

ANCESTORS MEMORIAL SERVICE

by the Worship Team

Sunday, October 26, 2025

“For you, dear ancestors, we live this day”- Marta Valentín

Senior Minister SM Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger
Minister of Faith Development MFD Rev. Annie Gonzalez
Worship Associate WA Ian Carroll
Dir. of Faith Dev. For Children DFDC Nate Sellers
Music Director CD Brad Conner
Youth Choir Director YCD Janet Welby
Junior & Senior Youth Choirs
Brad Conner, *piano*
Takako Okamoto, *piano*
Nao Okamoto, *violin*
Elizabeth Connors, *clarinet*
Dean Groves, *guitar*

A Warm Thanks to Today's Volunteers

Bob Batt, Clayton Springer, Craig Jackson, Kath McCafferty, Rich Suval,
Tony Van Der Mude, Nancy Daugherty, Rich Daugherty, Sarah Dorer,
Stephanie Keep

Focal point donated by Katie Oates, Gallery Committee
DEMOCRACY - Let's Keep It!

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

Ouverture

from *Suite*, Op. 157b, No. 1 by Darius Milhaud

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS WA

*OPENING HYMN

“Where Do We Come From?” (round, see insert)

OPENING WORDS and CHALICE LIGHTING SM

by Rev. Jamie

**UNISON AFFIRMATION

ANTHEM

“*Jambo Sana*” (“Hello, Everybody”) (see insert)

TIME FOR ALL AGES, PART ONE DFDC

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

“Breaths” by Ysaye Barnwell

TIME FOR ALL AGES, PART TWO DFDC

OFFERING WORDS WA

OFFERTORY

Divertissement

from *Suite*, Op. 157b, No. 2 by Milhaud

REFLECTION SM

“Friendly Ghosts” by Rev. Jamie

ANCESTORS MEMORIAL RITUAL

CLOSING PRAYER MFD

*CLOSING HYMN

“Return Again” (round, see insert)

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISH CHALICE SM

POSTLUDE

Jeu (“Game”)

from *Suite*, Op. 157b, No. 3 by Milhaud

*Please rise in body or spirit.

**See back of bulletin

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GALLERY COMMITTEE EXHIBIT

Join us after church in the Bacon room for a reception honoring our newest exhibit,

“What Does Democracy Look Like to You.”

Enjoy refreshments and music provided by Dean Groves.

IMMIGRATION JUSTICE COMMITTEE

After the service, IJC and volunteers will collect signatures to put the rent stabilization question on the state ballot for Nov 2026. Affordable housing is a crucial component of social justice. For more info, visit keepmasshome.com

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

UU consultant Sara Green will return to FPB next month to conduct a Capital Campaign feasibility study. Before then, community members are encouraged to consider how best to maintain this historic church for future generations. How should FPB look in the year 2075?

WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:30 AM	Fellowship & Coffee
	11:30 AM	SYG
	11:30 AM	Gallery Reception
	6:00 PM	Women's Book Club
MONDAY	1:00 PM	Knot Committee
TUESDAY	5:30 PM	Membership Meeting
	7:00 PM	Meditation
WEDNESDAY	3:30 PM	JYG
THURSDAY	9:30 AM	Short Story Group - ZOOM
	4:00 PM	Youth Choirs (Jr. & Sr.)
	7:00 PM	Grief Group
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir
FRIDAY	10:00 AM	Personnel Committee
	5:00 PM	Youth Choirs (Jr. & Sr.)
SATURDAY	2:00 PM	Cake Decorating Class

~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) Thur 4:00-4:15pm
Jr. Youth Choirs (3rd - 5th) Thur 4:00-4:15pm
KidSing (age 5-2nd) Contact Janet Welby

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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Environmental Justice (EJC): Ginny Steel

Finance: Wendy Innis, *treasurer*

Gallery@FirstParish Maria Green, Doris Smith

Hospitality: Catherine Van Praagh

Immigration Justice: Cecile Mercado

IT: Sandy Currier

Lay Pastoral: Liz Connors

Membership: TBA

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



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**OCTOBER 26, 2025
10:00 AM**

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