

Order of Service
First Parish in Concord
October 29, 2023

Reflection Before the Service

*O sacred season of Autumn, be my teacher,
for I wish to learn the virtue of contentment. —Edward Hays*

Prelude “Toccatina in d minor, BWV 565” by J. S. Bach – D. Eric Huenneke, organist

Welcome & Announcements – Rev. Amy Freedman

Call to Worship and Chalice Lighting – Dawn Van Patten

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. —Paul Sawyer

Singing #389 “Gathered Here”

Reflection “On Halloween” – Rev. Amy Freedman

Wisdom Story “The Big Pumpkin”

(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 “Skin and Bones” American Folk Song, arr. Marshall W. Barron
– All Ages Pop Up Choir

Invitation to Offering – Jess Rivers from Boston Area Gleaners

Offertory “Musette” by Darwin Wolford

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

Time of Prayer and Meditation

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.

Reflection “Wheel of the Year” – Rev. Amy Freedman

Anthem “Breaths” by Ysaye Marie Barnwell

Dancing “Shake Our Bones” by CC King

Singing #368 “Now Let Us Sing”

Closing Words and 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 “Marche Grotesque” by Richard Purvis

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.

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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