

# MAKING SPACE FOR HOPE

by Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger

Sunday, December 28, 2025

"Ring out the old, ring in the new."

Lord Tennyson

Senior Minister SM Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger  
Minister of Faith Development MFD Rev. Annie Gonzalez  
Worship Associate WA Rich Suval  
Lay Pastoral Associate LPCA Lay Pastoral Care Team  
Dir. of Faith Dev. For Children DFDC Nate Sellers  
Choir Director MD Brad Conner  
Youth Choir Director LCD Janet Welby  
Steve Sussman, *piano*

## A Warm Thanks to Today's Volunteers

Nancy Daugherty, Rich Daugherty, Deb McKenna, Tony Van Der Mude,  
Sarah Dorer, Stephanie Keep

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

<sup>†</sup>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 - 5<sup>th</sup> Rm L02  
6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Rm 204

## ORDER OF SERVICE

SOUND OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS WA

CHALICE LIGHTING

OPENING WORDS SM

\*OPENING HYMN

"Here we Have Gathered" No. 360

\*\*UNISON AFFIRMATION

TIME FOR ALL AGES SM

JOYS AND CONCERNs LPCA

MEDITATION HYMN

"Spirit of Life" No. 123

READING WA

"For Calling the Spirit Back from Wandering the Earth  
in Its Human Feet" by Joy Harjo.

OFFERING WORDS SM

OFFERTORY

REFLECTION SM

"Making Space for Hope" by Rev. Jamie

BURNING BOWL CEREMONY

CLOSING HYMN

"The Fire of Commitment" No. 1028

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISH CHALICE SM

POSTLUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

A digital infrastructure projects survey is open till Jan 5. Everyone is invited to complete the webform

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y5TRVC9>

which covers infrastructure problems, proposed solutions, cost alternatives & community values. Your thoughtful responses to this survey are greatly appreciated!

## WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:30 AM	Fellowship & Coffee
MONDAY	10:00 AM	Grief Group
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	Meditation
WEDNESDAY	6:00 PM	New Year's Eve Games Party
THURSDAY		<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR ! - OFFICE CLOSED</b>
FRIDAY		
SATURDAY		

## OPEN GROUPS & PROGRAMS

### Faith Development

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

### Choirs

Adult Choir Thur 7:30 pm  
Sr. Youth Choirs (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>) Thur 4:00-4:15pm  
Jr. Youth Choirs (3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>) Thur 4:00-4:15pm  
KidSing (age 5-2nd) Contact Janet Welby

### Drop-In Meditation Group

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & last Tue 7pm

### Vespers

2<sup>nd</sup> 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

3<sup>rd</sup> Sun 2 pm

### Friday Night Potluck Dinner

1<sup>st</sup> 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

**Parish Office:** Monday to Friday, 10:AM - 2:00 PM  
781-275-7994

### Church Staff

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Ted Carlson, Peter Cho,  
Wendy Innis, Susan Lincoln

### Church Committee Chairs

**Environmental Justice (EJC):** Ginny Steel

**Finance:** Wendy Innis, *treasurer*  
Gallery@FirstParish  
**Hospitality:** Maria Green, Doris Smith

**Immigration Justice:** Catherine Van Praagh

**IT:** Cecile Mercado

**Lay Pastoral:** Sandy Currier

**Membership:** Elizabeth Connors

**Music:** TBA

**Nominating:** Lisa Tohline

**Parish Council:** Sarah Dorer

**Partner Church:** Bea Brunkhorst

**Personnel:** Sharon McDonald

**Physical Plant:** Carol Gregory

**Stewardship:** Joel Parks

**Social Responsibility:** Sarah Dorer, Bill Rabinowitz

**UU Urban Ministry Delegates:** Cecile Mercado & Robert Schmalz

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A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST  
CONGREGATION



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**DECEMBER 28, 2025  
10:00 AM**

75 Great Road  
Bedford, MA



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