

Order of Service

First Parish in Concord

October 15, 2023

Gathering Hymn “Where Do We Come From?” by Brian Tate

Welcome & Announcements – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Opening Hymn #1017 “Building a New Way”

Call to Worship & Chalice Lighting – Rev. Keith Kron

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.

Invitation to Offering

Offertory “Andante cantabile” by Giuseppe Tartini – D. Eric Huenneke, organist

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

Reading

Anthem “When the Spirit Says Do,” African American Spiritual
– Gospel Ensemble, Anderson Manuel, Director; Jennifer Huang, piano

Sermon – Rev. Keith Kron

“What a T-Rex named Penelope, Pittsburgh, and a Theologian Can Teach Us about
The Future of Religion and Our Commitment to the Values of Unitarian Universalism”

Anthem “One Power” by Daniel Nahmod

Parish Concerns, Calling of Names, & Prayer – Rev. Liz Weber

Silence

Responsive Hymn #123

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 #159 “This Is My Song”

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 “Postlude in C Major” by Henry Smart

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.

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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