

October 7, 2018 Prayer
First Parish in Lincoln

Spirit of Life, we gather today in a time of conflict and accusation.
Where some seek justice, others see scurrilous scheming.
Where some see demons, others see desperate souls needing care.
So many of us fear “others” and want to exclude them from our world.
All of us are less able to speak and empathize across our divides.

Spirit of Life, we pray for your inspiration to renew our shared values.
We thank you for the magic of nature that draws our gaze to rest in beauty.
We are grateful for the blessing of deep breaths and shared meditation.
Help us to allow our friends and family to remind us of our best selves.
Slow us to listen well, and to understand and affirm each other.

In our hearts we know that we have the power to improve our world.
We can disable despair, and raise our lights to help us find our way.
Our love of truth can include other’s visions and create finer castings.
Our times call us to meet the challenge and restore dignity and respect.
The way will open. It is our path. We will walk forward with you.

Amen.