

**FIRST PARISH IN CONCORD  
SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2024**

**Piano Prelude:** *Simple Gifts & Amazing Grace*, John Carter  
Eric Huenneke, keyboard

**Welcome and Announcements** Rev. Amy Freedman  
Dawn Van Patten

**Call to Worship:** *Song of the Universe*, Manish K. Mishra-Marzetti

**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

\***Hymn #205:** *Amazing Grace* (Verses 1, 2 & 12)

**Wisdom Story:** *Homer's Wings*, Caitlin Cotter Coillberg

**Anthem:** *Love is My Decision*, Gospel Ensemble  
Kristin Moore, violin; Rob Castillo, piano; Anderson Manuel,  
director

**Joining First Parish in Concord**

**Time of Meditation and Prayer**

**Centering Hymn #1009:** *Meditation on Breathing*

**Silence**

**Prayer:** Rev. Amy Freedman

**Offertory:** *Amazing Grace*, Charles Callahan  
*To give to the Offering via text message, send a text to 855-691-2592.*

**Reflection on Coming of Age** Dawn Van Patten

**Reading:** *Bless a Stranger with a Smile*, Rev. Dr. Monica Cummings  
Jill Yates

**Credo,** Maddie Minkin

**Reading:** from *Love Letter to the Earth*, Thich Nhat Hanh  
Jean Chandler

**Credo,** Liza Bowden

**Coming of Age Ritual**

**Community Affirmation:**

As you come of age today, we celebrate with you and acknowledge  
this next step on your lifelong spiritual pathway. We promise to  
journey with you in friendship and in love.

\***Hymn #1007,** *There's A River Flowin' in My Soul*

**Closing Words**

**Extinguish Chalice and 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

**Coming of Age Slide Show**

*\*You are invited to rise in body or in spirit.*

# First Parish in Concord

A Unitarian Universalist congregation

20 Lexington Road, Concord, MA 02840

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*  
*Rev. Elizabeth Ide, Minister for Congregational Care*  
*Rev. Amy Freedman, Minister of Religious Education*  
*Dawn Van Patten, Assistant Director of Religious Education*  
*Elizabeth Norton, Director of Music Ministry*  
*Eric Huenneke, Organist*  
*Anderson Manuel, Gospel Choir Director*  
*Rev. Paul Langston-Daley, Minister of Social Action*  
*Ben Pincus, AV Technician*  
*Catherine Hill, Web & Office Administrator*  
*Bruce Davidson, Facilities Manager*

Coming of Age: Liza Bowden and Maddie Minkin

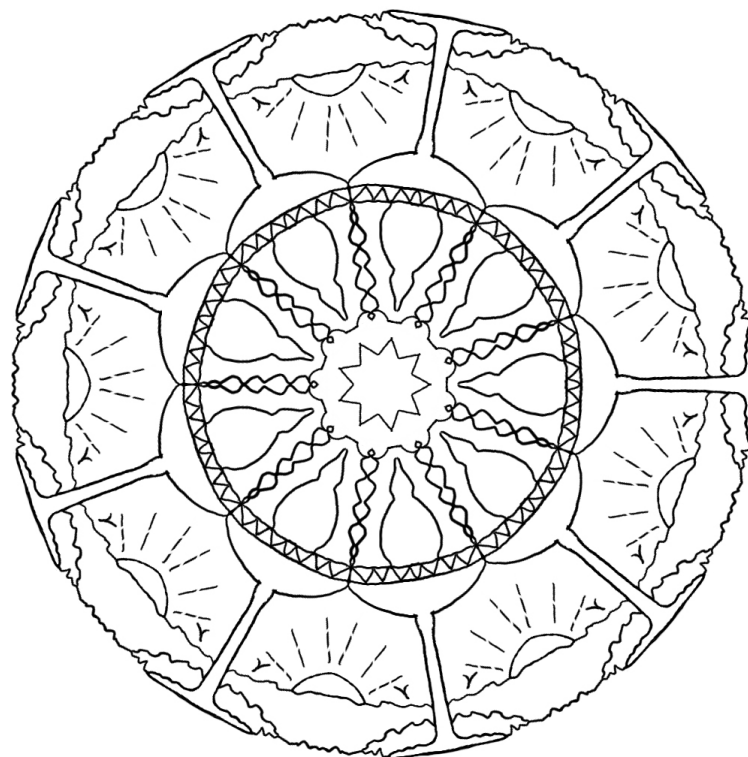
Mentors: Jean Chandler, Faxon Green, and Jill Yates.

Gospel Choir: Liza Bowden, Elena D'Amico, Sage Miller, and Emma Peacock.

Special thanks to David Ropeik for making our chalices, Jane Blumberg for lending the butterfly wings, and Faxon Green for today's flower arrangement.

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*Chalice Mandala by Tanya Webster*

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