

Order of Service
First Parish in Concord
May 19, 2024

Prelude *Processional for a Joyful Day* by Dale Wood – Eric Huenneke, Parish Organist
Rorate Caeli by Jeanne Demessieux

Welcome & Announcements – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Opening Hymn #187 “It Sounds Along the Ages” (to the tune of LANCASHIRE)

Call to Worship and 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.

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. Seth Carrier-Ladd

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

Offertory *Cantilena* by Verena Hatch

Introduction – Beth Norton, Director of Music Ministry

Musical Offering

Spiritsong: Voices of Many Faiths

by Clif Hardin

First Parish Choir and Festival Orchestra

Beth Norton, Director

I. Om/Veni Creator Spiritus Sanskrit and Latin chants

Om
Namaha
Swaha
Veni, Creator Spiritus,
Mentes tuorum visita,
Imple superna gratia,
Quae tu creasti pectora.

Sacred syllable in Hinduism
I bow
I salute
Come creator spirit,
visit the souls of your devoted:
with your divine grace fill
the hearts which you have created.

*Qui Paraclitus diceris,
Donum Dei altissimi,
Fons vivus, ignis, caritas,
Et spiritualis unctio.*

You are called comforter,
gift of the highest God,
fount of life, fire, love,
and spiritual unction.

*Accende lumen sensibus,
Infunde amorem cordibus,
Infirma nostri corporis,
Virtute firmans perpeti.*

Enkindle your light in our minds;
Infuse your love into our hearts;
Strengthen the frailties of our flesh
by your perpetual power.

Reading “The Journey of Love” by Mohammed Iqbal (#610) – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

II. Pilgrim *Poetry by Rumi, Persian poet and Sufi mystic (1207 – 1273)*

Would you be a pilgrim on the road of love?
Then the very first condition
is that you make yourself as humble as dust and ashes.
Then come, pilgrim come.
Come, oh come, whoever you are,
wanderer, worshiper, lover of leaving.
Ours is no caravan of despair.
You’ve broken your vows a thousand times, still, come!

Reading from the *Metta Sutta* (#596) – Rev. Elizabeth Ide

III. Brāhmavihārā (Heavenly Abodes) *Ancient Buddhist text, English text by Jan Elicker*

*Mettā - Loving-Kindness
Karunā - Compassion
Muditā - Joy
Upekkhā - Equanimity*

May I let kindness flow into my heart as gentle rain.
May true compassion fill my soul as warming fire.
May I be touched with joy as bright as crystal light
of dawn.
May I be steady as the willow meets the winter wind.

Reading “Quick Prayer for Compassion” by Alden Solovy – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

IV. Tikkun Olam *Hebrew texts from Pirkei Avot (Ethics of the Fathers) and the Kabbalah,
English text by Clif Hardin*

*Alshlosha d’varim
Ha’olam omed:
Al ha’torah, v’al ha’avodah,
V’al gimilut hasadim.
Tikkun olam.*

On three things
does the world depend:
On Torah, on labor,
and on acts of loving-kindness.
Repair the world.

Out of shards of broken light, may love come shining through.
Out of tears from broken hearts, may hope be born anew.

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

Silence

VI. With Beauty I Walk *Navaho prayer*

With beauty before me, I walk. With beauty behind me, I walk.
With beauty above me, I walk. With beauty around me, I walk
In beauty all day long may I walk. Through returning seasons may I walk.
On the trail marked with pollen may I walk. With dew about my feet, may I walk.
In old age wandering on a trail of beauty, lively may I walk.
In old age wandering on a trail of beauty, living again may I walk.
It has become beauty again.

Closing Words “Pentacost” by Steve Garnaas-Holmes – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

VIII. Sanctus *from the Latin Mass*

<i>Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus</i>	Holy, Holy, Holy,
<i>Domine Deus Sabaoth</i>	God of power and majesty
<i>Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.</i>	Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
<i>Hosanna in excelsis.</i>	Hosanna in the highest.

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

IX. Prayer for Peace “Peace” as spoken around the world

<i>Dona nobis pacem (Latin -Christianity)</i>	Grant us peace.
<i>Salaam alaikum (Arabic - Islam)</i>	Peace be unto you
<i>Shalom aleichem (Hebrew - Judaism)</i>	Peace be unto you

Peace: *Alafia (Yoruba – Nigeria) | Walakota (Lakota – Native American) | Shanti (Bengali – Bangladesh) | Sipala (Hopi – Native American) | Utifafa (Ewe – West Africa) | Maluhia (Hawaiian) | Ashtee (Farsi – Iran) | Musango (Duala – Australia) | Nanna ayya (Chicksaw – Native American) | Hasiti (Kurdish – Iraq, Turkey) | Perdamaian (Indonesian) | Nirudho (Pali – India) | Béke (Hungarian) | Iriini (Greek) | Pyung hwa (Korean) | Salama (Swahili – East Africa) | Amani (Swahili – East Africa) | Samadhanam (Malayalam – Kerala, India) | Mir (Ukrainian, Russian) | Hé ping (Mandarin – China) | Frieden (German) | Udo (Igbo – Nigeria)*

First Parish Festival Orchestra

Violin: Siri Smedvig, Subaiou Zhang
Viola: John Glenn
Cello: Karen Shaver, Julie Durrell
Bass: Lynn Sa

Flute: Susan Jackson, Sharon Trott Reid
Oboe: Joseph Halko
Clarinet: Nancy Ackerman, Pam Choinski
Percussion: Mike Day, Phil Andrews

Special thanks to Grace Choi, our Wednesday night choir rehearsal pianist, for her help in preparing the choir.

Please join us for coffee and social time after the service.

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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