

Order of Service
First Parish in Concord
April 16, 2023

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

Gathering Hymn #346 “Come Sing a Song with Me”

Welcome & Announcements – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Centering Music “Canzonetta” by Dietrich Buxtehude– Eric Huenneke, organist

Call to Worship – Rev. Paul Langston-Daley

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 #188 “Come, Come, Whoever You Are”

Wisdom Story

Anthem “We Shall Be Known” by Karisha Longaker – First Parish Choir

Homily “Embracing Imperfection” – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Anthem “Love Has Broken Down the Wall” by Mark Miller

Message: Our Covenant

Musical Response #402 “From You I Receive”

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.

Call for Offering

Offertory “Sonnet” by Darwin Wolford

Closing Hymn #323 “Break Not the Cycle”

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 “Sonata in d minor: Fuga” by Felix Mendelssohn

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.*