

**FIRST PARISH IN CONCORD**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2025**

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

**Prelude:** *Pavan: The Earl of Oxford's March* by William Byrd  
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 t  
through this flame and stay in us.  
Every one of us can be a blessing to the world.*

**Opening Hymn #22:** “Dear Weaver of Our Lives’ Design”

**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.

**Parish Concerns, Calling of Names, Pastoral Prayer:**  
Rev. Elizabeth Ide

**Responsive Hymn #1031:** “Filled with Loving Kindness”

**Invitation to Offering**

**Offertory:** *O Albion* by Thomas Adès (arr. Simon Andrews)

**Reading:** “What You Missed that Day You Were Absent from  
Fourth Grade” by Brad Aaron Modlin  
Reader: Doug Hardy

**Anthem:** *Do Not Leave Your Cares at the Door* by Elizabeth  
Alexander - First Parish Choir

**Sermon Part 1:** “Befriending Our Own Hearts”  
by Rev. Jennifer Beth Johnson

**Reading:** “Mending” by Nancy Shaffer  
Reader: Susan Ellsworth

**Sermon Part 2:** “Befriending Our Own Hearts”  
by Rev. Jennifer Beth Johnson

**Anthem:** *Love Has Broken Down the Wall* by Mark Miller

**Closing Words**

**Closing Hymn #1053:** “How Could Anyone Ever Tell You”

**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:** *Allegro* from Sonata in F K. 322 by W.A. Mozart

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

## **First Parish in Concord**

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*

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