

**Order of Service**  
First Parish in Concord  
September 15, 2024

**Prelude** Improvisation on Hymn #391, “Voice Still and Small” – Simon Andrews, organist

**Welcome and Call to Worship** – Rev. Paul Langston-Daley

**Opening Hymn #89** “Come My Way, My Truth, My Life”

**Chalice Lighting** – Rev. Jennifer Beth Johnson

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

**Time for All Ages** – Rev. Amy Freedman

*(Young people depart for Religious Exploration)*

Song:                         “Let Us Open Our Eyes” by Elizabeth Norton  
  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** – Steven Bingaman, Executive Director of The Outdoor Church

**Offertory** “Chant de paix” by Jean Langlais

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

**Reading** Excerpt from “A Hidden Wholeness” by Parker Palmer

**Anthem** “Yonder Come Day” Georgia Sea Islands song, arr. Clif Hardin – First Parish Choir

**Sermon** “Inviting the Shy Soul” – Rev. Jennifer Beth Johnson

Response: *Voice still and small, deep inside all, I hear you call, singing.*

**Anthem** “Simple Gifts” adapted by Aaron Copland, transcribed by Irving Fine

**Parish Concerns, Calling of Names, and Prayer**

**Silence**

**Responsive Hymn #391** “Voice Still and Small”

**Announcements / Closing Words**

**Closing Hymn #1008** “When Our Heart is in a Holy Place” by Joyce Poley

**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** Fugue in D minor “Giant” by J.S. Bach

*We invite you to stay seated as our service concludes with the postlude.*

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*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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