Order of Service

First Parish in Concord March 10, 2024

Gathering Hymn Yonder Come Day (Georgia Sea Islands Song)

Welcome & Announcements – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Banner Parade Processional by William Mathias – Eric Huenneke, organist

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

Opening Hymn #1000 *Morning Has Come*

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.

Reading

Anthem Love Will Rise Again by Mark Miller – First Parish Choir and Gospel Singers

Sermon "New Beginnings" – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Anthem You Are the New Day by John David

Parish Concerns & Prayer – Rev. Paul Langston-Daley

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

Share the Plate – Rev. Paul Langston-Daley with Sahil Masjedi and Jane Bloomberg

Stewardship Testimonial – Suzie Weaver

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Canon in D* by Johann Pachelbel

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

Closing Words

Closing Hymn #38 Morning Has Broken

Extinguishing Chalice & 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 *Praeludium und Fuge in F* by Vincent Lübeck

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

Today's flowers are given to celebrate the lives of Thomas Dison Griffith (March 13,1917 - July 5, 1964) and Jane Keyes Walker Schauffler (March 16, 1922 - May 30,1988).

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:

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