

**FIRST PARISH IN CONCORD**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025**

**Prelude:** *Musette* by Léon Boëllmann  
Simon Andrews, Organist

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Words:** Rev. Paul Langston-Daley

**Chalice Lighting:** Jane Blumberg and Suzie Weaver

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 #119:** “Once to Every Soul and Nation”

**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.

**Story I:** “How I Became Involved in Social Action”  
by Fred VanDeusen

**Anthem:** “Hope” by Ysaye Marie Barnwell -  
First Parish Choir, Rick Moore, soloist

**Parish Concerns, Calling of Names, Silence, Prayer**

**Responsive Hymn:** From “I am Willing” by Holly Near  
*I am open, and I am willing  
For to be hopeless would be so strange  
It dishonors those who go before us  
So lift me up to the light of change*

**Story II:** Sara Ballard

**Invitation to Offering:** Massachusetts Women's History Center  
Dian Pekin

**Offertory:** *Prelude in F minor* by Frédéric Chopin, *arr.* Rick Parks

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

**Story III:** Cindy Soule

**Anthem:** “I’m Gonna Lift My Sister Up” by Faya Rose Toure

**Story IV:** “From Wishing to Making It So” by Regina Corrao

**Closing Hymn #1014:** “Answering the Call of Love”

**Closing Words:** From “Lotus Girl” by Helen Tworikov

**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:** *Meditation (à ALbert Rousseau)* by Erik Satie

*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 team:

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