

## EASTER SUNDAY - TRADITIONAL SERVICE

by Rev. Annie Gonzalez

Sunday, April 5, 2026

### ***Why First Parish is Important to Me?***

*"First Parish is a community of kindred souls who help me find voice and pursue my calling."*

Senior Minister SM	Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger
Minister of Faith Development MFD	Rev. Annie Gonzalez
Worship Associate WA	Jenn McClain
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</i> <i>Steve Sussman, piano</i> <i>Carol Eppe, flute</i> <i>Elizabeth Connors, clarinet</i> <i>Nathan Kimball, cello</i> <i>Cynthia Mork, vocal solo</i>

### **A Warm Thanks to Today's Volunteers**

Bob Bass, Bob Batt, Em Bradford, Linda Conrad, Larry Foresman, Pam Foresman, Marge Heckman, Susan Lincoln & Natalie McClain

### **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**

†Childcare for infants and children under 3 is available most Sunday mornings in our downstairs nursery.

## ORDER OF SERVICE

SOUND OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

"Light of a Clear Blue Morning"  
by Dolly Parton, arr. Johnson

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS WA

CHALICE LIGHTING

OPENING WORDS SM

\*OPENING HYMN

"Lo! the Earth Awakes Again" No. 61

\*\*UNISON AFFIRMATION

PASTORAL PRAYER MFD

ANTHEM

"Sing of Spring"  
by George Gershwin, arr. Conner

READING SM

Readings from  
The Gospel of Matthew and Miguel de la Torre

\*HYMN

"Now the Green Blade Riseth" No. 266, verses 1-2

READING WA

Readings from  
Exodus and Rebecca Solnit

\*HYMN

"When Israel Was in Egypt's Land" No. 104, verses 1-2

OFFERING WA

OFFERTORY

"Beach Spring" from "Morning Trumpet:  
Sacred Harp Duets", arr. Page

REFLECTION MFD

\*CLOSING HYMN

"O Day of Light and Gladness" No. 270

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISH CHALICE MFD

POSTLUDE

"Op alle, som på jorden bor"  
("Arise All Who Dwell on the Earth"), by Jesper Madsen

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Thursday, April 16, 10am-5pm: First Parish Watch Party at church for UU Advocacy Day (pizza lunch provided).

## WEEK AHEAD

<b>SUNDAY</b>	9:00 AM	Traditional Easter Service
	10:00 AM	Fellowship & Coffee
	11:00 AM	ALL-Ages Easter Service
	12:00 PM	Easter Egg Hunt
<b>MONDAY</b>	10:00 AM	Grief Group
	7:00 PM	Oates SGM
<b>TUESDAY.</b>	10:30 AM	Ops. Staff Mtg.
	7:00 PM	Vespers
	7:15 PM	AI-Anon Parent Group
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	3:30 PM	Junior Youth Group
	6:00 PM	IJC Mtg. (ZOOM)
	6:00 PM	Membership Mtg.
	7:00 PM	Knot Committee
	7:30 PM	Men's SGM
<b>THURSDAY</b>	9:30 AM	Short Story Group (ZOOM)
	11:00 AM	CWV Group
	4:00 PM	Youth Choirs Rehearsal
	6:00 PM	Breeze 101 (ZOOM)
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir
<b>FRIDAY</b>	5:00 PM	Youth Choirs Rehearsal
	5:00 PM	Public Witness Standout
	7:00 PM	Prep Pancake Breakfast
<b>SATURDAY</b>	8:00 AM	Pancake Breakfast
	10:30 AM	Pole-Capping

\*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  
781-275-7994

### Church Staff

**Senior Minister:** Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger  
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**Parishioner Editor:** Carla Bradford  
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**Parish Board:** Mark Bailey, Bea Brunkhorst,  
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 Tumbleson-Shaw

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

# FIRST PARISH IN BEDFORD

A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST  
CONGREGATION



## ORDER OF SERVICE

**APRIL 5, 2026**

**9:00 AM**

75 Great Road  
Bedford, MA



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