## **Order of Service**

# First Parish in Concord July 7, 2024

Musical Prelude – Eric Huenneke, keyboard

Minuet in C by Wilhelm Friedemann Bach

Rondo Espressivo by Philipp Emanuel Bach

**Welcome and Announcements** – Beth Norton

#### **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

Call to Worship Psalm 98, adapted by Rabbi Rami Shapiro – Matt Meyer

\*Opening Hymn "Sing the World Awake," music by Matt Meyer

Reading "It would have been enough?" from Rabbi Rachel Barenblat

Musical Offering #108 "My Life Flows on in Endless Song"

**Sermon** "Joy in Resistance" – Matt Meyer

Musical Offering "Keep on Moving Forward" by Emma's Revolution – Matt Meyer

Parish Concerns, Calling of Names, & Prayer

**Silence** 

Responsive Hymn #123 "Spirit of Life"

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.

### **Invitation to Offering**

Offertory Praeludium XX in a minor, BWV 865 by Johann Sebastian Bach

\*Closing Hymn "This Joy" by Caesar Shirley

#### **Closing Words**

\*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** *Percussion Improvisation* – Matt Meyer

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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