

**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*

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SUNDAY, June 1, 2025

## *ILLUMINARE*

BY ELAINE HAGENBERG

FIRST PARISH CHOIR AND FESTIVAL ORCHESTRA

ELIZABETH NORTON, CONDUCTOR

SIMON ANDREWS, PIANO

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