

FIRST PARISH IN CONCORD
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024

Prelude: Improvisation on “Veni Emmanuel”
Simon Andrews, organist

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Paul Langston-Daley

Opening Hymn #225: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

Call to Worship: Rev. Jennifer Johnson

Chalice and Advent Candle 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: Rev. Amy Freedman

“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.

Parish Concerns, Calling of Names & Prayer:
Rev. Paul Langston-Daley

Silence

Responsive Hymn #123: *Spirit of Life*

Invitation to Offering: Worthy Now, a ministry of the Church of the Larger Fellowship – Rev. Paul Langston-Daley

Offertory: Prelude No.3 Andante cantabile by Alexander Scriabin
To give to the Offering via text message, send a text to 855-691-2592.

Reading: “The Moment of Magic” by Victoria Safford

Anthem: “Dance of the Sugarplum Fairy”
by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky/Arr. Jeff Funk - The Conchords
(Pamela Schweppe, Lauren Evans, Rick Moore, Olaf Johnson, Rex Morrill, Larry Gall)

Sermon: “Ordinary Magic” by Rev. Jennifer Johnson

Anthem: “Over the Rainbow” by Harold Arlen & E.Y. Harburg,
Arr. Russell Robinson

Closing Words

Closing Hymn #57: *All Beautiful the March of Days*

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: *Concerto* from Aylesford Pieces by G.F. Handel

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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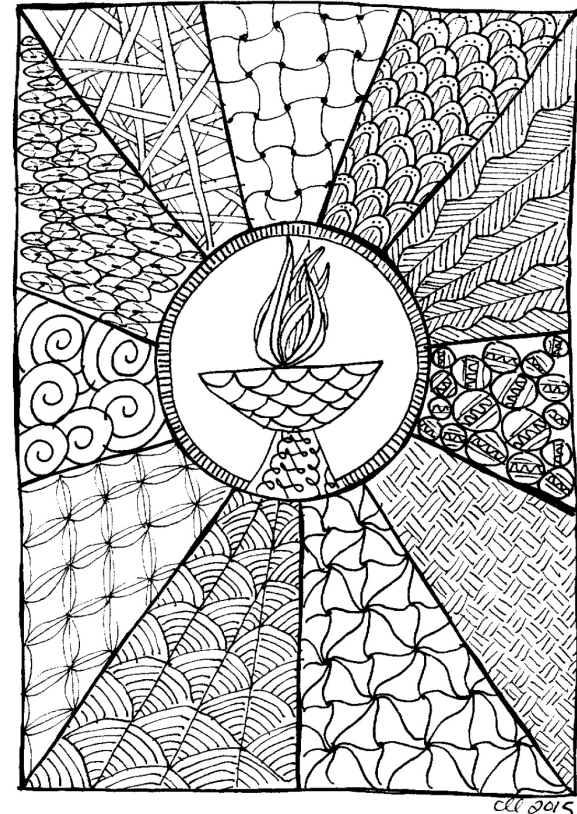
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Chalice Sunburst by Cynthia Landrum

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