

Order of Service
First Parish in Concord
January 21, 2024

Gathering Hymn #188 *Come, Come, Whoever You Are*

Welcome & Announcements – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Opening Hymn #360 *Here We Have Gathered*

Call to Worship & Chalice Lighting – Beth Norton

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 – 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

Offertory *La Fille aux Cheveux de Lin* by C. Debussy – David Owens, piano

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

Reading #662 “Strange and Foolish Walls”

Anthem *We Are One* by Brian Tate – First Parish Choir; Pamela Schweppe, soloist

Sermon “Loving One Another” – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Anthem *In Meeting We Are Blessed* by Troy Johnson, R. Gatnahos and John Donne; Kristin Moore, percussion

Parish Concerns, Calling of Names, & Prayer

Silence

Responsive Hymn #1053 *How Could Anyone*

Closing Words

Closing Hymn #1008 *When Our Heart Is in a Holy Place*

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 D* by Healey Willan

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

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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