

# Order of Service

## First Parish in Concord

November 17, 2024

**Prelude** Prelude in B minor by J.S. Bach

Simon Andrews, organist

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Hymn # 1** “May Nothing Evil Cross this Door”

**Call to Worship**

**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

**Time for All Ages**

*(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 & Prayer**

**Silence**

**Responsive Hymn** “When the World is Sick” A. Silver Mt. Zion Orchestra & Tra-la-la Band

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory** Berceuse sùr deux notes qui cornent (Lullaby on two cyphers) Jehan Alain  
*To give to the Offering via text message, send a text to 855-691-2592.*

**Reading** A retelling of “The Shattering of the Vessels” or *shevirat ha-kelim*

**Anthem** – Tikkun Olam - Clif Hardin

First Parish Choir, Beth Norton, director

**Sermon** – “The Broken Hallelujah” by Rev. Jennifer Johnson

**Anthem** – Hallelujah by Leonard Cohen  
First Parish Choir and Gospel Singers

**Closing Words**

**Closing Hymn #108** “My Life Flows on in Endless 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** Chaconne in D minor by Johann Pachelbel

*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:*

*Rev. Jennifer Beth Johnson  
Lead Minister*

*Beth Norton  
Director of Music Ministry*

*Ben Pincus  
AV Technician*

*Rev. Elizabeth Ide  
Minister for Congregational Care*

*Simon Andrews  
Organist*

*Catherine Hill  
Communications & Office  
Coordinator*

*Rev. Amy Freedman  
Minister of Religious Education*

*Anderson Manuel  
Gospel Choir Director*

*Arkadiy Barshteyn  
AV Technician*

*Rev. Paul Langston-Daley  
Minister of Social Action*

*Dawn Van Patten  
Asst. Dir. of Religious Education*

*David Wisniewski  
AV Technician*