
Win”, Rev. Gowdy

HYMN

“Love Will Guide Us” (lyrics on  
following pages, #131 in the  
hymnal)

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE words by Elizabeth Selle Jones  
*(Everyone is invited to say the words of the extinguishing of 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.

BENEDICTION

“Go Out Into the Byways” by  
John Murray

## **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,  
Tune our hearts to sing thy grace.  
Streams of mercy never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of life's perfection  
Fills our hearts with joy and love,  
Teach us ever to be faithful,  
May we still thy goodness prove.

Come, thou fount of ev'ry vision,  
Lift our eyes to what may come.  
See the lion and the young lamb  
Dwell together in thy home.  
Hear the cries of war fall silent,  
Feel our love glow like the sun.  
When we all serve one another,  
Then our heaven is begun.

Come, thou fount of inspiration,  
Turn our lives to higher ways.  
Lift our gloom and desperation,  
Show the promise of this day.  
Help us bind ourselves in union,  
Help our hands tell of our love.  
With thine aid, O fount of justice,  
Earth be fair as heav'n above.

## **Love Will Guide Us**

Love will guide us, peace has tried us,  
Hope inside us will lead the way  
On the road from greed to giving.  
Love will guide us through the hard night.

If you cannot sing like angels,  
If you cannot speak before thousands,  
You can give from deep within you.  
You can change the world with your love.

Love will guide us, peace has tried us,  
Hope inside us will lead the way  
On the road from greed to giving.  
Love will guide us through the hard night.