

Order of Service
First Parish in Concord
December 10, 2023

Gathering Hymn #1000 “Morning Has Come”

Welcome & Announcements – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Opening Hymn #145 “As Tranquil Streams”

Call to Worship, Chalice Lighting & Advent Wreath Lighting – Beth Norton

I will light candles this season.
Candles of joy, despite all sadness,
Candles of hope where despair keeps watch.
Candles of courage for fears ever present,
Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days,
Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens,
Candles of love to inspire all my living,
Candles that will burn all the year long.

—Howard Thurman (adapted)

Wisdom Story – Rev. Amy Freedman

(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 – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Offertory “At the Rabbi’s Feast” arr. by Edward Huws Jones – Nancy Ackerman, clarinet & Eric Huenneke, piano

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

Reading “Those words were adapted in the 20th century ...” – Beth Norton

Anthem “*Al Hanissim*” by Dev Frimer, arr. Jacobson/Netsky – First Parish Choir; Nancy Ackerman, clarinet

Translation:

We thank you for the miracles, for the redemption, for the mighty deeds, for the saving acts, and for the wonders which You have wrought for our ancestors in those days, and at this time.

Sermon “Benediction Part IV: Looking at the Whole” – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Anthem “*Mi zeh hidlik*” Israeli folk song arr. Bob Chilcott

Translation:
*Who lit these thin candles that shine like stars?
Even little children know that today is Chanuka.
All the joyful candles move and twinkle.
The children stand around them; there is no end of joy.*

Parish Concerns, Calling of Names, & Prayer – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Silence

Responsive Hymn “I am the Calm” by Carole Marie Downing

Closing Words – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Closing Hymn #225 “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (2 verses - 1 Love & 4 Hope)

Benediction – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

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 “Bulgar from Odessa” arr. by Edward Huws Jones – Nancy Ackerman, clarinet &
Eric Huenneke, piano

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

Benediction



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