Order of Service

First Parish in Concord February 18, 2024

Gathering Hymn Come, Come, Whoever You Are

Welcome & Announcements – Rev. Paul Langston-Daley

Opening Hymn #18 What Wondrous Love

Call to Worship & Chalice Lighting – Rev. Chloë Briedé

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

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Romance, Op. 118, no. 5 by Johannes Brahms - David Owens, keyboard

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

Reading Excerpt from the essay "The Opposite of Loneliness" by Marina Keegan

Anthem *Welcome*, *Welcome* by Clif Hardin – First Parish Choir

Sermon "The Loneliness Antidote" – Rev. Chloë Briedé

Anthem *Solstice Song* by Alouette Iselin, arr. P. Amidon

Parish Concerns & Calling of Names

Prayer

Silence

Responsive Hymn #123 Spirit of Life

Spirit of Life, come unto me.

Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion,
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;

Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

Closing Words

Closing Hymn #360 Here We Have Gathered

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 Fugue in E-flat by J.S. Bach

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 the flower committee, ushers, and Zoom chat hosts. Thanks also to our staff worship team:

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