## Order of Service

## First Parish in Concord November 3, 2024

**Prelude** Élegie by César Frank – Simon Andrews, Organist

Welcome and Announcements – Rev. Rev. Jennifer Johnson

Call to Worship & Chalice Lighting – Rev. Amy Freedman

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 #103 "For All the Saints"

**All Souls Ceremony** 

Time for All Ages

(Young people depart for Religious Exploration)

"Let Us Open Our Eyes" by Elizabeth Norton

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.

Reading - From "Spirit of Intimacy" Sobonfu Some

**Anthem** "Breaths" by Ysaye Marie Barnwell – First Parish Choir, Beth Norton, Director

Homily "Being Good Descendants" by Rev. Jennifer Johnson

**Anthem** "Bright Morning Star" – Traditional, arr. Fred Squatrito

**Invitation to Offering** – Rev. Paul Langston-Daley

Offertory Gottes Zeit ist die allerbeste Zeit by J.S. Bach

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

Parish Concerns – Rev. Jennifer Johnson

Silence

## **Litany of Remembrance**

Sung Response: You are not forgotten.

## **Closing Words**

Closing Hymn "Let the Life I Lead Speak for Me" American Gospel Song

**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 Menuet Antique by Léon Boëllman

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:

Beth Norton	Ben Pincus
Director of Music Ministry	AV Technician
Simon Andrews	Catherine Hill
Organist	Communications & Office Coordinator
Anderson Manuel	Arkadiy Barshteyn
Gospel Choir Director	AV Technician
Dawn Van Patten Asst. Dir. of Religious Education	David Wisniewski AV Technician
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