

## SYMPTOMS AND CAUSES

by Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger

Sunday, May 24, 2026

*“Keep fresh before me the moments of my high resolve, that in good times or in tempests, I may not forget that to which my life is committed.”*

*-Howard Thurman*

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	<i>Steve Sussman, piano</i>

### A Warm Thanks to Today's Volunteers

Bob Bass, Sarah Dorer, Carol Epple, Marge Heckman, Norm Heckman, Marlene Myers, Bill Rabinowitz, Ellen Scheiner & Chris Tohline

### 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

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS WA

CHALICE LIGHTING

OPENING WORDS SM

\*OPENING HYMN

“May Nothing Evil Cross This Door” No. 1

\*\*UNISON AFFIRMATION

SPECIAL MUSIC

“You’ll Be Back” from “Hamilton”  
by Lin-Manuel Miranda

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

“Winds Be Still” No. 83

OFFERING WA

OFFERTORY

SERMON SM

“Symptoms and Causes” by Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger

\*CLOSING HYMN

“We’ll Build a Land” (vs. 1, 2, and 4) No. 121

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISH CHALICE SM

POSTLUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bedford Lyceum 6/7: The final Lyceum of the year will be Sunday, June 7 in the Common Room, beginning at 9 a.m. Carol Gregory will speak on “How my students helped me grow up!”, which she summarizes like this: “People shape our lives in so many ways. As a teacher, my students with special needs were prime movers in shaping my life. They helped me expand my world to see beyond myself, to focus on the process of learning, changing, and learning again, and to become the grown up they needed to help them navigate their world.”

Jazz Concert 6/20: Featuring the First Parish Family Band: Emory and Ian Carroll, Dean and Buffie Groves, Dave Southard, Steve Sussman, Buffie Groves, and Cynthia Mork, as well as the return of David Getty's a cappella group, Fretless.

## WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:30 AM	Fellowship & Coffee
MONDAY	MEMORIAL DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)	
	1:00 PM	Knot Committee
TUESDAY	7:00 AM	USI Maintenance
	6:00 PM	Meditation
WEDNESDAY	3:30 PM	Junior Youth Group
	7:00 PM	Lay Pastoral Mtg.
THURSDAY	9:30 AM	Short Story Group (ZOOM)
	4:00 PM	Youth Choirs
	7:00 PM	Committee on Ministry
FRIDAY	5:00 PM	Youth Choirs
	5:00 PM	Public Witness Standout
	5:15 PM	Violin Lessons
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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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

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A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST  
CONGREGATION



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**MAY 24, 2026**

**10:00 AM**

75 Great Road  
Bedford, MA



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