

FIRST PARISH IN CONCORD
SUNDAY, MAY 25, 2025

Prelude: Improvisation on *Melita*
Simon Andrews, organist

Welcome & Announcements: Gib Metcalf

Chalice Lighting & Call to Worship: Rev. Caro Barschow

Here, today, in this place and with these people,
May we listen so that we can hear;
May we hear so that we can feel;
May we feel so that we can know; and
May we know so that we can change ourselves and this world.
May this chalice we light,
Light our way.
- Eric Walker Wikstrom

Opening Hymn #346: “Come Sing a Song with Me”

Reading: from *Sacred Instructions* by Sheri Mitchell
Rev. Caro Barschow

Anthem: *This Moment* by John Bocchino - Beth Norton, soprano

Parish Concerns, Calling of Names, Silence

Mindfulness Practice

Responsive Hymn: *Meditation on Breathing* by Sarah Dan Jones

Invitation to Offering: Dee Dee’s Cry

Offertory: *Climat* by Jehan Alain

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

Reading: Story from “Say What You Mean” by Oren Jay Sofer

Musical Interlude

Sermon: “Listening as a Path to Peace” Rev. Caro Barschow

Closing Hymn #299: “Make Channels for the Streams of Love”

Closing Words: Rev. Caro Barschow

I inhale your story
~ I exhale compassion

I inhale your words
~ I exhale understanding

I inhale your suffering
~ I exhale gentleness

empathy is the deliberate act of breathing for someone else who can't
find their own air

~ john roedel

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: “Let freedom ring!” by James Mansfield

*We invite you to stay seated
as our service concludes with the postlude.*

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A Unitarian Universalist congregation

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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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