

First Parish in Concord
Summer 2023

Order of Service for Sunday, July 30, 2023

GATHERING

Prelude: Intermezzo, Op. 118, no. 2 . . . Johannes Brahms
David Owens, guest pianist

Welcome & Announcements . . . Rev. Dr. Althea Smith

Call to Worship

Chalice Lighting

Response (unison)

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. — Paul Sawyer

Opening Hymn: #170 “We Are a Gentle, Angry People”

DEEPENING

Wisdom Story: “Mira and the Big Story” by Laura Alary . . . Melissa
Nussbaum

Reading: “Letter from a Birmingham Jail” (excerpt) by Rev. Dr. Martin
Luther King, Jr. . . . Beth Norton

Musical Offering I: “I’m Gonna Lift my Sister Up” . . . Faya Rose Toure
Pop-Up Choir

Sermon: “What is UU doing with Abolition?” . . . Rev. Dr. Althea Smith

Musical Offering II: “I Need You To Survive” . . . David Frazier

Parish Concerns, Calling of Names & Prayer . . . Rev. Dr. Althea Smith

Silence

Spirit of Life (see side panel)

GOING FORTH

Offertory: Intermezzo César Franck

Closing Hymn: #1020 “Woyaya”

Closing Words: “An Invitation to A Brave Space”

Adapted by Mickey Scottbey Jones

From an untitled poem by Beth Strano . . . Rev. Dr. Althea Smith

Benediction (see side panel) . . . Rev Dr. Althea Smith

Postlude: Etude in E-flat, Op. 45, no. 17 . . . Stephen Heller