

# LET THE STORM RAGE ON

by Rev. Annie Gonzalez

Sunday, April 26, 2026

*"Feeling good is not frivolous, it is freedom."*

-Adrienne Maree Brown

Senior Minister SM Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger  
Minister of Faith Development MFD Rev. Annie Gonzalez  
Worship Associate WA Rich Suval  
Lay Pastoral Associate LPCA LPCA Member  
Dir. of Faith Dev. For Children DFDC Nate Sellers  
Music Director MD Brad Conner  
Youth Choir Director LCD Janet Welby  
Music *Carol Epple, flute*  
*Elizabeth Connors, clarinet*  
*Nao Okamoto, violin*  
*Dorothy Anderson-Perales, dancer*  
*Brad Conner, piano*

### A Warm Thanks to Today's Volunteers

Paul Bradford, Bob Dorer, Sarah Dorer, Jenn Puhle, Ellen Scheiner, Clayton Springer & Antony Van der Mude

### Focal Point Donated by

Rich Suval

*"Happy 2nd Anniversary Ellen & Rich."*

## 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

†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

*"Pavane pour une infante défunte"* ("Pavane for a Dead Princess"), M.19a  
by Maurice Ravel, arr. Tokito

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS WA

CHALICE LIGHTING

OPENING WORDS MFD

\*OPENING HYMN

"For All That Is Our Life" No. 128

\*\*UNISON AFFIRMATION

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Peter Cho

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

OFFERING WA

SHARE THE PLATE

BIJAN

OFFERTORY

*"Goin' Home"*, based on a theme  
from the "New World" Symphony, Op. 96  
by Antonin Dvořák, arr. Conner

SERMON MFD

"Let the Storm Rage On" by Rev. Annie Gonzalez

\*CLOSING HYMN

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

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISH CHALICE MFD

POSTLUDE

*"April: Snowdrop"* from "The Seasons", Op. 37a, No. 4  
by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, arr. Conner

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

April Music Concert: TODAY! Sunday, April 26th at 3PM! Soprano Valerie Anastasio and pianist Steve Sussman will perform works of legendary composers Richard Strauss, Kurt Weill, Aaron Copland, and Leonard Bernstein. Suggested donations \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and students.

Stewardship & Capital Campaign - Thanks to everyone who submitted pledges for FPB's stewardship and capital campaign drives. We'll celebrate both fundraisers achievements with ice cream cakes during coffee hour today!

It's time to sign up your yard or you for digging up heritage plants and other volunteer positions at 70<sup>th</sup> Plant and Craft Fair! Spring is here! Sign up on our church webpage- One link is the larger Plant Fair sign-ups and one just for the Bake table: <https://uubedford.org/events/first-parish-plant-craft-fair/> Come see us at the Plant Fair Table after church!

## WEEK AHEAD

<b>SUNDAY</b>	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:30 AM	Fellowship & Coffee
	11:30 AM	End of Life Series
	11:30 AM	SYG
	11:30 AM	Gallery Committee
	<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>Music Concert</b>
	6:00 PM	Women's Book Club
<b>MONDAY</b>	1:00 PM	Knot Committee
<b>TUESDAY</b>	6:30 PM	BCA Photo Group
	7:00 PM	Meditation
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	3:30 PM	Junior Youth Group
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:30 AM	Short Story Group (ZOOM)
	10:00 AM	End of Life Series
	4:00 PM	Youth Choirs
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9:00 AM	May Day Gathering
	5:00 PM	Youth Choirs
	5:00 PM	Public Witness Standout
	5:15 PM	Violin Lessons
	6:00 PM	Potluck Dinner

**SATURDAY**

\*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 - 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 11:30 - 1 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 5-2<sup>nd</sup>) 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  
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### Church Staff

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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

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A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST  
CONGREGATION



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**APRIL 26, 2026**

**10:00 AM**

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