

**FIRST PARISH IN CONCORD**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2025**

**Prelude:** *Allegro con spirito* from Violin Sonata in G, K. 301  
by W.A. Mozart  
Kristin Moore, violin & Simon Andrews, piano

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Chalice Lighting & Opening Words:** Rev. Jennifer Johnson

For the gift of this day and for our community  
of spiritual nurture and compassion, we give thanks.  
We light this chalice as a symbol of our faith.  
May our many sparks meet and merge in communion  
of heart and soul.

– Bruce Southworth

**Flower Communion**

**Introduction:** Rev. Amy Freedman

**Ritual:** *All present in the Sanctuary are invited to process to  
the front and place your flower in a vase on the altar table*

**Song:** “The Garden Song” by Dave Mallett

**Blessing:** All

**Reflection:** “New Roots and New Growth”

**Recognition:** Simon Andrews, Catherine Hill, Karen Lee,  
Nigel Wonson

**Anthem:** “Come to My Garden” by Marsha Norman  
and Lucy Simon - First Parish Choir

**Pastoral Prayer:** Rev. Elizabeth Ide

**Responsive Hymn #123:** “Spirit of Life”

**Reflection:** “Season Upon Season”

**Recognition:** Fifi Ball, Rev. Amy Freedman, Beth Norton,  
Anderson Manuel, Dawn Van Patten

**Invitation to Offering:** Rev. Paul Langston-Daley

**Offertory:** *Alma Redemptoris Mater* by Marcel Dupré  
*To give to the Offering using your phone, text to 855-691-2592.*

**Reflection:** “Growing Within and Beyond Our Garden”  
by Rev. Jennifer B. Johnson

**Ritual of Release:**

Rev. Paul Langston-Daley and Rev. Elizabeth Ide  
Lay Leaders: Fred Van Deusen, Laurie Van Loon, Virginia Taylor

**Anthem:** “A Gaelic Benediction” by Jerry Ulrich

**Closing Words**

**Closing Hymn #21:** “For the Beauty of the Earth”

**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* from Violin Sonata in G, K. 301 W.A. Mozart  
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*We invite you to stay seated  
as our service concludes with the postlude*

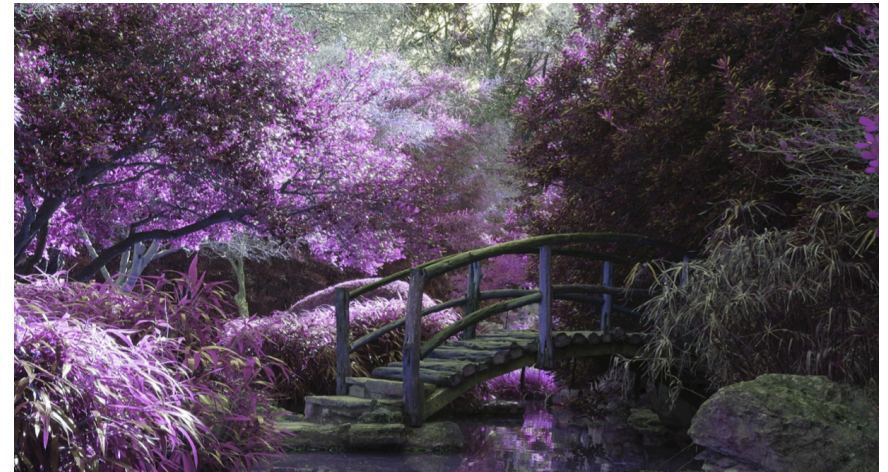
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A Unitarian Universalist congregation  
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Many people contribute to making our Sunday worship services a smooth and meaningful experience, both in person and on Zoom. Thank you to the many volunteers who give generously of their time, including the First Parish Choir, Flower Committee, ushers, and Zoom chat hosts. Thanks also to our staff team:

*Rev. Jennifer Beth Johnson, Lead Minister*  
*Rev. Elizabeth Ide, Acting Minister for Congregational Care*  
*Rev. Gary Smith, Minister Emeritus*  
*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*  
*Fift Ball, Director of Finance & Operations*  
*Karen Lee, Assistant to the Director of Finance & Operations*  
*Catherine Hill, Communications & Office Coordinator*  
*Nigel Wonson, Facilities Manager*  
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