

FIRST PARISH IN CONCORD
SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2025

Prelude: Simon Andrews, organist

Welcome & Announcements: Rev. Jennifer Beth Johnson

Call to Worship & Chalice Lighting:

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 #1043: “Székely Áldás”

Time for All Ages: Kolozsvár Unitarian High School Choir,
Ördög Ödön, Director

“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, Silence:
Rev. Jennifer Beth Johnson

Pastoral Prayer

Responsive Hymn #123: “Spirit of Life”

Invitation to Offering: The Nature Connection

Offertory: Transylvanian Folk Improvisation

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

Sermon: “Singing the Dream” by Rev. Zsolt Elekes &
the Kolozsvár Choir

Closing Words: Rev. Jennifer Beth Johnson

Closing Hymn #159: “This is My Song”

Sung Benediction: The First Parish Choir

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: Simon Andrews, organist

*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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