

Order of Service
First Parish in Concord
October 27, 2024

Prelude “The Autumn Leaves” by Joseph Kosma
Simon Andrews, organist

Welcome and Announcements – Rev. Paul Langston-Daley

Call to Worship – Rev. Jennifer Beth Johnson

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

Opening Hymn #155 Circle Round for Freedom

Time for All Ages – “Spontaneous Poem: A Community Practice of Deep Listening”
by Rev. Beckett Coppola – 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.

Parish Concerns, Calling of Names, and Prayer – Rev. Elizabeth Ide

Prayer – “A Charm for Hope” by Julian Jamaica Soto

Silence

Responsive Hymn “Loosen, Loosen” by Aly Halpert

Invitation to Offering – Liz Rust, Chair for Concord Prison Outreach

Offertory Largo from Concerto in D minor by Antonio Vivaldi
To give to the Offering via text message, send a text to 855-691-2592.

Reading “James Luther Adams on Voluntary Associations” (from the UUA Leader) –
Diane Proctor

Anthem – “I Am Willing” by Holly Near, arr. Steve Milloy –
First Parish Choir, Beth Norton, director

Sermon “Strengthening Democracy: the Power of the Civic Sphere” by Paul Langston-Daley

Anthem – “Take Care of This House” by Leonard Bernstein, arr. A. Freed

Closing Words – from Octavia Butler

Closing Hymn #1028 “Fire of Commitment”

Unison 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 Toccata in D minor by J. S. Bach

*We invite you to stay seated as our service concludes with the postlude.
Please join us for coffee and social time after the service.*

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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