# **Order of Service**

# First Parish in Concord April 21, 2024

Gathering Hymn #1023 Building Bridges – Eric Huenneke, organ

Welcome & Announcements – Rev. Paul Langston-Daley

**Opening Hymn #1031** Filled with Loving Kindness

### Call to Worship & Unison 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 "Love Letter to A Tree" by Rev. Kelly Dignan – Rev. Amy Freedman

(Children depart for religious exploration)

Song: 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** Flötenuhr (The Musical Clocks) by Josef Haydn Minuet & Andantino

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

**Reading** from "Some Sound Observations" by Pauline Oliveros

**Anthem** With Beauty I Walk by Clif Hardin – First Parish Choir

**Sermon** "Listening With" – Lindsay Donnelly-Bullington

**Anthem** *To My Old Brown Earth* by Pete Seeger, arr. Paul Halley

Parish Concerns, Calling of Names, & Prayer

**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.

## **Closing Words**

Closing Hymn #131 Love Will Guide Us

### **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

**Piano Postlude** For the Beauty of the Earth by Rudy Davenport

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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