

FIRST PARISH IN CONCORD
SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2025

Gathering Music: Simon Andrews, organist

Welcome and Announcements: Gib Metcalf

Banner Parade: *Alla Marcia* by John Ireland

Chalice Lighting & Unison Response: Rev. Jennifer Johnson

We gather today to hear the call of trust.
Though our hearts have been bruised by broken promises and dreams
deferred,

*may we listen again for that longing to repair, and be repaired,
that hunger to start anew.*

Like this flame, trust is something that needs to be rekindled again and
again.

May today spark the fire of a new match.
- Rev. Scott Tayler

Opening Hymn #347: “Gather the Spirit”

Stewardship Testimonial: Ben Stewart

Invitation: 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.

Anthem: *Love Will Rise Again* by Mark Miller, First Parish Choir

Parish Concerns & Prayer: Rev. Elizabeth Ide

Silence

Responsive Hymn #123: “Spirit of Life”

Invitation to Offering: Massachusetts Women’s History Center

Offertory: *Beautiful Love* by Wayne King and Victor Young
Bradley Hubbard-Nelson, trumpet, EJ Schmidt, bass

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

Sermon: “Reaching, Growing, Flying and Rising - Together!”
by Rev. Jennifer Johnson

Anthem: *Common Threads* by Pat Humphries, arr. Norton

Ritual of Giving and Receiving

Closing Words

Closing Hymn #207: “Earth Was Given as a Garden”

Extinguishing Chalice & 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: *La Réjouissance* 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 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

Rev. Paul Langston-Daley, Minister of Social Action

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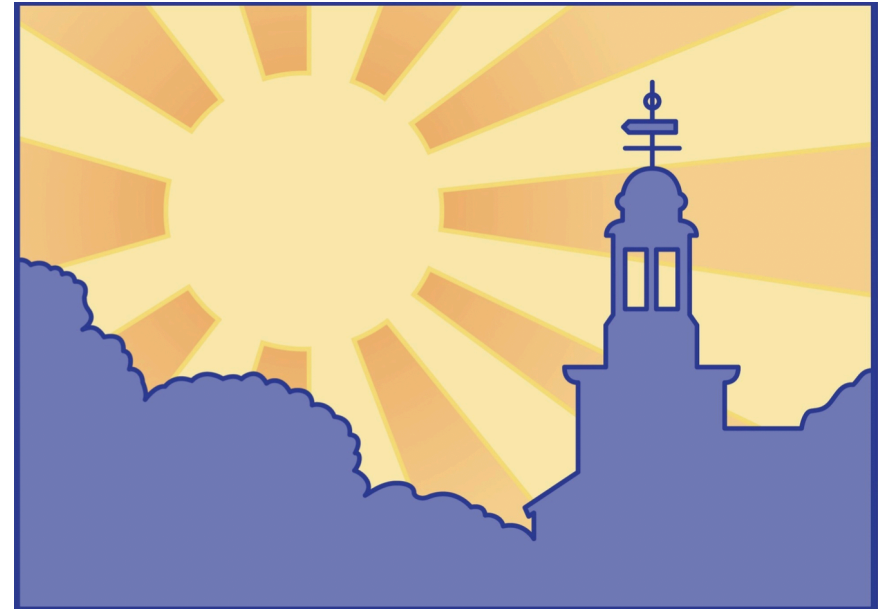
Ben Pincus, AV Technician

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