

Order of Service
First Parish in Concord
March 19, 2023

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

Gathering Hymn #95 “There is More Love Somewhere”

Welcome & Announcements – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Centering Music “Humble Us by Thy Grace” from Cantata #22 by Johann Sebastian Bach (arr. by Guy Weitz)
– Eric Huenneke, Parish Organist

Call to Worship – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Chalice Lighting – Rev. Liz Weber

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.

Opening Hymn #205 “Amazing Grace”

Wisdom Story

(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 “Bridge Over Troubled Water” by Paul Simon, arr. Kirby Shaw – Anderson Manuel

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

Anthem “Grace” by Elizabeth Alexander

Parish Concerns & Calling of Names

Hymn #1002 “Comfort Me”

Prayer

Silence

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Call for Offering

Offertory “Chorale Prelude: Bestow on Us Thy Grace” by Samuel Scheidt

Closing Hymn #1021 “Lean On Me”

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 “Reprise” by Paul Manz

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.