

FIRST PARISH IN CONCORD
SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2025

Prelude: *Adagio* from Sonata in E flat K. 282
Simon Andrews, organist

Welcome and Announcements: Susan See, Governing Board
representative

Chalice Lighting & Opening Words: Rev. Jennifer Beth 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 #1000: “Morning Has Come”

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.

Anthem: “Trust The Seeds” by Elizabeth Alexander
First Parish Choir, Beth Norton, Director

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

Responsive Hymn #391: “Voice Still and Small”

Invitation to Offering: Freddie Kaye, the Founding President of
the Massachusetts Women's History Center

Offertory: Prelude Op. 89 No. 3 by Georg Goltermann

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

Reading: An excerpt from *Braving the Wilderness*
by Brené Brown

Anthem: *I Believe* by Mark Miller
Kristin Moore, soprano soloist

Sermon: “Trust Is Not a Given” by Rev. Jennifer Beth Johnson

Closing Hymn #128: “For All that Is Our Life”

Closing Words & 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 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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Guy Ministeri, Sunday Sexton

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