ORDER OF SERVICE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN BILLERICA

November 17, 2024

Worship Leader: Stephanie Trudel
Musician: Joohwa Park

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OPENING WORDS:

Come into this Circle of Community

CHALICE LIGHTING: Let There Be Light

OPENING HYMN*: SLT #131

"Love Will Guide Us"

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

RESPONSIVE READING:

No One is Outside the Circle of Love

PIANO INTERLUDE

MEDITATION AND PRAYER:

Meditation on Hope and Love in Times of Struggle/ A Web of Holy Relationships

HYMN: SLT# 95 There is More Love Somewhere

SERMON: Wonder and Revolutionary Love

OFFERTORY DOXOLOGY*

All people that on earth do dwell Sing ye aloud with cheerful voice; Let hearts in exultation swell, Come now together and rejoice. Amen

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.

CLOSING HYMN* STL #121

"We'll Build A Land"

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

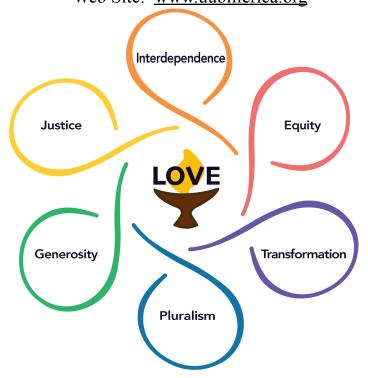
BENEDICTION* To Invoke Love **POSTLUDE***

*Please rise in body or spirit.

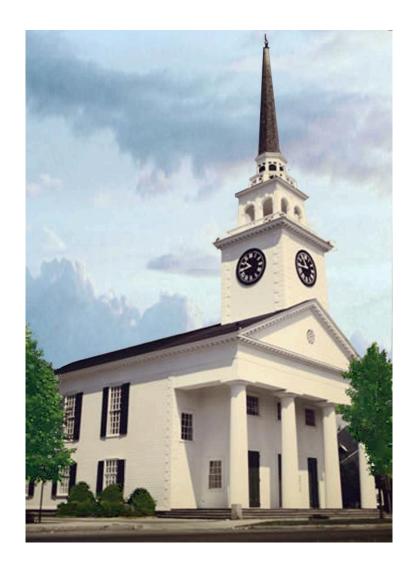
Please join us for refreshments and conversation downstairs immediately after the service.

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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.



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On the Common

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