

Order of Service
First Parish in Concord
March 26, 2023

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

Gathering Hymns – Southern Rail, special musical guests

“Walk Your Way to Heaven” by Jim Muller

“High Low & Wide” by Lucy Millender

Welcome & Announcements – Rev. Liz Weber

Centering Music “We Shall Rise” words by John Edmond Thomas 1904

Call to Worship

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.

Opening Hymn “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot” (African American Spiritual)

Wisdom Story “The Only Bible” by Katie Brooks and Terri Corker

Singing the Children Out “Children Go Where I Send Thee” (Traditional)

Reading

Anthem “You Don’t Knock” by Mavis Staple

Sermon “Saying Yes to Heaven” – Rev. Liz Weber

Anthem “Love Without End” by Barker Aaron Gayle

Parish Concerns & Calling of Names

Musical Interlude “Beginnings and Endings” by Jim Muller

Prayer

Silence

Musical Interlude “Beginnings and Endings”

Stewardship Testimonial – Peter Lowett

Social Action Candle – Rev. Carrington George Moore, Common Cathedral Director

Call for Offering

Offertory “One Beautiful Day” by Bob Amos

Closing Hymn “Two Hands” by Townes van Zandt

Chorus:

I've got two hands, gonna clap my hands together.
I've got two legs, gonna dance to heaven's door.
I've got one heart, gonna fill it up with Jesus.
And I ain't gonna think about trouble any more.

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 “Hallelujah I'm Ready to Go” by W. York

We invite you to stay seated as our service concludes with the postlude.

*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.*