Order of Service
First Parish in Concord
May 21, 2023

Gathering Hymn #402 "From You I Receive"

Welcome & Announcements – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Centering Music "Fanfare on *Duke Street*" by John S. Dixson – Eric Huenneke, organ

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 #12 "O Life that Maketh All Things New"

Wisdom Story   (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.

Anthem "Bright Morning Star" Appalachian Folk Song, arr. Squatrito – First Parish Choir

Sermon "Who Packs Your Parachute?" **–** Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Musical Reflection   From you I receive, to you I give
                         Together we share, and from this we live.

Volunteer Appreciation Ceremony

Anthem "Blessing" by John Szymko

Parish Concerns, Calling of Names & Prayer

Silence

Hymn #123
Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion,
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

Social Action Candle

Call for Offering

Offertory "Flute Solo" by Thomas Arne

Closing Hymn #6 "Just as Long as I Have Breath"

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 "Praeludium und Fuge" by Vincent Lubeck

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.