

**Order of Service**  
First Parish in Concord  
April 2, 2023

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

**Gathering Hymn #155** “Circle Round for Freedom”

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

**Centering Music** “Triptych on *Yigdal*: I. Lightly” by Benjamin M. Culli – Eric Huenneke, organist

**Call to Worship**

**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 #104** “When Israel Was in Egypt’s Land”

**Wisdom Story** – Rev. Amy Freedman

*(Children depart for religious exploration)*  
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** “Shehecheyanu” by Ben Steinberg – First Parish Choir

**Sermon** “Resistance” – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

**Anthem** “Niggun” arranged by Joshua Jacobson

**Parish Concerns, Calling of Names & Prayer**

**Silence**

**Hymn** “I Am the Calm”

I am the calm in the eye of the storm, come to center.  
I am the calm in the eye of the storm, take a breath.  
I am the calm in the eye of the storm, come to center.  
I am the calm in the eye of the storm, you can rest.  
I am the calm.

**Stewardship Testimonial** – Meg Packard

**Social Action Candle** – Rev. Margie Saphier

**Call for Offering**

**Offertory** “Triptych on *Yigdal*: II. Gently, with a lilt” by Benjamin M. Culli

**Closing Hymn # 1017** “Building a New Way”

**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** “Triptych on *Yigdal*: III. Majestically” by Benjamin M. Culli

*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.*