

# Third Sunday *of* Easter

**April 14, 2024**

When I consider your heavens,  
the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars,  
which you have set in place,  
what is humanity  
that you are mindful of us,  
that you care for us?

Psalm 8



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**Sunday, April 14, 2024**  
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**Patriots' Day Weekend - Intergenerational**

Tolling of the Bells

Prelude *Be Thou My Vision* *Manz setting*

Call to Worship *Anine de Groot*

\*Opening Hymn *Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (v.1 & 2)*

Welcome & Announcements

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**Jesus, you show up, even when we are oblivious. You fulfill your promises, even when we forget ours. Turn us around that we may come back to you. We long to be in your presence. We want to bring about your kingdom. Open us to new depths of faith as we reflect on the ancient story. Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

*One:* The Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you!**

Choir Anthem *Alleluia! Alleluia!* *Wagner*

Psalm 8

Blessing

Message for All Ages

Sermon *"Sing-A-longs"* *Anine de Groot*

\*Hymn *How Great Thou Art (v. 1 & 4)*

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, forever. Amen.*

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\* As the Spirit guides you, we encourage you to rise in body or spirit.

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Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* arr. Larson

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

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow*

*Praise God, all creatures here below*

*God, look what your love can do*

*Praise Father, Son and Spirit too*

\*Closing Hymn *God of Grace and God of Glory (v. 1, 2, & 5) PH #366*

Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude *Simple Gifts* Kerr



*Today's Chancel Flowers are given in loving memory of  
Wayne Hurlbut and Marilyn Hurlbut, on the anniversary of their April birthdays  
by their daughter and son-in-law, Diane and Paul Gilchrest.*

*Following the Closing Hymn, we encourage the congregation to remain risen, in body or  
spirit, to receive the Benediction, which is both blessing and commission. You may sit for the  
Choral Response and Postlude in quiet contemplation.*

*All are invited to the Parish Hall for coffee, tea, and snacks. We understand it can be  
difficult to step into a room of strangers. We hope, with every cup and cookie, we can  
deepen our connections and learn a little more about each other each week.*

***Today's Guest Preacher, Anine de Grood***

*Originally from the Netherlands, Anine grew up atheist but found a religious connection in  
the practice of classical dance from India. After moving to the US with her Indian husband  
in 2002, she was active in Unitarian Universalist churches for several years before slowly  
converting to Christianity and joining the UCC. Now, she is a passionate preacher of Jesus'  
message of love and inclusion, and a Member in Discernment in the United Church of Christ.  
She has a Masters in Social Anthropology from the University of Amsterdam and a Masters  
in Divinity from Boston University, and is currently intern at United Parish of Auburndale and  
at Agape Spiritual Community.*

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## Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

*Unison, brightly**James K. Manley, 1978; alt.**Refrain*

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the

Bm E7 Asus7 A7

wil - der-ness, call - ing and free,

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from

Bm G A7 D G D

*Last time, end*

plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

D G A G

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the  
 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the  
 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a  
 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient

D A7 D Bm

deep, then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the  
 sand, and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a  
 hill, then you whis - pered in si - lence when the  
 schemes, from the bond - age of sor - row the

E7 Asus7 A7 D G A

val - leys of sleep; And o - ver the e - ons you  
 law and a land; When they were con - found - ed by their  
 whole world was still; And down in the cit - y you  
 cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom - en see vi - sions, our

G D A7 D Bm

called to each thing, "A - wake from your slum -  
 i - dols and lies, then you spoke through your proph -  
 called once a - gain, when you blew through your peo -  
 men clear their eyes. With bold new de - ci -

G A7 D G D A7 *to Refrain*

bers and rise on your wings."  
 ets to o - pen their eyes.  
 ple on the rush of the wind.  
 sions your peo - ple a - rise.

*This popular hymn by songwriter James K. Manley grew out of a sabbatical leave at the School of Theology at Claremont, California. It was first sung at Waikeola Congregational Church in Honolulu, after which Manley added the fourth stanza at the suggestion of a church member.*

Tune: SPIRIT Irr.  
 James K. Manley, 1978  
 Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

## How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won-der  
 2. When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der,  
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar-ing,  
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac-cla-ma-tion

con-sid-er all the worlds thy hands have made,  
 and hear the birds sing sweet-ly in the trees;  
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.

I see the stars, I hear the roll-ing thun-der,  
 when I look down from loft-y moun-tain gran-deur  
 that on the cross, my bur-den glad-ly bear-ing,  
 Then I shall bow in hum-ble ad-o-ra-tion,

thy power through-out the un-i-verse dis-played.  
 and hear the brook, and feel the gen-tle breeze;  
 he bled and died to take a-way my sin;  
 and there pro-claim, my God, how great thou art!

WORDS and MUSIC: Stuart K. Hine, 1953, based on a Swedish folk melody  
 and a poem by Carl Gustav Boberg, 1885

O STORE GUD  
 11 10.11 10 w. refrain

PRAISE TO GOD

*Refrain*

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God to thee;  
how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my  
soul, my Sav-ior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

# Bulletin Reminders

Each week, after worship, Rev. Morisse is available for conversation in the Parish Hall.

## **PRE-LOVED CLOTHING SALE, MAY 17/18**

The Pre-Loved Clothing Sale will take place on Friday evening, **May 17**, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, **May 18**, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. As always, we need lots of volunteers to help sort and set up the sale. For questions and to offer your help, please contact Mattie Schadt at 774.217.3477.

## **PERENNIAL PLANT SALE, MAY 18**

The Plymouth Church Annual Perennial Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, **May 18**, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in front of the church. The Plant Sale seeks volunteers for setup and staffing. All gardeners, interested novices, and anyone willing to help is welcome. Please join the fun! Volunteers should contact **Ellen Rivoir** or **Leona Dalton**.

## **SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION NOW WEEKLY**

A scripture discussion will now occur every Sunday, in the Parlor, beginning 30 minutes after the service. Weeks 1 and 3 will be led by Shari Van Hook, and weeks 2 and 4 by Meg Doucette. All are welcome.

## **APRIL COFFEE KLATCH**

Thank you to the March Coffee Klatch! April Klatch leaders are **Meg Doucette** and **Elizabeth Tustian**, who will be contacting April Klatch members in the coming weeks.

## **A TIP FROM THE GREEN TEAM**

We are updating our recycling practices at Plymouth Church. Please note there is a blue recycle bin in the hallway as you exit the Sanctuary (on the right as you head toward the elevator and stairs). Please deposit your worship bulletin and other papers you don't plan to keep. The Green Team will see that they are recycled.

And the Green Team will be meeting **TODAY**, after worship, in the Library. All are welcome. Bring your coffee and join us!



## **128<sup>TH</sup> BOSTON MARATHON**

*"I'm **Maggie Musoke** and I'm running the Boston Marathon for the first time tomorrow. I'm excited to check that box off as it's been one of my dreams, but most importantly it's in combination with a cause. I'm running for the different outreach and support programs that Ashland supports."*

*"I'm **Vernon Turner**, and tomorrow, I will be running my 4th Boston Marathon and 10th overall. I am running the race to bring awareness to the Trevor Project while raising funds towards its operating expenses."*

See your Wednesday Email for links to contribute.