

**Order of Service**  
First Parish in Concord  
June 11, 2023

**Prelude** “Album-leaf, Op. 47, no. 2” by Edward Grieg – David Owens, 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** “Here Together” by David Glasgow – Combined First Parish Choirs

We are here, here together In this holy moment And we're grateful for the winding road That brought us to this place.	We will spend time together And these holy moments Give us strength to go down the winding road Until we meet again.
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**Wisdom Story** – Rev. Amy Freedman

**Thanking Brendan Ferrari**

**Anthem** “Draw the Circle Wide” by Mark Miller

(Children depart for religious exploration)

**Homily** “Change is Hard” – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

**Musical Interlude** “Invention in E minor” by J. S. Bach

**Parish Concerns, Calling of Names & Prayer** – Rev. Liz Weber

**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.

**Call for Offering**

**Offertory** “Song Without Words, Op. 19, no. 4” by F. Mendelssohn

**New Member Recognition**

**Closing Hymn #1028** “The Fire of Commitment”

**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** “Song Without Words, Op. 53, no. 2” by F. Mendelssohn

*We invite you to stay seated as our service concludes with the postlude.*

*Large print hymnals are available on the table as you enter the sanctuary.  
Please ask an usher if you would like one.*

*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.*