

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 29, 2023

O LORD, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?

Those who do what is right,
who speak the truth from their heart;
who do not slander,
who do no evil to their friends,
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;

Those who do these things shall never be shaken.

-Psalm 15

Sunday, January 29, 2023
The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Tolling of the Bell

Prelude

Chorale

Haan

Call to Worship

One: One thing we have asked of God:

**All: To live in God's house all the days of our lives,
to behold God's beauty, and to seek God together.**

One: "Come" says the heart, "Seek God's Face."

All: It is God whom we seek.

One: Now our heads are lifted up and we offer God our shouts of Joy!

All: Let us sing and worship God! Amen.

Psalm 27

Opening Hymn

You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Prayer of Invocation

Kelly Johnson, Lay Reader

Holy Creator, let Your spirit fall upon us today as we gather for worship. As You once stretched the sky above us, expand our vision and open our hearts today. As you directed rivers and oceans, flow through us and fill us now. Still our bodies, settle our spirits, and focus minds on Your glory, wisdom, and power. Amen

Passing of the Peace

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

Blessing

Choir Anthem

Let Music Fill This Place

Martin

Children's Time

Sermon

Hymn

O For a World

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come;
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.*

Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Prelude in A minor

Scriabin

Doxology

Each week, we sing and sign an inclusive Doxology (ASL).

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God for all that Love has done.

Creator, Christ, & Spirit one. Amen.

Closing Hymn

God of Grace, and God of Glory

Benediction

Postlude

Chaconne

Young

Following the Benediction, the congregation is encouraged to enjoy the entire Postlude.

O for a World

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Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Cor. 1:26-31; 1 Pet. 3:8-12



1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,



Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.



*Inspired by Charles Wesley's phrase "O for a thousand tongues"
and the familiar tune Azmon, Miriam Therese Winter wrote this
hymn envisioning a new world order for the Presbyterian
Women's Triennial Conference in 1982. It was later recrafted
and recorded by the Medical Mission Sisters.*

*Tune: AZMON C.M.
Carl G. Gläser, 1828
Adapt. Lowell Mason in Modern Psalmody, 1839*

You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

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Paraphr. by Marty Haugen, 1986; alt.

Matt. 5:13-15

Unison
D (allow to ring off)

G D/F# A7 D

1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the reign of God!
2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the Cit-y of God!
3 You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: bring forth the reign of God!
4 We are a blessed and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the reign of God!

G D/F# A7 D G D A7 D

Share the fla- vor of life, O peo- ple: life in the Cit-y of God!
Shine so ho- ly and bright, O peo- ple: shine for the Cit-y of God!
Seeds of mer- cy and seeds of jus- tice, grow in the Cit-y of God!
Love our jour-ney and love our home-land: love is the Cit-y of God!

Refrain

G D/F# A7 D G D/F# A7 D

Bring forth the reign of mer- cy, bring forth the reign of peace;

G D/F# A7 D G D/F# A7 D

Bring forth the reign of jus- tice, bring forth the Cit-y of God!

During a residency at Holden Village, a retreat center in the state of Washington, Marty Haugen wrote this hymn to be used as a "processing song" for outdoor worship. The lectionary readings focusing on Jesus' teaching about the "reign of God" provided the basis for the text.

Tune: BRING FORTH Irr. with refrain
Marty Haugen, 1986

God of Grace and God of Glory

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Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that
 5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
 Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us—
 your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,
 we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.
 in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

Harry Emerson Fosdick, a prophetic preacher and writer, taught at Union Theological Seminary from 1915 to 1946. This hymn was written for the opening service and dedication of Riverside Church, New York City, which he served for twenty years.

Tune: CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7.
 John Hughes, c. 1907

Bulletin Reminders for January 29, 2023

Today's Chancel Flowers are given in loving memory of Gail Johnson and her son Johnny.

ALL-CHURCH POTLUCK TO HONOR WILL TODAY!

Please join us for a Potluck to celebrate and to honor our beloved Will Tanner. Goodbyes are hard, but what better way to show Will how much he means to all of us than a Plymouth Church potluck! We will gather *TODAY*, immediately after worship. We need a few folks to help with cleanup after the potluck. If you can help, see Sydney Turner.

HOMEMADE SOUP SALE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Donate your favorite soups so others can enjoy. Containers can be picked up in the Parish Hall after worship. Bring your soup donations before worship on **February 5**. Leona Dalton can answer any questions you may have when you pick up your containers. All proceeds will benefit the church.

COFFEE KLATCHES ARE BACK

We are excited to re-introduce one of our welcoming ministries, starting in February 2023: *Coffee Klatches*! We have assigned every active member of the church to a "Coffee Klatch." Each coffee klatch is asked to prepare, serve, and clean up Coffee Hour for their assigned month. Each klatch has two Team Leaders who can help coordinate. These klatches are not just about coffee; it's an easy and fun way to connect with folks in our church. You can build friendships with your teammates while you work. Please see your *Wednesday Email* to learn more details: which month you've been assigned, your leader(s) for the month, and some Q&A that will likely answer questions you may have.

SPECIAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Transformation Team is encouraging you to sign up for a special church Conference, taking place on **March 3-4**. *Level Up* is presented by Faith Community Church and is designed to equip you for leadership in church and in life. Please let Greg know if you're interested. Deadline to Register as a team is **February 10**. Cost is \$30 (and assistance is available). *Check your Wednesday Email for full details.*

PILGRIM LODGE

Pilgrim Lodge is owned and operated by the Maine Conference of the United Church of Christ. It is an incredible opportunity to connect with church friends over the summer and make new church friends outside Plymouth Church. We want to help kids get to Pilgrim Lodge, so Plymouth Church offers Camperships to help meet the cost of camp. To apply for a campership, please see your *Wednesday Email* for links, and complete the form by Sunday, **February 12**. Registration is open. Please check out www.pilgrimlodge.org to select your favorite camp week and to apply. If/when you register, please let Greg know. If getting a scholarship from Plymouth Church is the difference between going and not going, please let us know ASAP.

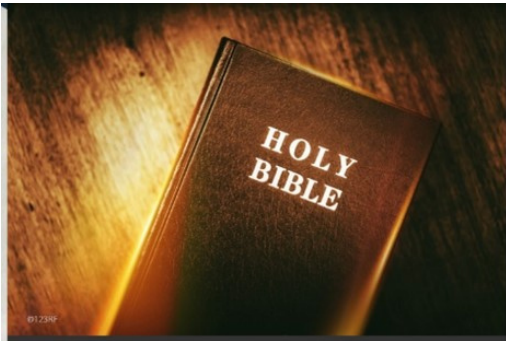
"CORNUCOPIA" IS BACK

Cornucopia has resumed its weekly meetings on Thursdays, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., in the Youth Room. Cornucopia welcomes all women of the church. Our agenda is varied and usually set up from week to week. We hold interesting discussions on many topics, read books, or occasionally invite a guest speaker. We are a low key group and we enjoy our time together.

Symbols as Beliefs

Currently, we are sharing and clarifying our Bedrock Beliefs – the principles and symbols of our faith we affirm, proclaim, and spontaneously return to during times of confusion and stress. Over the past few weeks, we have been soliciting comments about what various Christian symbols mean to us. Here is a sampling of these responses:

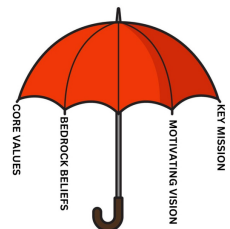
- **The Candle** – “Regardless of the darkness we may feel surrounding us, Christ's light is always present to guide us.”
- **The Cross** – “I see the cross as a sign of hope – that we can do great things and love our neighbors as Jesus taught us.”
- **The Baptismal Font** – “A reminder that we are beloved children of God with whom God is well pleased.”



Over the next few weeks, we will continue to explore the symbols which express our beliefs. We want to hear from you! One of our symbols is the **BIBLE**. What does the **BIBLE** mean to you?

Thank you for your thoughts!
Your thoughtful participation in our process matters very much.

**Please drop your response in the collection plate
or hand to one of our Deacons.**



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