

# A VISION FOR THE NEW YEAR

by Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger

Sunday, January 4, 2026

"Morning has broken - praise with elation."  
Eleanor Farjeon

Senior Minister SM Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger  
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Choir Director MD Brad Conner  
Youth Choir Director LCD Janet Welby  
Steve Sussman, piano

## A Warm Thanks to Today's Volunteers

Bob Batt, Craig Jackson, Sandy Currier, Sarah Dorer, Paul Bradford,  
Carla Bradford, Lee Vorderer, Larry Foresman

## Focal Point

Donated by Donald Marshall

*In memory of my wife, Barbara, who passed away on January 6, 2017*

## 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

"Morning Has Broken" No. 38

\*\*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

MEDITATION HYMN

"The Lone, Wild Bird" No. 15

REFLECTION WA

"Change is Hard" by Marya Dantzer

OFFERING WORDS SM

OFFERTORY

SERMON SM

"A Vision for the New Year" by Rev. Jamie

CLOSING HYMN

"We Sing of Golden Mornings" No. 44

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!

### CLOTHING COLLECTION

Sr. High Youth Group will once again participate in the [CityReach](#) urban homeless outreach program in downtown Boston. We accept clean and immediately usable items. Please limit your donations to size L or larger.

**We will be taking donations through January 18th.**

### WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:30 AM	Fellowship & Coffee
	11:30 AM	SYG
	11:30 AM	Talk Back
MONDAY	1:00 PM	Knot Committee
	7:00 PM	Capital Campaign Committee - Zoom
	7:00 PM	Oates SGM
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	Meditation
	7:15 PM	Al-Anon Parent Group
WEDNESDAY	3:30 PM	JYG
	7:00 PM	Grief Group
	7:30 PM	BFC Book Club
THURSDAY	9:30 AM	Short Story Group - ZOOM
	1:00 PM	Carlton Willard Village Forum
	4:00 PM	Youth Choirs
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir
FRIDAY	5:00 PM	Youth Choirs
	6:00 PM	Potluck Dinner
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<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:** 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 Tumbleston-Shaw

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

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A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST  
CONGREGATION



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**JANUARY 4, 2026  
10:00 AM**

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Bedford, MA



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