A MEDITATION ON HOPE

Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger

Sunday, September 14, 2025

"If the world is to be healed through human efforts, I am convinced it will be by ordinary people, people whose love for this life is even greater than their fear."

- Joanna Macy

Senior Minister SM	Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger
Minister of Faith Development MFD	Rev. Annie Gonzalez
Worship Associate WA	Jenn McClain
Dir. of Faith Dev. For Children DFDC	Nate Sellers
Choir Director CD	Brad Conner
Music	First Parish Adult Choir
	Steve Sussman, *piano*
	Carol Epple, *flute*
	Elizabeth Connors, *clarinet*
	David Southard, *alto saxophone*

A Warm Thanks to Today's Volunteers

Bill Rabinowitz, Bob Bass, Paul Bradford, Jenn Puhle, Larry Foresman

Focal point donated in memory of Frances Dorer Quirk

By Robert Dorer

If you are visiting today, Welcome!

After services, all are invited to join us for fellowship and coffee in the Common Room. Stop by the Welcome Table and complete a blue card to be added to our email list.

Assistance & Accessibility

Hearing assisting devices are located at the back of the Sanctuary and in Page Room. Large print bulletins and hymnals are available. All floors are accessible by our elevator at the Elm St. entrance. If you prefer privacy, the back two rows of pews and the upstairs Bacon room will not appear on zoom. Our masking & fragrance-free room is located on the 2nd floor. Noise cancelling earphones are available. Ushers are on hand to help.
Please wear a name tag. New tags can be requested at the Welcome Table.

Youth

†All children, 4 to 14, are invited to join classes. Childcare for infants and children under 3 is available most Sunday mornings in our downstairs nursery.

Today's FD Classrooms

PreK - 5th	Rm L02
6th-7th	Rm 204

ORDER OF SERVICE

SOUND OF THE BELL

PRELUDE
Steve Sussman, piano

OPENING HYMN
#188 "Come, Come Whoever You Are"(as round)

OPENING WORDS and CHALICE LIGHTTING SM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS WA

UNISON AFFIRMATION

TIME FOR ALL AGES DFDC

†SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT
May your mind be open to new learning
May your lips bring truth into the world
May your heart know love, and your hands do the work of justice
as you go your way in peace, as you go your way in peace.

JOYS AND CONCERNS
Liz Connors LPCA

PRAYER SM

HYMN
123 "Spirit of Life"

REFLECTION
"And Yet, We Still Need to Have Dinner" by Jenn McClain

OFFERING SM

OFFERTORY
Steve Sussman, piano

SERMON SM
"A Meditation on Hope". by Rev. Jamie

CLOSING HYMN
#10 "Immortal Love"

CLOSING WORDS SM

POSTLUDE
Steve Sussman, piano

*Please rise in body or spirit. **See back of bulletin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMMIGRATION JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Please join us on Sunday, September 21 in the Bacon Room (immediately after coffee hour) to learn more about what the Immigration Justice Committee has done, is doing, and will be doing to address immigration issues facing our communities here in Massachusetts. The presentation will be followed by Q&A. Bagels and cream cheese will be served. Feel free to bring your coffee up to the Bacon Room. All are welcome!

WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:30 AM	Fellowship & Coffee
	11:30 AM	SYG Cookout
	4:00 PM	Abby Hafer Memorial Service
MONDAY	1:00 PM	Knot Committee
TUESDAY	10:30 AM	Ops. Meeting
	4:00 PM	Membership Committee
	7:00 PM	Tohline SGM
	7:00 PM	Meditation
WEDNESDAY	2:00 PM	Tech Crew Meeting
	3:30 PM	JYG
	7:00 PM	Lay Pastoral Committee
	7:00 PM	Parish Board Meeting
THURSDAY	9:30 AM	Short Story Group
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir
FRIDAY	6:00 PM	Public Witness Team Meeting
SATURDAY		

~check the website calendar for more details~

Open Groups & Programs

Faith Development

Sunday (PreK - 7th)	during Sun Service
Jr. Youth Group (6th - 8th)	Wed 3:30 - 5 pm
Sr. Youth Group (9th - 12th)	Sun 2:30 - 4 pm

Choirs

Adult Choir	Thur 7:30 pm
Sr. Youth Choirs (6th - 12th)	TBA
Jr. Youth Choirs (3rd - 5th)	TBA
KidSing (age 5-2nd)	TBA

Drop-In Meditation Group	1st, 3rd, 4th & last Tue 7pm
Vespers	2nd Tue 7 pm
Women's Book Group	monthly Sun. 6 pm
Short Story Group	Thur 9:30 am
Join a Small Group	contact Rev. Annie
Multigenerational Gaming Gathering	3rd Sun 2 pm
Friday Night Potluck Dinner	1st Fri 6 pm
Immigration Justice Committee	contact Cecile Mercado

Unison Affirmation

Love is the spirit of this church
And service is its law.
This is our great covenant:
To dwell together in peace,
To seek the truth in love,
And to help one another.

El amor es el Espíritu de esta Iglesia
y el servicio es su ley.
Este es nuestro gran pacto:
Vivir juntos en paz,
buscar la verdad en espíritu de amor,
y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

"Connect" with us to be added to our email list.

Volunteer Connect Donate

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Gallery@FirstParish	Maria Green, Doris Smith
Hospitality:	Catherine Van Praagh
Immigration Justice:	Cecile Mercado
IT:	Sandy Currier
Lay Pastoral:	Liz Connors
Membership:	Dave Southard
Music:	Lisa Tohline
Nominating:	Sarah Dorer
Parish Council:	Bea Brunkhorst
Partner Church:	Sharon McDonald
Personnel:	Carol Gregory
Physical Plant:	Joel Parks
Stewardship:	Sarah Dorer, Bill Rabinowitz
Social Responsibility:	Moriah Tumbleson-Shaw
UU Urban Ministry Delegates:	Cecile Mercado & Robert Schmalz

FIRST PARISH IN BEDFORD

A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

SERVICE EVERY SUNDAY

10:00 AM

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