

# Order of Service

## First Parish in Concord

May 28, 2023

**Gathering Hymn #1010** “We Give Thanks” – Brendan Ferrari, song leader

**Welcome & Announcements** – Rev. Liz Weber

**Centering Music** “Morning Has Broken” by Rudy Davenport – Eric Huenneke, piano

**Call to Worship**

**Chalice Lighting**

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 #38** “Morning Has Broken”

**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** “Sonata in f minor: Allegretto Grazioso” by Johannes Brahms – Nancy Ackerman, clarinet;  
Eric Huenneke, piano

**Sermon** “Our Proclivity for Creativity: A Mad Libs Sermon” – Rev. Liz Weber

**Anthem** “Adagio” from *Clarinet Concerto, K. 622* by W. A. Mozart

**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** “Duo” by G. F. Handel

**Closing Hymn #1007** “There’s a River Flowing in my Soul”

**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** “Hymn Prelude on *Morning Light*” by Flor Peeters

*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.*