

**Order of Service**  
First Parish in Concord  
March 12, 2023

*It matters how we treat ourselves, each other, and our communities.  
It matters that we treat each other with love.*

**Gathering Hymn #34** “Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire”

**Welcome & Announcements** – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

**Centering Music** “The Fifers” by Jean Francois Dandrieu – Eric Huenneke, Parish Organist

**Call to Worship** – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

**Chalice Lighting** – Beth Norton

Unison Response:                   O flame of our faith, open our hearts  
  And fill our bodies and souls with persistent strength;  
  Enliven our spirits and engage us deeply in this life of ours,  
  This sacred essential moment now.

**Social Action Candle**

**Opening Hymn #1012** “When I am Frightened”

**Wisdom Story** – Rev. Amy Freedman

*(Children depart for religious exploration)*  
Song: Let us open our eyes to see what is beautiful  
      Let us open our minds to seek what is true  
      Let us open our hearts to love one another  
      And may we walk in peace.

**Reading**

**Anthem** “To the Holy Spirit” by Wendell Berry (words), Malcolm Dalglish (music) - First Parish Choir  
  Lauren Evans, soloist

**Sermon** “Shame and Vulnerability, Part I” – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

**Anthem** “Grace” by Elizabeth Alexander

**Parish Concerns & Calling of Names**

**Hymn #1002** “Comfort Me”

**Prayer**

**Silence**

**Hymn #1002** “Comfort Me”

**Call for Offering**

**Offertory** “Grace” by Clay Christiansen

**Closing Hymn #6** “Just as Long as I Have Breath”

**Closing Words & Benediction**

Go out into the world in peace

Have courage

Hold on to what is good

Return to no person evil for evil

Strengthen the faint-hearted

Support the weak

Help the suffering

Honor all beings

**Postlude** “Prelude and Fugue in G, BWV 557” by Johann Sebastian Bach

*To give to the Offering via text message - send a text message to 855-691-2592.*

*Please join us for coffee and social time after the service.*