

ON LOWERING THE TEMPERATURE

by Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger

Sunday, January 25, 2026

"I call that mind free which is calm in the midst of tumults, and possesses itself, though all else be lost."

-William Ellery Channing

Senior Minister SM	Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger
Minister of Faith Development MFD	Rev. Annie Gonzalez
Worship Associate WA	Ian Carroll
Lay Pastoral Associate LPCA	TBD
Dir. of Faith Dev. For Children DFDC	Nate Sellers
Choir Director MD	Brad Conner
Youth Choir Director LCD	Janet Welby
	First Parish Adult Choir
	Sandra LaBarge-Neumann, <i>organ</i>
	Steve Sussman, <i>piano</i>

A Warm Thanks to Today's Volunteers

Bob Batt, Carla Bradford, Paul Bradford, Randi Currier, Sarah Dorer, Bob Doud, Lee Vorderer, Cecile Mercado, Moriah Tumbleson-Shaw & Anthony Van der Mude

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

Psalms 23 by Schubert, arr. Samsel, D. 706

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS WA

CHALICE LIGHTING

OPENING WORDS SM

*OPENING HYMN

"Come, Come, Whoever You Are" (round) No. 188

**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.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN REFLECTION

"On Sustainability" by Dan & Renu Bostwick

JOYS AND CONCERNS LPCA

ANTHEM

Dona nobis pacem by Franz Schubert, arr. Nygaard
based on *Impromptu* in Gb Major, D. 899, Op. 90, No. 3

REFLECTION WA

"Turning Down the Noise" by Ian Carroll

OFFERING WORDS SM

OFFERTORY

Ave Maria by Schubert, arr. Piorgano, D. 839, Op. 52, No. 6

SERMON SM

"On Lowering the Temperature" by Rev. Jamie

CLOSING HYMN

"Love Will Guide Us" No. 131

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISH CHALICE SM

POSTLUDE

Cum sancto Spiritu by Wolfgang Amadé Mozart
from *Missa solemnis* in c minor, K. 139 *Waisenhaus*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

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

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

LYCEUM

Next Sunday, Feb. 1st., long-term First Parish member Sharon McDonald will give a Bedford Lyceum talk about her experiences as town historian. Her talk "Door Number Two: Historian" will begin at 8:45 a.m. in the Common Room and conclude in time for the Sunday service. She promises "a few props and a song or two". Lyceum talks happen before church on the first Sunday of each month.

WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:30 AM	Fellowship & Coffee
	11:30 AM	SYG
	11:45 AM	Parish Council Mtg.
MONDAY	10:00 AM	Grief Group
	6:00 PM	Breeze Training- ZOOM
TUESDAY	2:00 PM	Innis Small Group
	5:30 PM	BCA Photo Group
	7:00 PM	Meditation
WEDNESDAY	3:30 PM	JYG
	7:00 PM	Lay Pastoral Committee Mtg.
	7:00 PM	Knot Committee
THURSDAY	9:30 AM	Short Story Group - ZOOM
	4:00 PM	Youth Choirs
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir
FRIDAY	5:00 PM	Youth Choirs

*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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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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JANUARY 25, 2026

10:00 AM

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