

Order of Service

First Parish in Concord

September 24, 2023

Prelude – Eric Huenneke, organ

“Chorale Prelude: Nun danket” by Georg Friedrich Kaufmann

“Arioso” by John S. Dixon

Welcome & Announcements – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Opening Hymn #360 “Here We Have Gathered”

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.

Parish Concerns and Calling of Names – Rev. Liz Weber

Prayer – Rev. Előd Szabó and Rev. Alpár Bartha

Ministers of Unitarian Church of Székelykeresztúr

Silence

Responsive Hymn #352 “Find a Stillness”

Invitation to Offering

Offertory “Intermezzo on *Nun danket alle Gott*” by John S. Dixon

To give to the Offering via text message, send a text to 855-691-2592.

Wisdom Story

Interlude “3 Roumanian Romanzas,” Traditional – Siri Smedvig, violin

Reading

Sermon “Finding Peace Amidst Change” – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Interlude “Zöldablakos kicsi Ház” & “Csipd Meg, Bogar,” Traditional
(Small House with Green Windows & Catch Me, Bug)

Closing Words

Closing Hymn #318 “We Would Be One”

Benediction – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

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 “Organoedia: Ite, Missa, Est”

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*We invite you to stay seated as our service concludes with the postlude.
Please join us for coffee and social time after the service.*

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Many people contribute to making our Sunday worship services a smooth and meaningful experience, both in person and on Zoom. Thank you to the many volunteers who give generously of their time, including our ushers and Zoom chat hosts. Thanks also to our staff worship team:

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*Rev. Liz Weber
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