Order of Service

First Parish in Concord March 3, 2024

Gathering Hymn #347 Gather the Spirit

Welcome & Announcements - Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Opening Hymn #145 As Tranquil Streams

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

Time for All Ages - Rev. Sofia Betancourt

(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 Be Thou My Vision by John Carter - Eric Huenneke, organist

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

Reading "When I Write Cloud" by Aurora Levins Morales

Anthem Hope by Ysaye M. Barnwell – First Parish Choir

Sermon – Rev. Sofia Betancourt

Anthem Be the Light by Lea Morris (Inspired by Amanda Gorman's poem, "The Hill We Climb")

Parish Concerns & Calling of Names

Prayer

Silence

Responsive Hymn There Is a Love by Elizabeth Norton

Closing Words

Closing Hymn #1017 Building a New Way

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 *Recessional in C* by John S. Dixon

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

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd	Beth Norton	Arkadiy Barshteyn
Interim Senior Minister	Director of Music Ministry	AV Technician
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Minister for Congregational Care	Organist	AV Technician
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