

FIRST PARISH IN CONCORD
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025

Prelude: *Salve Regina* by Marcel Dupré
Simon Andrews, organist

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Jennifer Beth Johnson

Chalice Lighting & Unison Response:

*May this flame we light remind us that
every one of us can bring the light of love into the world.
May this clear flame be a symbol that every heart
can burn bright with joy, peace and harmony.
May the wisdom of the ages speak to us
through this flame and stay in us.
Every one of us can be a blessing to the world.
– Petr Samojsky*

Opening Hymn #188: “Come Come Whoever You Are”

Opening Words

Time for All Ages:

“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.

Anthem: “We Shall Be Known” Karisha Longacre -
First Parish Choir

Parish Concerns, Calling of Names, Prayer

Response: “There is a Love” - Elizabeth Norton

Invitation to Offering: Guest Speaker Taban Majok, Senior at
Fitchburg State, Assistant Director of
South Sudanese Enrichment for Families

Offertory: *Alla Siciliana* by Alexandre Guilmant

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

Reading: Excerpts from *Beyond the Gender Binary* by
Alok Vaid-Menon

Anthem: “We Are All Bound Up Together” - Joan Szymko

Sermon: "Letting Go of the Gender Binary"
by Rev. Jennifer Beth Johnson

Closing Hymn #170: “Gentle Angry People”

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: *Tuba Tune* by C.S. Lang

*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

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