Order of Service

First Parish in Concord June 4, 2023

Prelude "Nocturne #9 in B Major, Op. 32, No. 1" by Frederic Chopin – Mary Jane Rupert, piano

Welcome & Announcements – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Call to Worship & Chalice Lighting – Rev. Paul Langston-Daley

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 #1348 "Our World is One World" (v. 1 & 2)

Wisdom Story – Rev. Amy Freedman

(Children stay in general congregation)
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 "The Low Road" by Marge Piercy – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Reflection "Where We've Been" – Rev. Liz Weber

Anthem "Corner of the Sky" by Stephen Schwartz – First Parish Choir, Elizabeth Norton, director

Reflection "Where We Are Now" – Rev. Paul Langston-Daley

Song "Over the Rainbow" by Harold Arlen ©1967 Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Inc.

Somewhere over the rainbow way up high
There's a land that I heard of once in a lullaby
Somewhere over the rainbow skies are blue
And the dreams that you dare to dream really do come true

Someday I'll wish upon a star

And wake up where the clouds are far behind me
Where troubles melt like lemon drops
Away above the chimney tops
That's where you'll find me

Somewhere over the rainbow bluebirds fly Birds fly over the rainbow Why then, oh, why can't I?

> If happy little bluebirds fly Beyond the rainbow Why, oh, why can't I?

Parish Concerns, Calling of Names & Prayer

Silence

Hymn "We Are a Gentle Angry People"

Reflection "Where We're Called to Go" – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Call for Offering

Offertory "Nocturne #2 in E b Major Op. 9, No. 2" by Frederic Chopin

Closing Hymn #1014 "Answering the Call of Love"

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 "This is Me" by Benj Pasek and Justin Paul

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.