

**FIRST PARISH IN CONCORD
SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023**

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Amy Freedman

Prelude *Open to the Wonder*, D. Coldren & L. Golbetz
Gospel Ensemble; Anderson Manuel, Director
Minjing Vandenbos, piano

Call to Worship: *Come into this place of peace* by William Schulz

Lighting the Chalice

Response (unison)

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. —Paul Sawyer

*Hymn #1007 *There's a River Flowing in My Soul*

Introduction Dawn Van Patten, Coming of Age Leader

Reading: *To Live Deliberately* by Henry David Thoreau

Sharing of Credos

Wisdom Story: *Leo the Late Bloomer* by Robert Krauss

Young people 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.

Sharing of Credos

Anthem *Warrior for Peace*, D. Coldren & L. Golbetz
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*Hymn #1064 *Blue Boat Home* (verse 1)

Parish Concerns and Calling of Names Rev. Liz Weber

Prayer Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Hymn #123 *Spirit of Life*

Offertory *More Precious Than Silver*, Lynn Deshazo
Minjing Vandenbos, piano

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Coming of Age Ritual

Community Affirmation:

As you come of age today, we celebrate with you and acknowledge this next step on your lifelong spiritual pathway. We promise to journey with you in friendship and in love.

*Hymn #169 *We Shall Overcome*

Closing Words and 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

Coming of Age Slide Show

**You are invited to rise in body or in spirit.*

Coming of Age 2023

First Parish in Concord, Unitarian Universalist

*Eston Brainerd
Eli Brown
Sarah Fortier
Nadia Minkin
Isah Nichol
Laiya Pavlov
Emma Peacock
Theo Remington
Benjamin Stewart
Henry Yates*

Mentors:

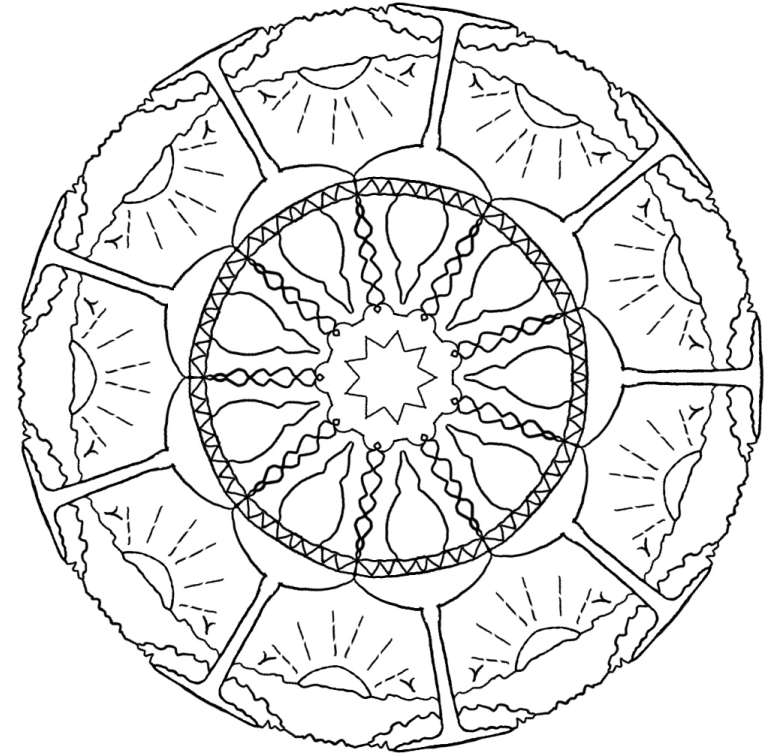
Jim Tull, Patty Keane, Kitsy Rothermel, Malika McCray,
Dave Venesy, Lora Venesy, Kristin Haddad, Tom Kelly,
Mark Haddad, and Dave Brinker.

Special thanks to David Ropeik for making our chalices
and COA families for their support!

Coming of Age Leader: Dawn Van Patten
Minister of Religious Education: Rev. Amy Freedman
Gospel Ensemble Director: Anderson Manuel
Piano Accompanist: Minjing Vandebos
Director of Music Ministry: Elizabeth Norton
Minister for Congregational Care: Rev. Liz Weber
Interim Senior Minister: Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd
Head Usher: Bernie Jenkins
Worship Tech: David Wisniewski
Zoom Chat Host: Jan Power

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Chalice Mandala by Tanya Webster

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Unitarian Universalist congregation that seeks ways
to deepen spiritually, build community,
and make a positive difference in the world.

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