

# **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 Ministry

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 #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.

