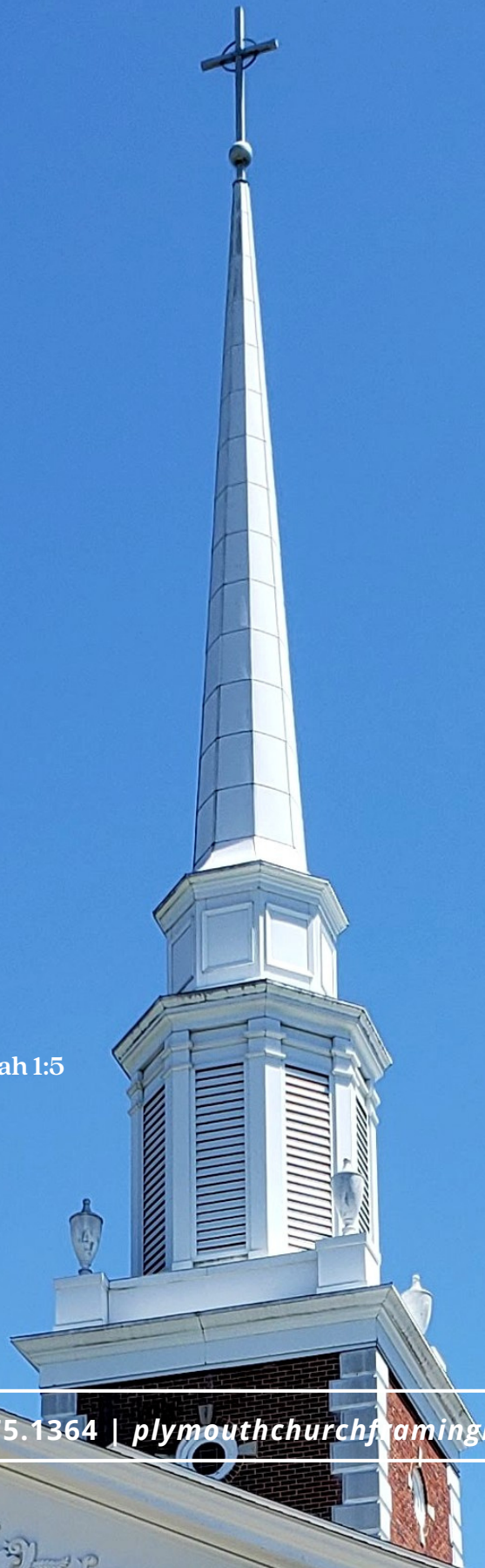


Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Sunday, January 30

“Before I formed you in the womb,
I knew you,
and before you were born,
I consecrated you...”

Jeremiah 1:5



TODAY'S GREETER

Sue Tonkiss

OPPORTUNITY FOR IMPLICIT BIAS TRAINING - ALL ARE WELCOME!

The Racial Justice Ministry Team invites you to join us for Implicit Bias Training, offered via *Zoom* by the Town of Wayland, on Monday, **January 31**, from 6-8:30 p.m. The training is free and open to all. Implicit Bias is defined as attitudes or stereotypes that are activated unconsciously and involuntarily. The goal of this workshop is to enhance our self-awareness about possible unconscious bias and white privilege. Registration link in your *Wednesday Email*. To join our Racial Justice Team or for more information about our work contact Rob Schadt (rschadt@bu.edu).

INTRODUCING: FAMILY DINNER CHURCH WEDNESDAYS, 6:00-6:30 P.M., VIA ZOOM!

Every family has to eat dinner at some point, so why not eat together as a family and while you do, join your pastors and your church family on Zoom for a half hour, dinner church, worship service? Remember: This is a church experience designed for young kids! Good table manners? Optional. Picture perfect meals and tidy backgrounds? Forbidden. An open spirit of love, grace, and FUN? Required!

KNIT4KIDS IS HERE!

Get out your knitting needles, grab some yarn, and knit a scarf, a hat, or some mittens to send kids living in foster care the message that folks in their communities care about them! Start the year off by being creative, kind, and generous. Be the person who makes sure our kids in foster care are wrapped in warmth and love. *For details, see flyer in Wednesday Email.*

SURVIVING THE LOSS OF A PET

Kelly Johnson and other professionals in grief care partnered with the Parmenter Foundation to create educational and supportive videos about pet loss. (They filmed the videos right here at The Plymouth Church!) The Parmenter Foundation supports families in the Metro West area with the many ways we grieve beloved members of the family, and they have extended that compassion to the non-human members as well. Please take a few minutes to watch the videos included in the most recent *Wednesday Email*, especially if you or someone you care about has lost a pet.

ORDER FREE AT-HOME COVID-19 TESTS

Residential households in the U.S. can order one set of 4 free at-home tests from USPS.com.

- Limit of one order per residential address
- One order includes 4 individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests
- Orders will ship free starting in late January

Find the order link in your *Wednesday Email!*

ORDER CHANCEL FLOWERS ONLINE

You may now order Chancel flowers online, via our website. Go to plymouthchurchframingham.org and click on the "Church Family" tab. You'll find "Order Chancel Flowers" in the drop-down menu. Upon receipt of your order, the Church Office will confirm your date.



Sunday, January 30, 2022
Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Opening

Prelude

Near to The Heart of God

Southbridge

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Prayer of Invocation

One: In you, O LORD, we take refuge; let us never be put to shame.

**All: In your righteousness deliver us and rescue us;
incline your ear to us and save us.**

One: Be to us a rock of refuge, a strong fortress, to save us,
for you are our rock and our fortress.

**All: Rescue us, O God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.**

One: For you, O Lord, are our hope, our trust, O LORD, from our youth.

**All: Upon you we have leaned from birth;
it was you who brought us forth from the earth.**

One: Our praise is continually of you.

All: Amen

Psalm 71:1-6

Passing of the Peace

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Blessing

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

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

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

Hymn

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Sermon

Benediction

Postlude

O For A Faith That Will Not Shrink

arr. Paul

*Jer. 8:18-22; 46:11; Acts 10:34-43**African-American spiritual; alt.*

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to make the wound-ed whole,

Last time, end

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, and think my work's in vain,
 2 Don't ev - er feel dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend,
 3 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,

to Refrain

But then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
 who, if you ask for knowl-edge, will nev - er fail to lend.
 you can tell the love of Je - sus, who died to save us all.

This is one of the most moving of the African-American spirituals because it illustrates the way in which the enslaved tried to encourage those who were feeling especially weighed down by the burden of their captivity.

Tune: BALM IN GILEAD Irr. with refrain
African-American spiritual