

FIRST PARISH IN CONCORD
EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20, 2025

Prelude: *“The Rejoicing”* from *The Royal Fireworks*
by G. F. Handel

Margaret Eileen Romero and Alessandra Kingsford, trumpets
Nick Tolle, timpani
Simon Andrews, organist

Welcome & Announcements: Lisa Bennett, Governing Board

Call to Worship & Chalice Lighting: Rev. Elizabeth Ide

Out of the darkness, light.
Out of the light, warmth.
Out of the warmth, joy.
Out of the joy, togetherness.
May this flame hold us
for the time we are here
with one another.
—Ben Soule

Opening Hymn #61: “Lo the Earth Awakes Again”

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: *Awake, Now Wintry Earth* by J.S. Bach -
First Parish Choir

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

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Jennifer Beth Johnson

Responsive Hymn #123: “Spirit of Life”

Invitation to Offering: The Nature Connection

Offertory: *Préambule* from “24 Pièces en style libre” by
Louis Vierne

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

Readings: Ezekiel 37:1-3, read by Rev. Elizabeth Ide
Matthew 28: 5-7, read by Rebecca Winborn
“Bury Me in A Free Land” by Frances E.W. Harper,
read by Sophie Wadsworth

Sermon: “A Brighter Coming Day” by Rev. Jennifer Beth Johnson

Anthem: *Yonder Come Day* - Georgia Sea Islands song arr.
by Clif Hardin

Closing Words

Closing Hymn #270: “O Day of Light and Gladness”

*Singers who would like to join the choir in the balcony for the
Hallelujah Chorus are invited to come up during the final hymn.*

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: *Hallelujah Chorus* from *Messiah* 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 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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David Wisniewski, AV Technician & Assistant Sexton

Arkadiy Barshteyn, AV Technician

Ben Pincus, AV Technician

Guy Ministeri, Sunday Sexton

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