

ON LONELINESS

by Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger

Sunday, March 29, 2026

"We have a great deal more kindness than is ever spoken."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

Why First Parish is Important to Me?

"First Parish means social action: a place to bring to fruition a world vision of peace, mutual respect, and human kindness."

Senior Minister SM	Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger
Minister of Faith Development MFD	Rev. Annie Gonzalez
Worship Associate WA	Rich Suval
Lay Pastoral Associate LPCA	LPC Member
Dir. of Faith Dev. For Children DFDC	Nate Sellers
Choir Director MD	Brad Conner
Youth Choir Director LCD	Janet Welby
Music	<i>Sandra LaBarge-Neumann, organ & piano</i> <i>Brad Conner, piano</i> <i>Buffie Groves, vocal solo</i>

A Warm Thanks to Today's Volunteers

Bob Batt, Sandy Boczenowski, Linda Conrad, Sandy Currier, Clayton Springer, Antony Van der Mude & Lee Vorderer

Focal Point Donated by

Sara Angus "Spring is here!"

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

"Hendon"

by Henri A.C. Malan, arr. G.H. Richolson

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS WA

CHALICE LIGHTING

OPENING WORDS SM

*OPENING HYMN

"There's a River Flowin' in My Soul" No. 1007

**UNISON AFFIRMATION

TIME FOR ALL AGES DFDC

"The Parentheses Box" by Nate Sellers

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.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT BEN SEARS

JOYS AND CONCERNS LPCA

PRAYER FOR TRANS DAY OF VISIBILITY SM

ANTHEM

"No One Is Alone" from "Into the Woods"

by Stephen Sondheim, arr. M. Brymer

REFLECTION PART TWO

by Rich Suval

SHARE THE PLATE

Ellen Scheiner on behalf of Plan International

OFFERTORY

"Maryton"

by H. Percy Smith

SERMON SM

"On Loneliness" by Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger

*CLOSING HYMN

"We Would Be One" No. 318

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISH CHALICE SM

POSTLUDE

"Stand by Me"

by Jerry Lieber, Mike Stoller & Ben E. King, arr. M. De-Lisser

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship&Capital Campaign Update: FPB's stewardship and capital drives are now underway. Please return your pledge cards by April 25 to the office. Or submit pledges at <https://uubedford.org/get-involved/pledge/>. Thank you!

WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:30 AM	Fellowship & Coffee
	11:30 AM	STP Project
	11:30 AM	SYG
MONDAY	1:00 PM	Knot Committee
	7:00 PM	Capital Campaign (ZOOM)
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	Meditation
WEDNESDAY	3:30 PM	Junior Youth Group
	7:00 PM	EJC Mtg. (ZOOM)
	7:30 PM	BFC Book Club Mtg.
THURSDAY	9:30 AM	Short Story Group (ZOOM)
	4:00 PM	Youth Choirs Rehearsal
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir
FRIDAY	5:00 PM	Youth Choirs Rehearsal
	5:00 PM	Public Witness Standout
	7:00 PM	Tenebrae/Good Friday Service
SATURDAY	3:00 PM	Easter Music Rehearsal

*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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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

MARCH 29, 2026
10:00 AM

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