

**FIRST PARISH IN CONCORD**  
**SUNDAY, JULY 13, 2025**

*"First Parish in Concord, resisting oppression since 1775."*

**Prelude:** Meditation on "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" -  
arr. Christine Hogan - Christine Hogan, Guest Organist

**Welcome & Announcements:** Beth Norton

**Opening Hymn #134:** "Our World is One World"

**Call to Worship #561 from Margaret Mead:** Rev. Jim Sherblom

**Chalice Lighting:**

O flame of our faith, open our hearts  
And fill our bodies with persistent strength,  
Enliven our spirits and engage us deeply in this life of ours,  
This sacred essential moment now.  
- Rev. Paul Sawyer

**Anthem:** *Hymn for America*, words: Michael Dennis Browne,  
music: Stephen Paulus - The Conchords

**Reading from Henry David Thoreau:** Rev. Jim Sherblom

**Invitation to Offering:** Beth Norton

**Offertory:** "Peace" by Alexis Ffrench - Christine Hogan

*To give to the Offering using your phone, text to 855-691-2592.*

**Reading from Henry David Thoreau:** Rev. Jim Sherblom

**Parish Concerns, Calling of Names & Prayer:**  
Rev. Jim Sherblom

**Silence**

**Responsive Hymn #123:** "Spirit of Life"

**Sermon:** "Cultural Revolutions" by Rev. Jim Sherblom

**Anthem:** *America the Beautiful*, Words: Katherine Lee Bates;  
Music Samuel A. Ward, arr. Darmon Meader - The Conchords

**Closing Words from Neil Young:** Rev. Jim Sherblom

**Closing Hymn #358:** "Rank by Rank"

**Unison Benediction:** Rev. Jim Sherblom

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:** Improvisation - Christine Hogan

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

## **First Parish in Concord**

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. Jenna Crawford, 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*  
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BUILD COMMUNITY, AND  
MAKE A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD.

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