

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



Connect



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ORDER OF SERVICE

September 27, 2026

10:00 AM

75 Great Road
Bedford, MA



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“If There Is to Be Peace in the Nation... (On Polarization)”

By Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger

September 27, 2026

“If there is to be peace in the nations, there must be peace in the cities. If there is to be peace in the cities, there must be peace between neighbors. If there is to be peace between neighbors, there must be peace in the home. If there is to be peace in the home, there must be peace in the heart.” –Lao Tse

Senior Minister SM	Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger
Minister of Faith Development MFD	Rev. Annie Gonzalez
Worship Associate WA	Maureen Richichi
Lay Pastoral Associate LPCA	LPC Member
Dir. of Faith Dev. For Children DFDC	Nate Sellers
Choir Director CD	Brad Conner
Youth Choir Director YCD	Janet Welby
Music Personnel	First Parish Adult Choir
	Sandra LaBarge-Neumann, <i>organ</i>

A Warm Thanks to Today’s Volunteers:

Coffee: Ellen Scheiner, Sara Sullivan, Rich Suval, Joan Turnberg, Antony Van Der Mude

Focal Point: Celebrating the marriage of Dawn LaFrance-Linden and Doug Muder

Tech: Bob Batt, Sandy Currier, Chris Tohline

Ushers: Sandy Boczenowski, Sarah Dorer

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: Chris 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, 10:00am - 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 “The Road Not Taken” from “Frostiana”
by Randall Thompson
Text by Robert Frost

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS WA

CHALICE LIGHTING

OPENING WORDS SM

OPENING HYMN* #1 “May Nothing Evil Cross This Door”

UNISON AFFIRMATION

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: #159 “This Is My Song”

REFLECTION: WA

OFFERING SM

OFFERTORY “Sabbath Song” by Dennis Eliot

SERMON: “If There Is to Be Peace in the Nation” by Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger

CLOSING HYMN* #323 “Break Not the Circle”

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISH CHALICE SM

POSTLUDE “Gaelic Blessing” by John Rutter

*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 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 (today). After today, office staff will be removing the items and donating them.

Immigration Justice Committee: Please visit the Immigration Justice Committee table during Community Hour to learn more about the works of BIJAN and LUCE. They will also have information on how you can help protect the vote this midterm.

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	Music Committee Mtg.
	11:30 AM	Sr. Youth Group Cookout
MONDAY	1:00 PM	Knot Committee
TUESDAY	NO EVENTS SCHEDULED	
WEDNESDAY	7:00 PM	Lay Pastoral Care Mtg.
THURSDAY	9:30 AM	Short Story Group (Zoom)
	5:00 PM	Youth Choir
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir
	7:30 PM	Social Responsibility Council
FRIDAY	4:00 PM	Youth Choir
	4:45 PM	Violin Group Class
	5:00 PM	Public Witness Standout
SATURDAY	6:00 PM	First Friday Potluck
	8:30 AM	Boston Tamil Classes
	9:00 AM	Dance Classes
	4:00 PM	OWL Retreat