

**Order of Service**  
First Parish in Concord  
October 8, 2023

**Gathering Hymn #188** “Come, Come, Whoever You Are”

**Welcome & Announcements** – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

**Opening Hymn #1000** “Morning Has Come”

**Call to Worship and Chalice Lighting** – Beth Norton

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** – Dawn Van Patten

*(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.

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory** “Prelude in D minor, Op. 102, no. 24” by York Bowen – David Owens, piano

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

**Reading**

**Musical Interlude** “Heart Wide Open” by Lea Morris

**Sermon** “Heart Wide Open” – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

**Anthem** “Open My Heart” by Anna Hernandez – First Parish Choir

**Parish Concerns, Calling of Names, and Prayer**

**Silence**

**Responsive Hymn #123** “I Am the Calm” by Carole Marie Downing

I am the calm in the eye of the storm, come to center.  
I am the calm in the eye of the storm, take a breath.  
I am the calm in the eye of the storm, come to center.  
I am the calm in the eye of the storm, you can rest.  
I am the calm.

**Closing Words**

**Closing Hymn** “Life Calls On Us” by Jason Shelton

**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** “Allegro giocoso” by Leo Kraft

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

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*Please join us for coffee and social time after the service.*

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