

Order of Service

First Parish in Concord

April 28, 2024

Prelude “*Baroques Suite*” by Seth Bingham – Eric Huenneke, organ
Overture & Rhythmic Trumpet

Welcome & Announcements – Rev. Elizabeth Ide

Opening Hymn *Here Together* by David Glasgow

We are here, here together
In this holy moment
And we’re grateful for the winding road
That brought us to this place.

Call to Worship – Rev. Jennifer Johnson

Unison Chalice Lighting – Rev. Paul Langston-Daley

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)

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 “*Baroques Suite*”: *Saraband* by Seth Bingham

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

Reading “Missing the Boat” by Naomi Shihab-Nye

Anthem *The Lone Wild Bird* arr. David Johnson – First Parish Choir; Pamela Schweppe, soloist

Sermon “Signs and Serendipity” – Rev. Jennifer Johnson

Anthem *And When I Rise* by Wendy Tuck, arr. P. Amidon

Parish Concerns & Calling of Names

Prayer

Silence

Responsive Hymn #15 *The Lone Wild Bird* (1 verse)

Closing Words

Closing Hymn #108 *My Life Flows on in Endless Song*

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 “*Baroques Suite*”: *Voluntary* by Seth Bingham

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:

*Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd
Interim Senior Minister*

*Eric Huenneke
Organist*

*Ben Pincus
AV Technician*

*Rev. Elizabeth Ide
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