

FIRST PARISH IN CONCORD
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024

Reflection before the Service:

*Loving spirit be our guest, dine with us, share our bread,
that our table might be blessed and our souls be fed.*

—Gary Kowalski

Prelude: *Allein Gott in der Höh' sei Ehr'* by J.S. Bach
Simon Andrews, organist

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship: Rev. Amy Freedman

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 #68: *Come, Ye Thankful People*

Responsive Reading #512: *We Give Thanks This Day,*
O. Eugene Pickett
Hugh Morgan, Emma Green, and Evan Walker-Hultgren

Time for All Ages: Video Message to Székelykeresztúr

Reflection: *Thanksgiving Communion,* Dawn Van Patten

Setting the Table: Rev. Amy Freedman

Sharing Bread:

Tom Kelly, Madzie Burnham, and Carolyn Shohet

Anthem: “Crowded Table” by N. Hemby, L. McKenna,
B. Carlile, arr. A. Ramsey
First Parish Choir and Gospel Singers, Beth Norton, director
Kristin Moore, fiddle

Sharing Bread:

Teresa Hubscher-Younger, Gib Metcalf, Suzan and Elise Brinker,
Jane Blumberg, and Laurie Van Loon

Invitation to Offering

Offertory: “Communion” by Louis Vierne
*To give to the Offering via text message, send a text to
855-691-2592.*

Anthem: “Thanksgiving Song” by Mary Chapin Carpenter,
arr. J. Purifoy

Parish Concerns, Calling of Names & Prayer

Silence

Responsive Hymn

Closing Words

Closing Hymn #1010: *We Give Thanks*

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: *Nun danket alle Gott* by Siegfried Karg-Elert

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

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A Unitarian Universalist congregation

20 Lexington Road, Concord, MA 02840

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

Rev. Elizabeth Ide, Minister for Congregational Care

Rev. Amy Freedman, Minister of Religious Education

Dawn Van Patten, Assistant Director of Religious Education

Elizabeth Norton, Director of Music Ministry

Simon Andrews, Organist

Anderson Manuel, Gospel Choir Director

Rev. Paul Langston-Daley, Minister of Social Action

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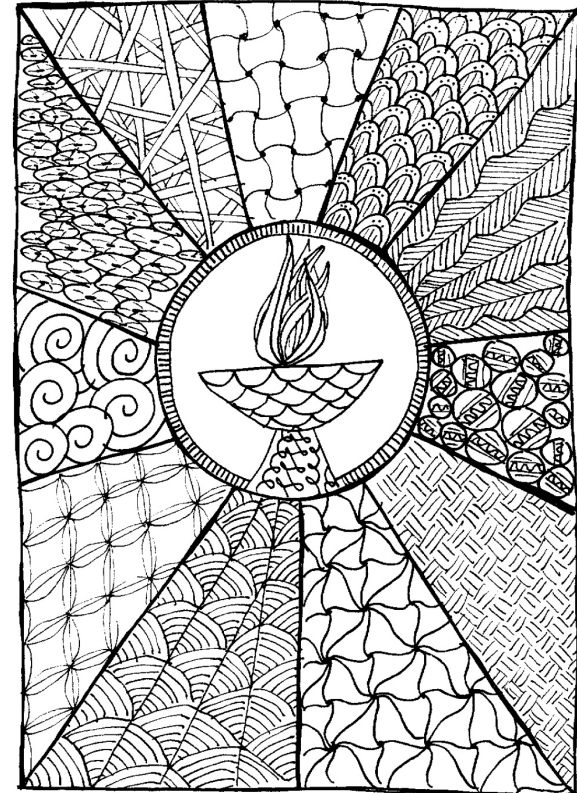
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Chalice Sunburst by Cynthia Landrum

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