Order of Service

First Parish in Concord May 14, 2023

Gathering Hymn #91 "Mother of All"

Welcome & Announcements – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Centering Music "Mishima" by Phillip Glass - Sarah Whitney, violin and looping pedal

Call to Worship

Chalice Lighting – Beth Norton, Director of Music MinistryUnison Response:O flame of our faith, open our heartsAnd 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 #126 "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Wisdom Story – Beth Norton & Sarah Whitney

(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

Musical Interlude – Sarah Whitney

Sermon "Play: An Essential Life Ingredient" - Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Musical Interlude – Sarah Whitney

Parish Concerns, Calling of Names & Prayer

Silence

Hymn "I Am the Calm" by Carole Downing 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 in the calm.

Social Action Candle

Call for Offering

Offertory "Pastorale" by Darius Milhaud - Eric Huenneke, organ

Closing Hymn #21 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

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 "Iniche Cosebe"

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.