

Order of Service
First Parish in Concord
March 24, 2024

Prelude *Partita on “Slane”* by Charles Callahan – Eric Huenneke, organist
Prelude – Chorale – Trio – Canon – Fugato

Welcome & Announcements – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Opening Hymn #298 *Wake Now My Senses* (vs. 1 & 2)

Call to Worship “To Be Persons of Vision” by Hilary Allen (adapted) – Rev. Paul Langston-Daley

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. 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 *Choral-Prelude on “Slane”* by Robert Hebble

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

Reading “Turning to One Another” by Margaret Wheatley – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd and Rev. Elizabeth Ide

Anthem *I Am Willing* by Holly Near, arr. Steve Milloy – First Parish Choir

Sermon “Wake Now My Vision” – Rev. Paul Langston-Daley

Anthem *We Are All Bound Up Together* by Joan Szymko

Parish Concerns, Calling of Names, & Prayer

Silence

Responsive Hymn #298 *Wake Now My Senses* (vs. 3)

Stewardship Testimonial – Jane Fisher

Closing Words

Closing Hymn #298 *Wake Now My Senses* (all verses)

Extinguish the 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 *Toccata on “St. Theodulph”* by Michael Burkhardt

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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