

TO THE LIGHT OF HUMAN CONSCIENCE

by Rev. Annie Gonzalez

Sunday, January 18, 2026

“Injustice must be exposed, with all the tension its exposure creates, to the light of human conscience and the air of national opinion before it can be cured.”

-Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Senior Minister SM Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger

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Choir Director MD Brad Conner

Youth Choir Director LOD Janet Welby
First Parish Adult Choir
Steve Sussman, *piano*

A Warm Thanks to Today's Volunteers

Bob Bass, Bob Batt, Carla Bradford, Linda Conrad, Sandy Currier, Carol Epple & Jenn Puhle

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

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS WA

CHALICE LIGHTING

OPENING WORDS MFD

*OPENING HYMN

“When Our Heart is in a Holy Place” No. 1008

**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 LPCA

ANTHEM

“Dreams” by Innocent Okechukwu

Text by Langston Hughes “Hold Fast to Dreams” No. 488

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REFLECTION

“Community & Inclusion” by Mark Bailey

OFFERING WORDS MFD

OFFERTORY

READING WA

from “James Luther Adam’s Examined Faith” by Chris Walton

SERMON MFD

“To the Light of Human Conscience” by Rev. Annie

CLOSING HYMN

“God of Grace and God of Glory” No. 115

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISH CHALICE SM

POSTLUDE

“I Dream a World” by David Brunner

Text by Langston Hughes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

The Capital Campaign Committee will host a webinar on Tuesday, Jan 27, from 6:30–8 pm. CC information gathered since 2024 plus financial, energy & architecture consultants will be summarized. A campaign fundraising goal and prioritized list of infrastructure projects will also be presented. Everyone can join the webinar via the Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81415342541>

BOOK DISCUSSION CLIMATE CAFE

Book Discussion Climate Cafe Today (11:30 - 12:15pm Bacon Room) Join us! Several excerpts from The Serviceberry book will be read aloud followed by discussion (facilitated by Rev. Jamie). Coordinated by the Environmental Justice Committee.

MULTIGENERATIONAL GAMES

Multigenerational games is happening Sunday afternoon, 2PM. Please join us!

WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:30 AM	Fellowship & Coffee
	11:30 AM	Book Discussion Climate Cafe
	11:30 AM	SYG
	2:00 PM	Multigenerational Games
MONDAY	OFFICE CLOSED (MLK, Jr. Holiday)	
	9:30 AM	BFC Playgroup
	7:00 PM	Capital Campaign Mtg.- Zoom
TUESDAY	10:30 AM	Ops. Mtg.
	2:00 PM	IN-Person 6 Month Small Group
	7:00 PM	Meditation
	7:30 PM	SRC Mtg.
WEDNESDAY	3:30 PM	JYG
	7:00 PM	Knot Committee
	7:00 PM	Parish Board Mtg.
THURSDAY	9:30 AM	Short Story Group - ZOOM
	4:00 PM	Youth Choirs
	7:00 PM	Committee on Ministry
	7:00 PM	Grief Group
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir

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

~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 11:30 - 1 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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Church Committee Chairs

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



ORDER OF SERVICE

JANUARY 18, 2026

10:00 AM

75 Great Road
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