

First Parish in Concord
Summer 2023

Order of Service for Sunday, August 27, 2023

Guest Musician: Pamela Schweppe

Keyboard: Eric Huenneke

Thought for Contemplation: “Just because things don’t work out the way you planned them doesn’t mean they didn’t work out well.” - Adair Lara

GATHERING

Musical Prelude: *Aria* by Paul Manz . . . Eric Huenneke

Welcome & Announcements . . . Elizabeth Norton, Director of Music Ministry

Call to Worship . . . Rev. Dr. Anita Farber-Robertson

Chalice Lighting . . . Rev. Dr. Anita Farber-Robertson

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: #38 “Morning Has Broken”

DEEPENING

Reading:

From “It Didn’t Have to Be That Way” by William Demesiewicz . . . Rev. Dr. Anita Farber-Robertson

Musical Offering I: *Charmant Papillon* by Andre Campra . . . Pamela

Schweppe

Reading:

From Afrofuturism: “The World of Black Sci-Fi and Fantasy Culture” by
Ytasha Womack . . . Rev. Dr. Anita Farber-Robertson

Sermon:

“Desire, Hope and Imagination” . . . Rev. Dr. Anita Farber-Robertson

Musical Offering II:

Sure on This Shining Night by Samuel Barber . . . Pamela Schweppe

Parish Concerns, Calling of Names & Prayer . . .

Elizabeth Norton & Rev. Dr. Anita Farber-Robertson

Silence

Spirit of Life (see side panel)

GOING FORTH

Offertory: *Aria Pastorella* by Valentin Rathgeber . . . Eric Huenneke

Closing Hymn: #1018 “Come and Go With Me”

Closing Words . . . Rev. Dr. Anita Farber-Robertson

Benediction (see side panel) . . . Rev. Dr. Anita Farber-Robertson

Postlude: *Allegro Pomposo* by Thomas Roseingrave Eric Huenneke