FIRST PARISH IN CONCORD SUNDAY, JUNE 1, 2025

Prelude: Rhosymedre by Ralph Vaughan Williams
First Parish Festival Orchestra, Elizabeth Norton, conductor
Simon Andrews, organ

Welcome & Announcements - Neil Brock

Chalice Lighting & Call to Worship:

Don't worry about saving these songs!

And if one of our instruments breaks, it doesn't matter.

We have fallen into the place where everything is music.

The strumming and the flute notes rise into the atmosphere, And even if the whole world's harp should burn up, There will still be hidden instruments playing.

So the candle flickers and goes out. We have a piece of flint, and a spark.

- Jalal Al-Din Rumi

Opening Hymn #36: "When In Our Music"

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.

Invitation to Offering: Rev. Elizabeth Ide, Suzie Weaver

Offertory: Fugue IV in C sharp Minor by J. S. Bach

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

Reflection

Elizabeth Norton

Musical Offering: "Illuminare" by Elaine Hagenburg

First Parish Choir and Festival Orchestra

I. Splendor (see insert for translations)

Parish Concerns, Silence, Prayer, Rev. Elizabeth Ide

II. Caritas

Reading: "The Second Coming" - Rev. Jennifer B. Johnson by William Butler Yeats

III. Nox

Reading: "The Peace of Wild Things" - Anderson Manuel by Wendell Berry

IV. Munera Pacis - Irl Smith and Steve Ruzich, tenor soloists

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

V. Illuminare

We invite you to stay seated for the final movement of "Illuminare"

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. 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

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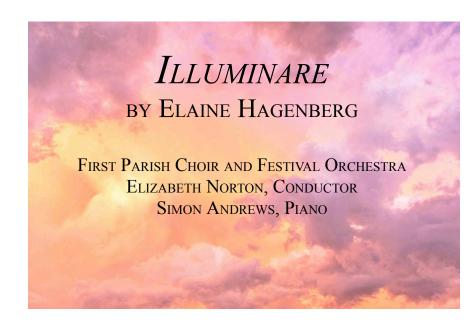
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