## **Order of Service**

## First Parish in Concord March 17, 2024

In and of itself, nothing really matters.

What matters is that nothing
is ever in and of itself.

—Chuck Klosterman

**Prelude** Fugue and Chorale by Christopher Tambling – Eric Huenneke, organist

Welcome & Announcements – Beth Norton

**Opening Hymn #315** This Old World

## 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

**Wisdom Story** – Rev. Mark Glovin and 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** – Rev. Elizabeth Ide

Offertory Improvisation on "Restoration" by Wilbur Held

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

**Reading** "The Mending Wall" by Robert Frost

**Anthem** A Time for All Things by Douglas Wagner – First Parish Choir

**Sermon** "Interdependence: Who is My Neighbor?" – Rev. Mark Glovin

**Anthem** A Gaelic Benediction by Jerry Ulrich

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.

Stewardship Testimonial – Elena D'Amico

**Closing Words** 

Closing Hymn #1064 Blue Boat Home

**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 on a Southern Hymn Tune by Nevett Bartow

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:

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