

Order of Service

First Parish in Concord

May 26, 2024

Prelude – Nancy Ackerman, clarinet; Eric Huenneke, organ

Prelude on “Nettleton” by Duane Funderburk

Memorial Prelude on “Shall We Gather at the River” by Charles Callahan

Welcome & Announcements – Anderson Manuel

Opening Hymn #347 “Gather the Spirit”

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 – Rev. Mark Glovin

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Duet on “Shenandoah”* (American Folk Song), arr. by D. E. Walz

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

Readings from Howard Zinn and Arundhate Roy

Musical Interlude *Adoration* by Florence B. Price, arr. by Marcus Martin

Sermon “Hope in this Moment” – Rev. Mark Glovin

Musical Interlude *Swing Low, Sweet Chariot* (Trad. Spiritual), arr. by David McKeown

Parish Concerns, Calling of Names, & Prayer

Silence

Responsive Hymn #123

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion,
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

Visual Prayer

Closing Words

Closing Hymn #95 “There Is More Love Somewhere”

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 *I’ve Got Peace Like a River* (A Spiritual), arr. by Gary Lanier

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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Interim Senior Minister*

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Organist*

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