Order of Service

First Parish in Concord May 12, 2024

Gathering Hymn #1002 Comfort Me

Welcome & Announcements – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Opening Hymn #1008 When Our Heart is in a Holy Place

Call to Worship & 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 – Rev. Paul Langston-Daley

Offertory Amazing Grace by John Carter – Eric Huenneke, organ

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

Reading – Rev. Elizabeth Ide

Anthem "Come, Whoever You Are" by Betsy Jo Angebranndt – Beth Norton, soprano

Sermon "Staying Connected" – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Anthem "Grace" by Elizabeth Alexander – Eric Huenneke, organ

Parish Concerns, Calling of Names, & Prayer – Rev. Elizabeth Ide

Silence

Responsive Hymn - "I am the Calm" - Carole Marie Downing

Closing Words – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Closing Hymn #205 Amazing Grace!

Extinguish Chalice & Benediction – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

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 by Richard Keys Biggs – Eric Huenneke, organ

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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Rev. Elizabeth Ide

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Rev. Amy Freedman Minister of Religious Education

Rev. Paul Langston-Daley Minister of Social Action

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