

FIRST PARISH IN BEDFORD

A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

OPEN GROUPS & PROGRAMS

Faith Development

Sunday (PreK - 7th) during Sun Service

Jr. Youth Group (6th - 8th) every Sunday after the service

Sr. Youth Group (9th - 12th) every other Sun. after the service

Choirs

Adult Choir Thur 7:30 pm

Combined Youth Choirs Thurs. 5-6 pm and Fri 4-5 pm

Women's Book Group: monthly Sunday, 6 pm

Short Story Group: Thursday, 9:30 am

Join a Small Group: contact Rev. Annie

Multigenerational Gaming: 3rd Sunday, 2 pm

Friday Night Potluck Dinner: 1st Friday, 6 pm

Immigration Justice Committee: contact Luana Read



“Connect” with us to be added to our email list:



Volunteer



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ORDER OF SERVICE

September 20, 2026

10:00 AM

75 Great Road
Bedford, MA



uubedford.org

“Being, Belonging, Becoming” –A Three Year

Retrospective

By Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger

September 20, 2026

“How many we sit with in church, whom, though silently, we warmly rejoice to be with. Read the language of these wandering eye-beams. The heart knoweth.” –Ralph Waldo Emerson

Senior Minister SM

Minister of Faith Development MFD

Worship Associate WA

Lay Pastoral Associate LPCA

Dir. of Faith Dev. For Children DFDC

Music Director MD

Youth Choir Director LCD

Music Director

Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger

Rev. Annie Gonzalez

Rich Suval

LPC Member

Nate Sellers

Brad Conner

Janet Welby

Brad Conner, *piano*

A Warm Thanks to Today's Volunteers:

Coffee: Denise Dube, Christine Dudley-Marling, Ellen Scheiner

Focal Point: Debbie & Tom Flannery

Tech: Bob Bass, Bob Dorer, Craig Jackson

Ushers: Carol Epple, Larry Foresman

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

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

Church Committee Chairs

Environmental Justice (EJC): Ginny Steel

Finance: Wendy Innis, *treasurer*

Gallery@FirstParish: Maria Green, Doris Smith

Hospitality: Catherine Van Praagh

Immigration Justice: Luana Read

IT: Sandy Currier

Lay Pastoral: Liz 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

Parish Office: Monday to Friday, 10:am - 2:00 pm
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Church Staff

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Parish Board: Mark Bailey, Bea Brunkhorst, Ted Carlson, Stacy Chandler, Tom Flannery, Marge Heckman, Wendy Innis

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

SOUND OF THE BELL

PRELUDE Prelude in C Major from Suite V, Z. 666 by Henry Purcell

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS WA

CHALICE LIGHTING SM

OPENING WORDS SM

OPENING HYMN* #361 "Enter, Rejoice, and Come In"

UNISON AFFIRMATION

TIME FOR ALL AGES "The New Superhero on the Block" SM

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: #123 "Spirit of Life"

OFFERING SM

OFFERTORY "September Song" from "Knickerbocker Holiday" by Kurt Weill

REFLECTION: "Where Did the Time Go?" by Rich Suval WA

VIDEO: "Accepting the Call"

SERMON: "Being, Belonging, Becoming—A Three Year Retrospective" by Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger

CLOSING HYMN* #318 "We Would Be One"

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISH CHALICE SM

POSTLUDE "Carillon" (No. 8) from "French Suite" by Francis Poulenc

*Please rise in body or spirit

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lost and found: We are getting the church tidied up and ready for the year and we need your help with one task--clearing the coat rack and lost and found! Please check the coat rack and lost and found and collect anything that belongs to you. We would like to have this area cleared by Sept 27. After that, Brenda and I will be removing the items and donating them.

Organ Gala Concert: First Parish will celebrate the restoration of its historic Hook & Hastings organ with a gala concert on Sunday, October 4 at 3 pm. Soloists Sandra LaBarge-Neumann, Heinrich Christensen, and David Carrier will perform works by J.S. Bach, Felix Mendelssohn, Gabriel Faure, Denis Bédard, Charles Ives, and P.D.Q. Bach. A reception will follow.

WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:30 AM	Fellowship & Coffee
	11:30 AM	Gallery Committee Mtg.
	11:30 AM	Public Witness Mtg.
	12:30 PM	OWL Parent Orientation
	2:00 PM	Multi-Generational Games
MONDAY	6:00 PM	Women's Book Group
MONDAY	1:00 PM	Knot Committee
	6:30 PM	Monday Mom's SGM
TUESDAY	NO EVENTS SCHEDULED	
WEDNESDAY	5:30 PM	Teresa English Meet&Greet
THURSDAY	9:30 AM	Short Story Group (Zoom)
	5:00 PM	Youth Choir
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir
FRIDAY	4:00 PM	Youth Choir
	4:45 PM	Violin Group Class
	5:00 PM	Public Witness Standout
SATURDAY	8:30 AM	Boston Tamil Classes
	9:00 AM	Dance Classes