

HOPE IS NOT A LOTTERY TICKET

by Eileen Campbell

Sunday, March 8, 2026

*"The one thing we need more than hope is action.
Once we start to act, hope is everywhere."*

-Greta Thunberg

Senior Minister SM Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger
Minister of Faith Development MFD Rev. Annie Gonzalez
Worship Associate WA Marya Dantzer
Lay Pastoral Associate LPCA Marge Heckman
Dir. of Faith Dev. For Children DFDC Nate Sellers
Music Director MD Brad Conner
Youth Choir Director LCD Janet Welby
Music *First Parish Adult Choir*
Sandra LaBarge-Neumann, choir director
Catherine Stornetta, piano
Carol Epple, flute
Elizabeth Connors, clarinet
Nancy Hair, cello

A Warm Thanks to Today's Volunteers

Bob Bass, Sandy Boczenowski, Carla Bradford, Paul Bradford, Linda Conrad, Ginny Crocker, Sandy Currier, Connie Woskov & Paul Woskov

Focal Point Donated by

Rebecca Neale

"In honor of International Women's Day."

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

"Loons" by Janet Welby

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS WA

CHALICE LIGHTING

OPENING WORDS REBECCA NEALE

*OPENING HYMN

"This Little Light of Mine" No. 118

**UNISON AFFIRMATION

TIME FOR ALL AGES REBECCA NEALE

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.

ANTHEM

"O Love" by Elaine Hagenberg

JOYS AND CONCERNS LPCA

SERMON

"Hope is Not a Lottery Ticket" by Eileen Campbell

OFFERING REBECCA NEALE

OFFERTORY

"Adoration" by Florence Price

*CLOSING HYMN

"My Life Flows On in Endless Song" No. 108

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISH CHALICE MFD

POSTLUDE

"Bless Now" by Cheryl Hoenemeyer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARE THE PLATE SUNDAY: International Justice Mission

2026 Plant Fair: Come see us at the Plant Fair Table in the Common for seeds and to sign up for the Plant Fair! We want your ideas for our 70th! We also have a small collection of swag- get it while it lasts!!

Irish Celebration Concert: Saturday, March 14th at 5PM!

The Talents & Treasures Auction will occur on Saturday, March 28 at the church. Several wonderful donations have been made to this year's event. But we need many more for the auction to be a big success. Please submit your auction donations at [FirstParishBedford.auctria.events](https://www.firstparishbedford.auctria.events).

Or point your device at the QR code listed in Friday's digital notices. Thanks!

WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:30 AM	Fellowship & Coffee
	11:30 AM	SYG
	12:00 PM	Safe Congregations Forum
	6:00 PM	Women's Book Group
MONDAY	10:00 AM	Grief Group
	1:00 PM	Knot Committee
	6:30 PM	Monday Mom's SGM
TUESDAY	5:00 PM	Leadership Mtg.
	6:00 PM	Vespers
WEDNESDAY	3:30 PM	Junior Youth Group
	6:00 PM	IJC Mtg. (ZOOM)
	6:00 PM	Membership Mtg.
	7:30 PM	Men's SGM
THURSDAY	9:30 AM	Short Story Group (ZOOM)
	11:00 AM	CWV Forum
	4:00 PM	Youth Choirs
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir
FRIDAY	5:00 PM	Youth Choirs
	6:00 PM	Young Adult Game Night
SATURDAY	9:30 AM	BFC Playgroup
	5:00 PM	Irish Celebration Concert

*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

MARCH 8, 2026

10:00 AM

75 Great Road
Bedford, MA



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