

# **Kearsarge Unitarian Universalist Fellowship**



**Andover, New Hampshire  
Sunday, December 27, 2020**

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**Today's Message: "Christmas Forever"**

**Guest Speaker: Rev. Dick Dutton**

**Gathering Music** – "Happiness at Christmas" Mendelssohn

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Greet your Neighbors**

**Prelude** – Some Holiday Songs

**Lighting the Chalice** – All Recite

**Opening Words** – T Bone Walker

**Opening Hymn** – #231 "*Angels We Have Heard on High*"

**Affirmation of Fellowship:** – All Recite

**Candles of Joys and Concerns**

**Words of Reflection** – #618 "*In This Night*"

**Silent Reflection**

**Offertory Music** – Flute Medley

**Offering** – Please send check to: KUUF P.O. Box 1578,

New London, NH 03527

**Offertory Response** (to "Old Hundredth")

**Hymn** – #241 "*In The Bleak Midwinter*"

**Message** – **Christmas Forever**

**Closing Hymn** – #243 "*Jesus, Our Brother*"

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**Postlude** – #254 "*Sing We Now of Christmas*"

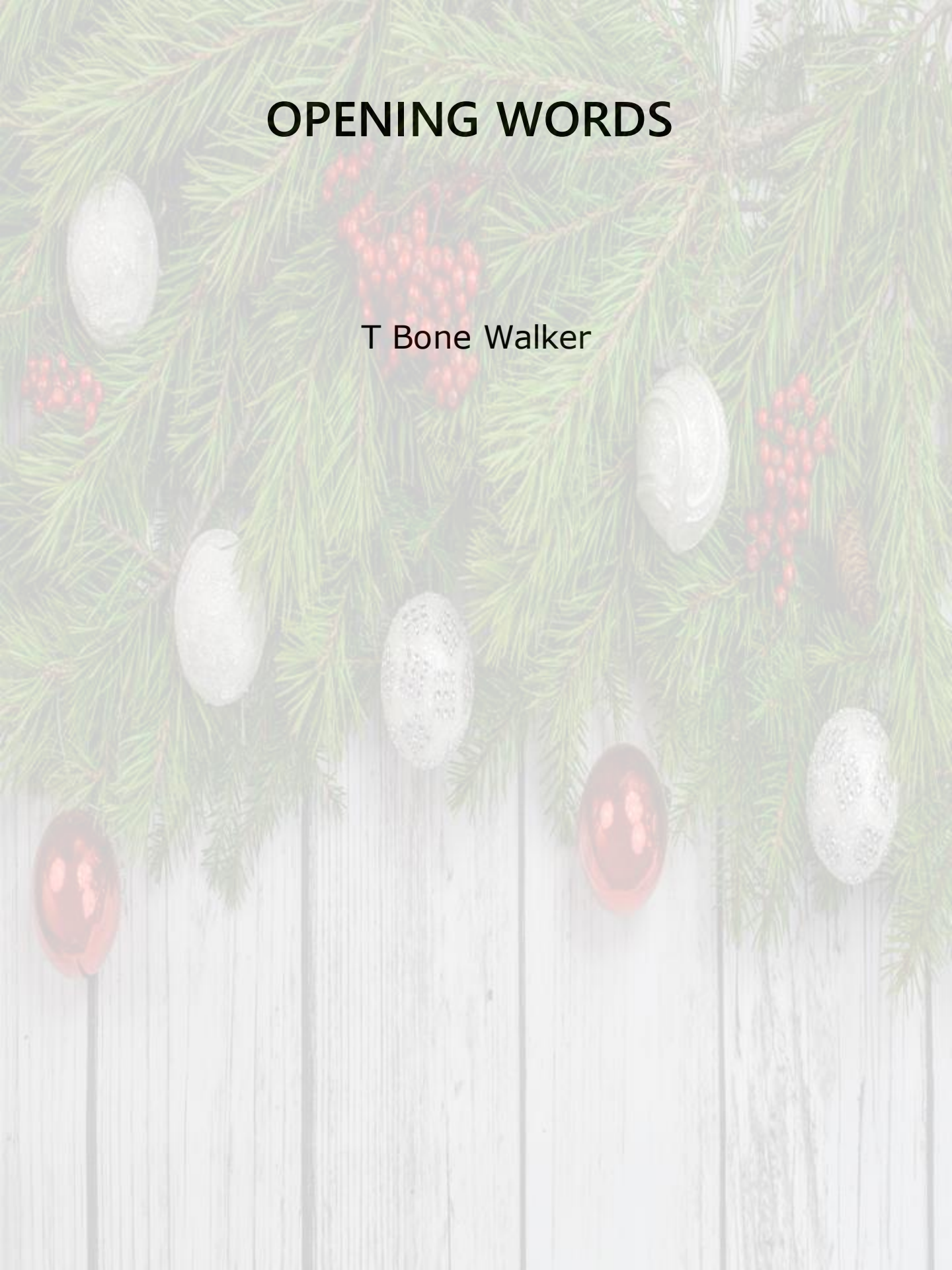
**Closing Words** – Howard Thurman





# OPENING WORDS

T Bone Walker



# Angels We Have Heard on High

$\text{♩} = 60$

1. An - gels we have heard on high sweet - ly sing - ing  
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why these songs of  
 3. See him in a man - ger laid whom the an - gels

o'er the plains and the moun - tains in re - ply  
 hap - py cheer? What great bright - ness did you see?  
 praise a - bove; Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid,

ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
 What glad tid - ings did you hear? Glo -  
 while we raise our hearts in love.

ri - a

1. in ex - cel - sis De - o. 2. De - o.

## **Affirmation of Fellowship:**

**May we be reminded here of our highest aspirations and inspired to bring our gifts of love and service to the altar of humanity. May we know once again that we are not isolated beings but connected in mystery and in miracle, to the universe, to this community and to each other.**

## **Candles of Joys and Concerns**





# Words for Reflection

618

## IN THIS NIGHT

In this night  
the stars left their habitual places

*And kindled wildfire tidings  
that spread faster than sound.*

In this night  
the shepherds left their posts

*To shout the new slogans  
into each other's clogged ears.*

In this night  
the foxes left their warm burrows

*And the lion spoke with  
deliberation,*

*"This is the end  
revolution."*

In this night  
roses fooled the earth

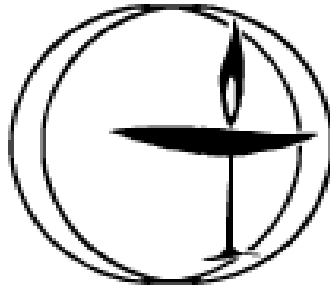
*And began to bloom  
in the snow.*

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# Silent Reflection





## Offering to KUUF

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**KUUF**

**P.O. Box 1578,**

**New London, NH 03257**

# Offertory Response

(to "Old Hundredth")

*Please sing along from the comfort of your home*

From all that dwell below the skies  
Let faith and hope and love arise  
Let beauty, truth and good be sung  
Through every land, by every tongue.



# In the Bleak Midwinter

241

$\text{♩} = 56$



1. In the bleak mid-win-ter frost-y wind made moan,
2. Christ a home-less strang-er, so the gos-pels say,
3. Once more child and moth-er weave their mag-ic spell,



earth stood hard as i-ron, wa-ter like a stone;  
 cra-dled in a man-ger and a bed of hay;  
 touch-ing hearts with won-der words can nev-er tell;



snow had fall-en, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
 in the bleak mid-win-ter sta-ble-place suf-ficed  
 in the bleak mid-win-ter, in this world of pain,



in the bleak mid-win-ter long a-go.  
 Ma-ry and her ba-by, Je-sus Christ.  
 where our hearts are o-pen love is born a-gain.



Words: Christina Georgina Rossetti, 1830-1894

⊕ New words by John Andrew Storey, 1935-1997

Music: Gustav Theodore Holst, 1874-1934

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## Today's Message

### “Christmas Forever”

Presented by Rev. Dick Dutton





# Jesus, Our Brother

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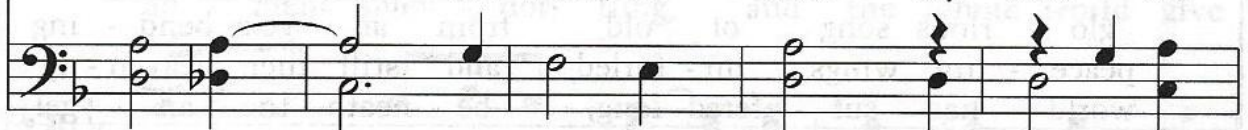
$\text{♩} = 48$  Unison



1. Je - sus, our broth - er, kind and good, was hum - bly
2. "I," said the don - key, shag - gy and brown, "I car - ried his
3. "I," said the cow, all white and red, "I gave him my
4. "I," said the sheep with curl - y horn, "I gave him my



born in a sta - ble rude, and the friend - ly beasts a -  
 moth - er up - hill and down, I car - ried her safe - ly to  
 man - ger for his bed, I gave him hay to  
 wool for his blan - ket warm, he wore my coat on



round him stood, Je - sus, our broth - er, kind and good.  
 Beth - le - hem town; "I," said the don - key, shag - gy and brown.  
 pil - low his head; "I," said the cow, all white and red.  
 Christ - mas morn; "I," said the sheep with curl - y horn.



5. "I," said the dove, from the rafters high,  
 "I cooed him to sleep that he should not cry,  
 we cooed him to sleep, my mate and I,  
 I," said the dove, from the rafters high.
6. And all the beasts, by some good spell,  
 in the stable dark were glad to tell  
 of the gifts they gave Emmanuel,  
 the gifts they gave Emmanuel.

Words: 12th cent. French carol, trans. anon., based on Luke 2:7

Music: Medieval French melody, harmony by Carlton R. Young, 1926-

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Let this flame remain with us, a symbol of the holiness we seek, dispelling the gloom, lighting a path to faith and hope, its radiance calling us to wholeness, casting the light of freedom, justice and peace upon the world.

# Sing We Now of Christmas 254

$\bullet = 84$  *Unison*

1. Sing we now of Christ-mas, No - el, sing we here!  
 2. An-gels called to shep-herds, "Leave your flocks at rest,  
 3. In the town they found him, Jo - seph, and Ma - ry mild,

Hear our grate-ful prais - es to the babe so dear.  
 jour - ney forth to Beth - l'h'em, find the child so blest."  
 seat - ed by the man - ger, watch - ing the ho - ly child.

*Refrain*

Sing we No - el, the child is born, No - el!

Sing we now of Christ - mas, sing we now No - el!

4. From the eastern country  
 came the kings afar,  
 bearing gifts to Bethl'h'em,  
 guided by a star.

*Refrain*

5. Gold and myrrh they took there,  
 gifts of greatest price.  
 There was ne'er a stable  
 so like paradise.

*Refrain*

Words: Traditional French carol

Music: Medieval French carol, harmony by Marcel Dupré, 1886-1971,

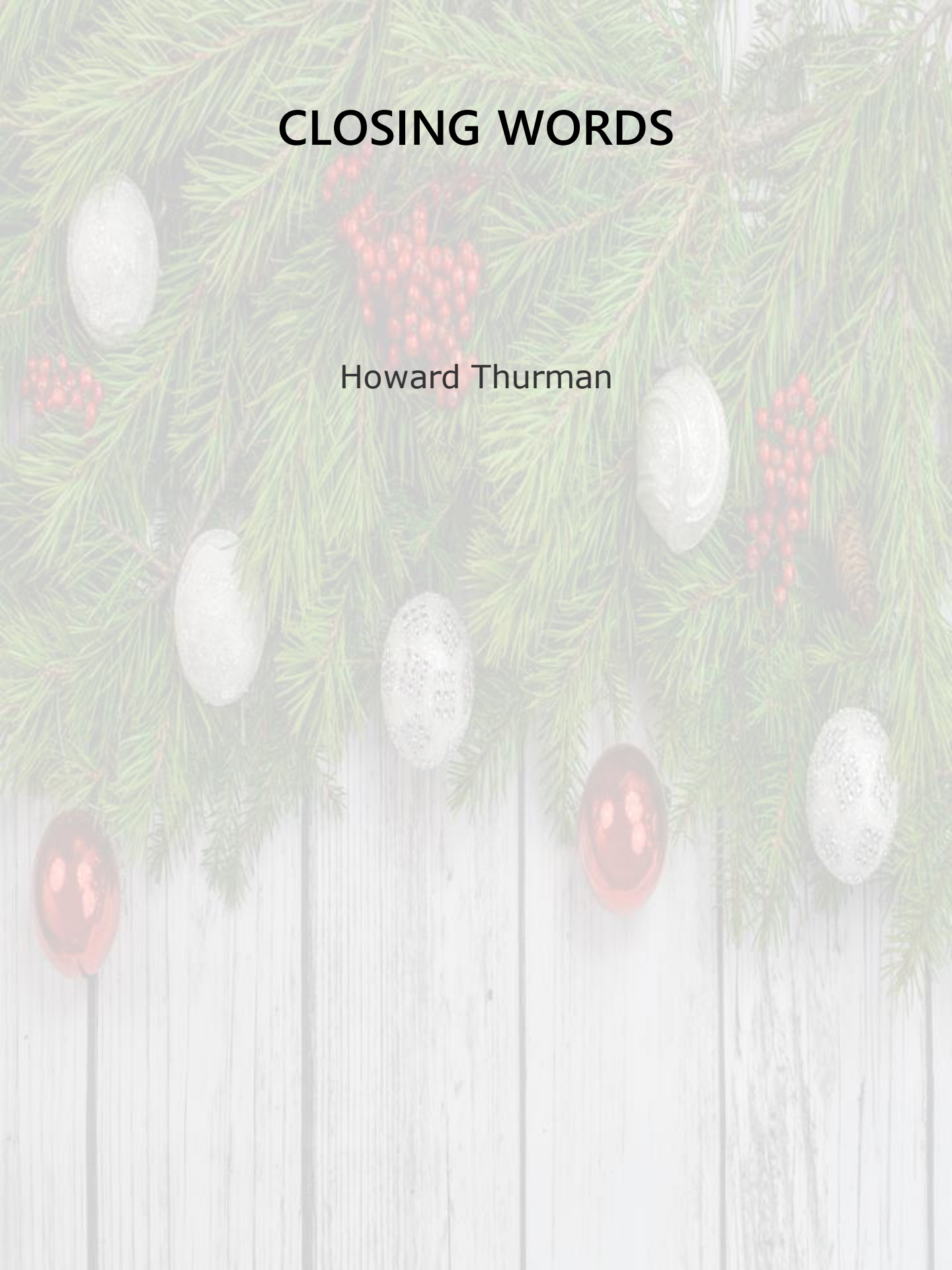
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# CLOSING WORDS

Howard Thurman





*It's*  
**COFFEE**  
*time*



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