Order of Service

First Parish in Concord June 9, 2024

Gathering Hymn #368 "Now Let Us Sing" – Eric Huenneke, organ

Welcome & Announcements – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Opening Hymn #1000 "Morning Has Come"

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

Offertory *Vingt-quatre pièces: III. Andante* by André Fleury

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

Reading

Anthem "In Meeting We Are Blessed" music by Troy Robertson, lyric R. Gatsnahos & John Donne – First Parish Choir

Sermon "Farewell" – Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd

Anthem "I am Willing" by Holly Near

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.

Farewell Ritual

Closing Words

Closing Hymn "Life Calls Us On" by Jason Shelton

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 Sinfonies De Fanfares: Rondeau by Jean Joseph Mouret

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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