

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN BILLERICA**

January 12, 2025

*Worship Leader: Kellie Kinsman*  
*Worship Assistant: Teresa English*  
*Pianist: Jodi Templer*

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**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**CHALICE LIGHTING**

**OPENING WORDS**

**OPENING HYMN\*:** SLT#6 "Just As Long As I  
Have Breath"

**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**

**SINGING OUT THE CHILDREN:**

*Go now in peace, go now in peace,  
May the Spirit of Love surround you,  
Everywhere, everywhere you may go.*

**CANDLES OF JOY AND CONCERNS**

**MEDITATION AND PRAYER**

**PIANO INTERLUDE**

**READING**

**CENTERING HYMN:** STJ #1002 (1-3, 5)  
"Comfort Me"

**SERMON:** Embodying Beloved Community

**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

**CLOSING HYMN\*** SLT #131

"Love Will Guide Us"

(it is our tradition to sing the last hymn facing the world  
we are about to enter)

**EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE\*** E.S.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.

**BENEDICTION\***

**POSTLUDE\***

*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*

Please join us for refreshments and conversation  
immediately after the service.

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UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST**

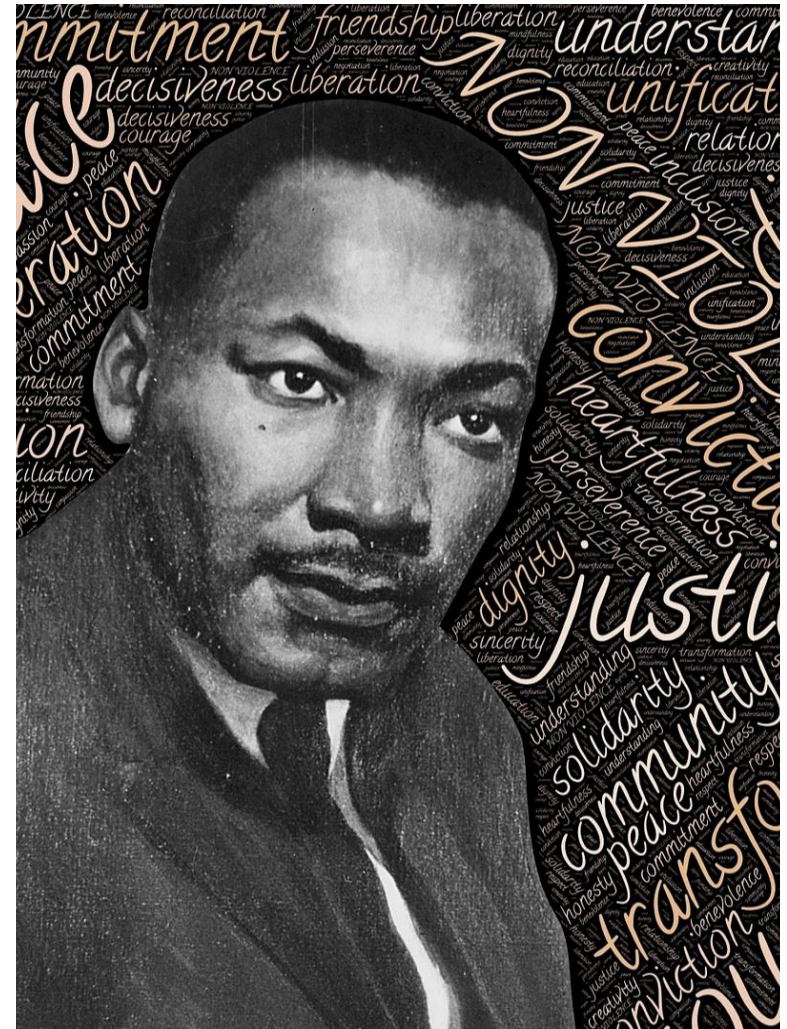
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As Unitarian Universalists, we covenant, congregation-to-congregation and through our Association, to support and assist one another in our ministries. We draw from our heritages of freedom, reason, hope, and courage, building on the foundation of 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.



**Embodying Beloved Community  
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*The First Parish Church in Billerica,  
Unitarian Universalist*

*On the Common*

*Billerica, Massachusetts*