Order of Service

First Parish in Concord February 4, 2024

Gathering Hymn #1030 Siyahamba

Welcome & Announcements – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Opening Hymn #23 *Bring Many Names*

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 Intermezzo, Op. 3, no. 9 by Edward MadDowell – David Owens, piano

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

Reading "Towers of Babel" by Major Reverend George Tyger

Anthem Sweet Radiant Mystery by Catherine Dalton – First Parish Choir

Sermon "The 99 Names of God" – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Anthem Love, Light and Guidance Round by William Allaudin Mathieu

Translation of Arabic:

"God is guidance; God is light; God is love, lover and beloved."

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 #92 Mysterious Presence, Source of All

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 Prelude in Classic Style by Gordon Young

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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