

FIRST PARISH IN CONCORD
SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025

Prelude: *Wem in Leidenstagen* by Peter Hurford
Simon Andrews, Organist

Welcome & Announcements: Leah Russell, Governing Board

Chalice Lighting & Call to Worship: Rev. Jennifer Beth Johnson

Opening Hymn #347: “Gather the Spirit”

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: *Joy in My Heart* - traditional, arr. Rollo Dillworth
First Parish Choir

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

Responsive Hymn: “There Is More Joy Somewhere”
- African American Hymn

Invitation to Offering: Carol Hani, The Nature Connection

Offertory: *Communion* (from Triptych Op. 58) by Louis Vierne

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

Reading: Exodus 20: 8-11

Anthem: *Joy Shall Come in the Morning* by
Mary Alice Amidon, arr. P.

Sermon: “Rest, Holiness and Joy: The Art of Keeping Sabbath”
by Rev. Jennifer Beth Johnson

Closing Hymn: “This Joy that I Have” by Shirley Ceasar

Closing Words and 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: *Allegro assai* from *Sonata in F K. 332* by W. A. Mozart

*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

Rev. Paul Langston-Daley, Minister of Social Action

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Arkadiy Barshteyn, AV Technician

Ben Pincus, AV Technician

Guy Ministeri, Sunday Sexton

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