

FIRST PARISH IN CONCORD
SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

Prelude: *Prelude in B minor* by J.S. Bach
Simon Andrews, organist

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Jennifer Beth Johnson

Opening Hymn #1008: “When Our Heart is in a Holy Place”

Opening Words

Chalice Lighting & Unison Response:

For the stories that long to be told and retold,
for the stories that long to be imagined and reimaged,
for the stories that long to be envisioned and celebrated,
we kindle this chalice.

May its flame bring the light of different truths,
different paths and different voices,
all needed to cultivate a transformative story
of justice, love and beauty.

—Sandra Fees

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

Pastoral Prayer

Responsive Hymn #391: “Voice Still and Small”

Invitation to Offering: Regina Corrao

Offertory: *Reverie* by Claude Debussy

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

Sung Blessing: “When we tell our stories from deep inside . . .”

Story - Deepen Spiritually - Jim Reynolds

Sung Blessing: “When we tell our stories from deep inside . . .”

Story - Build Community - Dana Lissy and Leah Russell

Sung Blessing: “When we tell our stories from deep inside . . .”

Story - Make a Positive Difference in the World - Jane Blumberg

Anthem: *Draw the Circle Wide* by Mark Miller
First Parish Choir

Closing Words

Closing Hymn #324: “Where My Free Spirit Onward Leads”

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 on "Allein Gott in der Höhe sei Ehre"*
by Michael Burkhardt

*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 01742

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
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*The flowers this morning are in memory of John Alden Lang and
given by the Lang family.*



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