

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
- Minister of Faith Development MFD
- Worship Associate WA
- Lay Pastoral Associate LPCA
- Dir. of Faith Dev. For Children DFDC
- Choir Director MD
- Youth Choir Director LCD
- Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger
- Rev. Annie Gonzalez
- Rich Suval
- Lay Pastoral Care Team
- Nate Sellers
- Brad Conner
- 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 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 - 5 th	Rm L02
6 th -7 th	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	HAPPY NEW YEAR ! - OFFICE CLOSED	
FRIDAY		
SATURDAY		

*Please rise in body or spirit.

**See back of

~check the website calendar for more details~

OPEN GROUPS & PROGRAMS

Faith Development

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

Choirs

Adult Choir	Thur 7:30 pm
Sr. Youth Choirs (6 th - 12 th)	Thur 4:00-4:15pm
Jr. Youth Choirs (3 rd - 5 th)	Thur 4:00-4:15pm
KidSing (age 5-2 nd)	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: Elizabeth 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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**DECEMBER 28, 2025
10:00 AM**

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