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"THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS" BEGINS

On Sunday afternoon of Epiphany, members of the congregation gathered in the sanctuary to begin putting away the Christmas decorations. Banners and bows and ornaments were carefully stored for safekeeping until next year. It put me in mind of the poem by Howard Thurman, the great theologian and civil rights leader who taught for twelve years at Boston University as dean of Marsh Chapel.

When the decorations have been put away, "The Work of Christmas" begins.

*When the song of the angels is stilled,
when the star in the sky is gone,
when the kings and princes are home,
when the shepherds are back with their flocks,
the work of Christmas begins:
to find the lost,
to heal the broken,
to feed the hungry,
to release the prisoner,
to rebuild the nations,
to bring peace among the people,
to make music in the heart.*

- Howard Thurman, 1899-1981

I'll see you in church.

Peace,

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