

Order of Service
First Parish in Concord
October 1, 2023

Prelude – Eric Huenneke, organ

“Fanfare” *from Zarathustra, Op. 30* by Richard Strauss

“Voluntary in G Major” by William Boyce

Welcome & Announcements – Rev. Paul Langston-Daley

Opening Hymn #346 “Come Sing a Song With Me”

Call to Worship – Peter Bowden

Chalice Lighting – Rev. Liz Weber

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.

Wisdom Story

(Children depart for religious exploration)

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.

Anthem “Forward Through the Ages” – The Conchords

Invitation to Offering

Offertory “Chorale Orné” by Jean Langlais

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

Reading from “Alone Together” by Sherry Turkle

Sermon “Friendship in the Digital Age” – Peter Bowden

Anthem “Blue Skies” by Irving Berlin, arr. Deke Sharon

Parish Concerns, Calling of Names, and Prayer

Silence

Responsive Hymn #123 “Spirit of Life”

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.

Closing Words

Closing Hymn #131 “Love Will Guide Us”

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

“Fanfare-Toccata” by Thomas Richner
“Fanfare Fugue in C” by J. S. Bach

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

If you'd like to share with us about your experience of the new sound systems and screens, please take our Sanctuary Technology Feedback survey by using the camera app in your phone to scan the QR code.



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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