

Order of Service
First Parish in Concord
November 19, 2023

Prelude “Prelude on *Netherlands*” (We Gather Together) by Beatrice Fisk Hatton
– D. Eric Huenneke, organist

Welcome & Announcements – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Opening Hymn #349 “We Gather Together”

Call to Worship & Chalice Lighting – Rev. Amy Freedman

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

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 – Jeff Greene

Offertory “Improvisation on the Shaker Folk Hymn *Simple Gifts*” by Jon Spong

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

Reading – Anderson Manuel

Anthem “I’m Gonna Lift My Sister Up” by Faya Ora Rose Toure
– Gospel Ensemble and First Parish Choir

Sermon “Benediction Part II: Helping Those in Need” – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Anthem “Čhaŋté Wašté Hokšíla” Traditional Lakota Lullaby, arr. by Linthicum-Blackhorse
The composer dedicates this work to the children of Uvalde, Texas, who died on May 24, 2022.
Today we add the children of Gaza and Israel.

Translation: My kind-hearted boy, I beg you to fall asleep.
The Night is good. I am speaking in your language.

Parish Concerns, Calling of Names, & Prayer

Silence

Responsive Hymn “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 #32 “Now Thank We All Our God”

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 “Nun danket alle Gott” from *Cantata #79* by J. S. Bach, arr. by Claude Means

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

Benediction



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Sanctuary Tech



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