

*I celebrate myself, and sing myself; and what I assume you shall assume,
for every atom belonging to me as good belongs to you.*

– Walt Whitman

THE FIRST PARISH CHURCH IN WESTON, U.U.

Weston, Massachusetts

Gathered in 1698

November 28, 2021

First Sunday in Advent



Minister: The Peace of God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

EXCHANGE OF PEACE

LIGHTING OF THE CHALICE AND ADVENT WREATH

Holly Kulow

TIME FOR ALL AGES

READING: Hebrews 13: 1-6

ANTHEM: "Veni, veni, Emanuel"

Zoltan Kodaly, 1943

SERMON: "Love, the Guest"

Rev. Sarah Napoline

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER: "Give Thanks unto the Lord" Alexander Arkangelsky
(1846-1924)

PASTORAL PRAYER, FOLLOWED BY THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY: "Veni Emanuel"

Clif Hardin, 2009

DOXOLOGY

**From all that dwell below the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue!**

**Praise God, the Love we all may share;
Praise God, the beauty everywhere;
Praise God, the Hope of Good to be;
Praise God, the Truth that makes us free.**

CLOSING HYMN: "O Come, You Longing Thirsty Souls" (see insert)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Now Thank We All Our God
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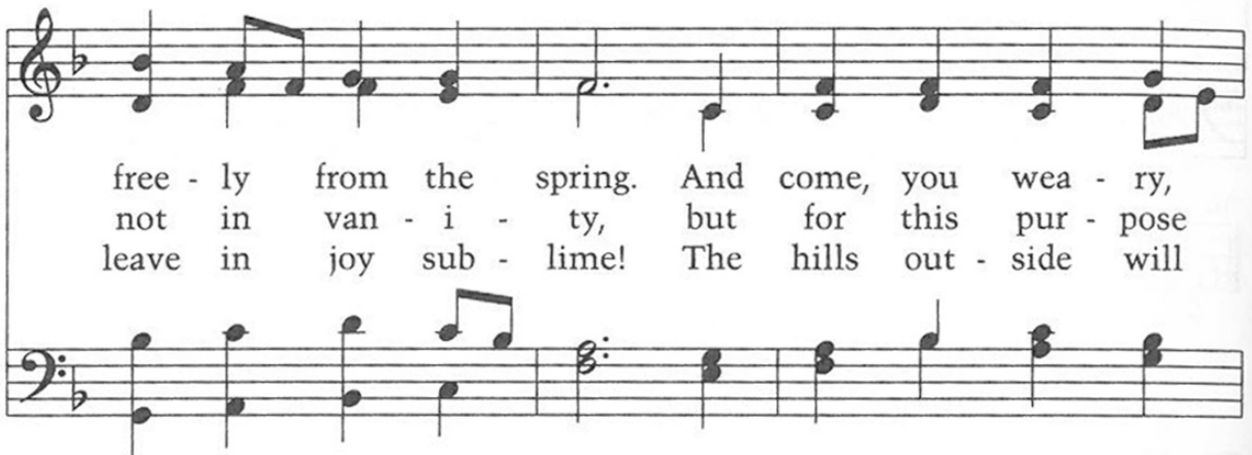
Gael Liardon
(1973-2018)
Wilhelm Rudnick
(1850-1927)

O Come, You Longing Thirsty Souls

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1. O come, you long - ing thirst - y souls, drink
2. For as the rain and snow a - bove fall
3. For we shall go in peace se - cure and



free - ly from the spring. And come, you wea - ry,
not in van - i - ty, but for this pur - pose
leave in joy sub - lime! The hills out - side will

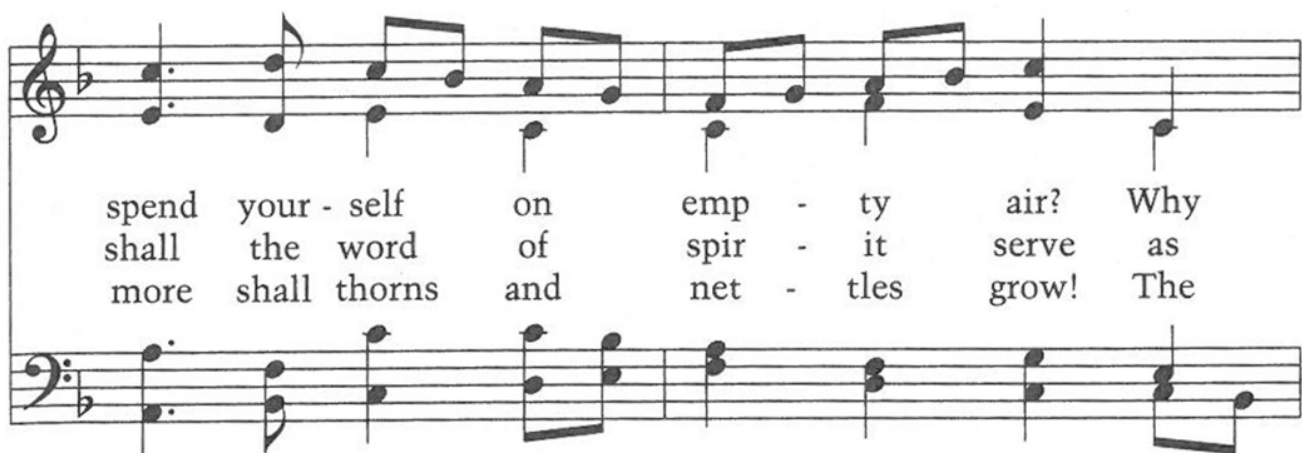


fam - ished folk, and end your hun - ger - ing. Why
wa - ter earth: to feed hu - man - i - ty. So
burst with song, the trees will clap in time! No

Words: Isaiah 55, metrical version

Music: English melody, harmony by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958,
used by perm. of Oxford University Press

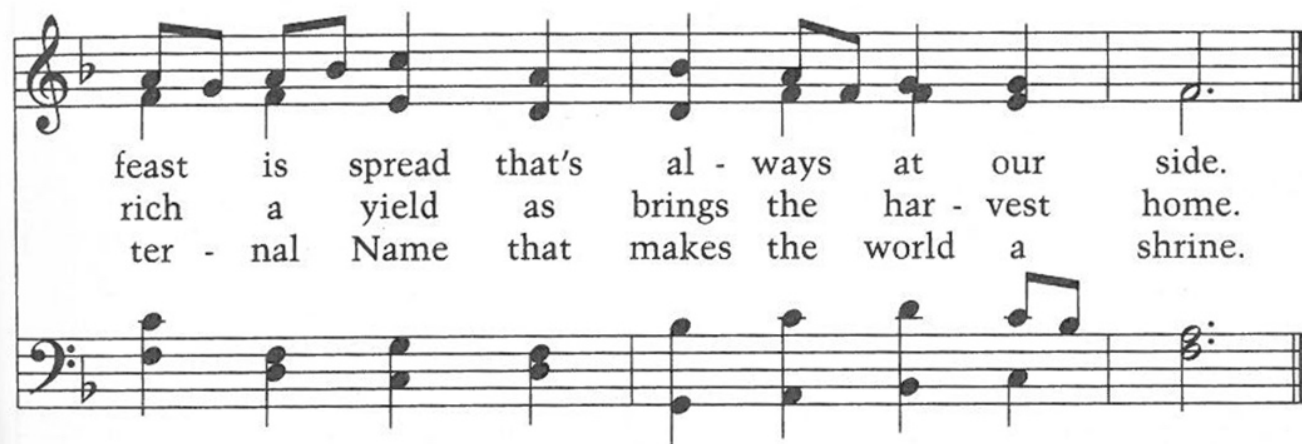
FOREST GREEN
C.M.D.



spend your - self on emp - ty air? Why
shall the word of spir - it serve as
more shall thorns and net - tles grow! The



not be sat - is - fied? For ev - ery - where a
seed with - in our loam, that we may bear so
bay tree and the pine shall sign for us th' e -



feast is spread that's al - ways at our side.
rich a yield as brings the har - vest home.
ter - nal Name that makes the world a shrine.

The flowers on the altar this morning are given in loving memory
of Barbara Elmes by her family

Our greeter this morning is Trish Mordas.

First Parish Church has long welcomed people with different perspectives,
backgrounds and orientations. While we currently pursue formally
becoming a Welcoming Congregation, we happily welcome all people
as part of our 21st century community and church.

STAFF

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Connor Lee

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Jonah Barz-Snell

AV Interns:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KNITTERS & STITCHERS – Join us on Mondays at noon in the Parlor.

SOCIAL JUSTICE TASK FORCE MEETING – Join us on Zoom on Tuesday, Nov. 30, at 7:00 pm.

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/9818243402>;

Meeting ID: 9681 8243 402

WEEKLY WEDNESDAY MORNING MEDITATION AT 8:30 AM – Join us on Zoom; go to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82332140993>; Meeting ID: 823 3214 0993

FPCW BOOK GROUP – Join us in the Parlor on Thursday, Dec. 2, at 9:30 am for a
discussion of Robin Wall Kimmerer's *Braiding Sweetgrass*.

RETIRED MEN'S LUNCH – Those who are retired (or who would like to be) gather on the first
Tuesday of the month. Bring a bag lunch to the Library on Tuesday, Dec.7, at noon,
for conversation in the Library or on Zoom:

<https://uuma.zoom.us/j/93925494>; Meeting ID: 9369 2754 694

NEW LADIES WHO LUNCH group will gather in the Parish Hall on Wednesday, Dec. 8, at noon for an hour or more of in-person conversation. Bring a bag lunch; coffee and tea will be waiting.

MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS PLANTS – If you would like to remember a loved one at Christmas time with a dedication printed in the Order of Service for the Sunday Dec. 19 and Christmas Eve services, please send your donation and dedication to Lynn Taff, 370 Glen Rd., Weston, MA 02493. Questions? Email Lynn (LRT.1@comcast.net). Checks should be made out to First Parish Church in Weston (memo- Flower Fund).

WAYS TO BRING CHRISTMAS CHEER TO THOSE IN NEED

WATCH CDC GIFT CARD DRIVE – Deadline extended to November 30th. They request physical and digital gift cards from only **HANNAFORD** and **INSTACART** as they are within walking distance of WATCH's clients and students. If you would like to participate:

1. Drop off cards in the vestibule outside the Church Street entrance to the Church Office. The Outreach Committee will then deliver to WATCH;
2. Mail or drop off cards at WATCH CDC, 24 Crescent Street, Suite 201, Waltham MA 02453. Drop offs can be put through WATCH's mail slot, Suite 201; or
3. Purchase cards online. Click here for digital gift card instructions:
<https://watchcdc.org/gift-card-drive/>

MITTEN TREE WISHES FOR THE SECOND STEP – Stop by the tree in the main Breezeway and take a mitten to fulfill a wish. Unwrapped gifts and gift cards need to be brought to the church by Sunday, Dec. 5th, so that they can be delivered in time for holiday distribution. Or gift cards may be mailed directly to:

The Second Step – Attn: Sue Masterson
PO Box 600213
Newton, MA 02460

Robert Jones will be keeping track of fulfilled wishes so if you do mail a card, please e-mail (rjones@firstparishweston.org) or call him (781.893.7798, x 103) to let him know your gift is on its way.

SAVE THESE DATES FOR SPECIAL HAPPENINGS

THURSDAY, DEC. 9, 7:00 PM – UU SERVICE COMMITTEE'S HUMAN RIGHTS LEADERSHIP

CELEBRATION. Join virtually via Zoom to hear keynote speaker Isabel Wilkerson, winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the National Humanities Medal, and author of *Caste: The Origins of our Discontents*, our All-Parish Read selection for this year. Free and open to all but advance registration is required. Go to:

<https://donate.uusc.org/event/uuscs-human-rights-leadership-celebration/e375905>

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 6:30-8:30 PM – **Christmas Reception & Caroling!** We'll begin in the Parish Hall to socialize over appetizers, desserts, wine, and soft drinks until 8:00 pm and then head outside (weather permitting) for singing some carols around a fire. Please sign up in the Breezeway to bring an appetizer or dessert or to assist with the event OR go to:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040b44aea62ca13-christmas>

ALL-MUSIC SUNDAY WORSHIP, DEC. 12, 10:30 am– The Choir will present selections from Handel's *Messiah*. Geoff Wieting will play the overture as the prelude to the service and featured soloists will be Sharon Brown, Ben Doyle, Rose Hegele, Connor Lee, TJ Rufocurran and Mary Menino on flute.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 18, 7:00 pm – **Skylark Vocal Ensemble** presents *A Christmas Carol*, their first ever Christmas storytelling concert with master storyteller Sarah Walker. This Dickens classic re-imagined weaves familiar carols into the fabric of the author's story.

For more information, go to: **www.skylarkensemble.orgmetro-west.html**

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 26, 7:00-8:30 PM – The next event in our **All-Parish Read** of Isabel Wilkerson's *Caste* will be a live program and discussion featuring Zebra Friends Podcast hosts Sarah Hunter and Kitani Sumner. More details to follow!