

# Order of Service

## First Parish in Concord

January 14, 2024

*“If you have come here to help me you are wasting your time, but if you have come because your liberation is bound up with mine, then let us work together.”*  
*Aboriginal Women's Collective, 1970s*

**Gathering Hymn #1021** *Lean On Me*

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

**Opening Hymn #1018** *Come and Go With Me*

**Call to Worship & Chalice Lighting**

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

**Message for All Ages** – Anderson Manuel, Gospel Choir Director

*(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. Paul Langston-Daley

**Offertory** *Sarabande from English Suite in F* by J.S. Bach – David Owens, piano

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

**Reading** “All of Us Need All of Us to Make It” by Julian Jamaica Ines Soto

**Anthem** *Draw the Circle Wide* by Mark Miller – First Parish Choir and Gospel Singers

**Homily** “Collective Liberation” – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

**Musical Interlude**

**Homily** – Rev. Paul Langston-Daley

**Anthem** *We Shall Be Known* by Karisha Longaker

## Parish Concerns, Calling of Names, & Prayer

### Silence

**Responsive Hymn #1010** *We Give Thanks*

### Closing Words

**Closing Hymn** *Swimming To the Other Side*

### 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** *Processional* by William Mathias

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

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*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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