



THE ORDER OF SERVICE

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Very Slowly and Then All at Once by Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger

*“My heart is moved by all I cannot save...
I have to cast my lot with those
who age after age, perversely,
with no extraordinary power,
reconstitute the world.”*

-ADRIENNE RICH

SOUND OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Ave verum corpus, K. 618 (1791)
by Wolfgang Amadé Mozart (1756-1791)

Adult Choir & Sandra
LaBarge-Neumann - organ

OPENING WORDS AND CHALICE LIGHTING

Joe Pompei

***OPENING HYMN**

“Morning Has Come”

No. 1000

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger

***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.

TIME FOR ALL AGES

“The Very Wasteful King” by Rev. Jamie

[†]*Children, youth, and their teachers are invited to depart for classes.*

SINGING CHILDREN OUT

“Children’s Blessing” by Jason Shelton

[‡]*For both music and words, see below.*

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

Lisa Tohline & Marge Heckman

*This is the time in our service when you are invited to light a personal candle of joy or concern.
Please focus your thoughts and be brief.*

OFFERING

Joe Pompei

Donate through the church’s website, www.uubedford.org/donate or
Text the word ‘give’ and the dollar amount to (833) 429-4774, e.g. “give \$10”

* Please rise in body or spirit

[†] If your family is new to our community, please accompany your child to their class to check in with their teachers before returning to the sanctuary.

OFFERTORY

An die Musik (“To Music”), D. 547 (1817)

by Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828),

arr. Wilson

German text by Friedrich von Schober (1796-1882), trans. Keller

Adult Choir

& Steve Sussman – piano

O, wond'rous art in countless gray and darkened hours,
When life's most bitter taste of loneliness was mine –
Have you transported my heart to warm and happy meadows,
And so, you've offered me joy and fierce endurance,
Your magic beauty, your love, and peace.
Sometimes your harp pours forth a sigh of passion,
So sweet a blessed chord in melodies of old,
Then heaven's doors with hours of love does open.
Oh, gracious art, for these I thank you so!
Oh, gracious music, I thank you so!

READING

“A Vision” by Wendell Berry

Joe Pompei

SERMON

“Very Slowly and Then All at Once” by Rev Jamie

Rev. Jamie

*CLOSING HYMN

“For the Earth Forever Turning”

No. 163

CLOSING WORDS

“Gratitude” by Max Kapp

Rev. Jamie

POSTLUDE

Dona nobis pacem
from Mass in c minor, K. 139 (1768)

Adult Choir, Sandra LaBarge-Neumann

& Steve Sussman

by Mozart

Text: Latin traditional

Grant us peace.



Focal Point donated by Joe Pompei.

Coffee, tea, and conversation in the Common Room.

*If you'd like information about First Parish look for someone from the Membership
Committee holding the RED COFFEE MUG.*



A WARM THANK YOU TO SUNDAY'S VOLUNTEERS

TECH TEAM – Bob Bass, Sandy Currier, & John McClain

COFFEE – Linda Conrad, Richard Golembeski, Cecile Mercado, & Sanjeev Seereeram

USHERS – Lee Vorderer & Randi Currier

WELCOME TABLE GREETERS – Ron Greene & Tony Van der Mude

Sign up for coffee and ushering <https://www.uubedford.org/coffee-usher-signups/>

EVENTS AT FIRST PARISH THIS WEEK

SUNDAY – 1/28

11:30 AM FUTURE OF CHURCH DISCUSSION

MONDAY – 1/29

3:45 PM SENIOR YOUTH CHOIR

TUESDAY – 1/30

7:00 PM MEDITATION GROUP

WEDNESDAY – 1/31

8:00 AM INTERIORS COMMITTEE (ZOOM)

3:30 PM FD ARRIVAL & SNACK

4:00 PM JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP (JYG)

4:00 PM GAMES CLUB (GRADE 3-5)

4:00 PM KIDSING

7:00 PM 1619 PROJECT DISCUSSION GROUP

THURSDAY – 2/1

9:30 AM SHORT STORY GROUP

7:00 PM CHAT WITH REV. JAMIE

7:30 PM ADULT CHOIR

FRIDAY – 2/2

4:00 PM JUNIOR YOUTH CHOIR

6:00 PM POTLUCK DINNER

SATURDAY – 2/3

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♩ = 86 **Children's Blessing**

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lips bring truth in - to the world. May your

heart know love, and your hands do the work of jus - tice, as you

Echo: as you go your way in peace as you go your way in peace

go your way in peace, as you go your way in peace. —

**The First Parish Music Committee
presents
The 14th Annual
Valentine's Day Concert**

People Will Say We're in Love
"The songs of Rodgers & Hart & Hammerstein"

Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 4:00 p.m.



**Featuring
Cynthia Mork & Ben Sears (vocals)
Bradford Conner (piano)**

Songs include "This Can't Be Love", "The Lonely Goatherd", "Falling in Love with Love",
"Hello Young Lovers", "You Took Advantage of Me" and others

**With Special Guest
Eric Mazonson (piano)**
performing works by
Chopin, Schubert & Debussy

Scrumptious chocolate reception to follow!

Net process to benefit First Parish in Bedford
Suggested donations (accepted at the door): Adults \$20, Seniors and Students \$15

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