# **Order of Service**

# First Parish in Concord Easter Sunday March 31, 2024

**Prelude** Variations on "O Filii et Filiae" by Raymond H. Haan Eric Huenneke, organ; Margaret Romero and Alessandra Kingsford, trumpets

Welcome & Announcements – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

**Opening Hymn #61** Lo, the Earth Awakes Again

**Call to Worship** – 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** "The Everything Seed" by Carole Martignacco (author) and Joy Troyer (illustrator) – Rev. Amy Freedman

#### **Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory** *Chorale Partita: Awake, my heart, with gladness* by Flor Peeters (3'30") *Moderato – Allegretto – Adagio* 

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

Reading "Emergence" by Kimberlee Anne Tomczak Carlson – Rev. Elizabeth Ide

**Anthem** Old Hundredth Psalm Tune by Ralph Vaughan Williams – First Parish Choir Margaret Romero, Sebastián Haros and Alessandra Kingsford, trumpets Nick Tolle, timpani

Sermon "The Ease of Emergence" - Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

**Anthem** *The Call* by Ralph Vaughan Williams

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 #270 O Day of Light and Gladness

## **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 Hallelujah Chorus by Georg Frederick Handel

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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