Order of Service

First Parish in Concord April 7, 2024

Gathering Hymn Freedom Song by Spirit McIntyre – Anderson Manuel, song leader

Welcome & Announcements – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Opening Hymn #90 From All the Fret and Fever

Call to Worship & Unison Chalice Lighting – Rev. Elizabeth Ide

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 Sarabande (Land of Rest) by Gerald Near – Eric Huenneke, organ

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

Readings

Anthem *Stand By Me* by Ben E. King, Jerry Leiber & Mike Stoller, arr. Mac Huff – The Conchords

Sermon "Intentional Dormancy" – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Anthem *Bridge Over Troubled Water* by Paul Simon, arr. Philip Lawson

Parish Concerns, Calling of Names, & Prayer

Silence

Responsive Hymn #352 Find a Stillness

Find a stillness, hold a stillness,
let the stillness carry me.
Find the silence, hold the silence,
let the silence carry me.
In the spirit, by the spirit, with the spirit giving power,
I will find true harmony.

Closing Words

Closing Hymn #15 The Lone Wild Bird

Extinguish 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 Improvisation on "The Lone, Wild Bird" by Wlbur Held

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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