

Pentecost

June 4, 2023



Sunday, June 4, 2023

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Tolling of the Bell

Prelude

Nimrod

Elgar

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn

Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Prayer of Invocation

One: When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

All: Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among us, and a tongue rested on each of us. We were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to communicate in multiple languages, as the Spirit gave us ability.

One: The city was crowded with people from every country. And they asked,

All: "How is this possible? We are not from the same village. We do not speak the same language. How is it that we understand one another?"

One: Those without hope and those unwilling to believe sneered: "They must be drunk." They ignored the presence of power in their midst. So, Peter spoke up, "What the prophet Joel foretold has come to pass! This is just as God declared it would be:

All: "I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh and your children shall prophesy; the young shall have visions and your elders shall dream dreams.

No one will escape my love and my blessing, and everyone who calls on the name of the Holy One shall be saved."

(Acts 2:1-21)

*The Peace of Christ

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

All: And also with you!

Anthem

Poor Wayfaring Stranger

arr. Burroughs

Ashlyn Myers Comley, violin

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

1 Corinthians 4:1-13

Blessing

Sermon "The Necessity of Connection"

Anthem *If You're Happy/Amen* Thomas

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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Traumerai (Dreams)* Schumann

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.

Children join us in the Sanctuary.

ONA Moment Robert Clark

Invitation to The Table

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we proudly say we are welcoming, then only shyly and conditionally open our hearts to the wonderful, wild complexity of your people. We boldly state our desire for justice, then shrink when the moment calls for action, for solidarity. We come to this table, publicly saying we are ready, but we are not. We want to step into your transforming fire, but we are hesitant about change. Collect us up, again, Holy Shepherd, that we might know how deeply and joyfully you love us at your table.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Remembering the Story

Sharing the Elements

A Deacon will signal your pew when to come forward to receive the bread and cup. If you would prefer not to come forward, they can serve you directly in your pews. This morning, the bread is allergen free and the cup contains grape juice. Bring both back to the pew with you, and wait until all have been served, so that we may eat together.

Communion Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together, #288 (verses 1 and 2)*

Post Communion Prayer

*Closing Hymn *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*

Choral Response

Postlude *Prelude in C Major* *Bach*

Benediction



This week, after the Benediction, we invite the whole congregation to recess out of the Sanctuary to the front of church for our Pride Banner raising and a Church Picture!

After the picture, all are invited to the Parish Hall for coffee, tea, and snacks... and ice cream! 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.

Thank You!

As this is the last service of our program year in which the Senior Choir will appear, we wish to extend our gratitude to all its members for their dedication and for their commitment all year long to deepening our worship experience through music.

Elissa Putukian, Minister of Music

Jack Barry	Marybeth Costello	Cher Hamilton	Beth Marascio	Vernon Turner
Kathy Barry	Morgan Courtright	Barbara Harting	Deborah Sawyer	Elizabeth Tustian
Carole Blackman	Meg Doucette	Jerry Harting	Edward Sawyer	Chuck Willingham
Jessica Cloutier	Ruth Griffin	Carolyn Hoyt	Laraine Snooks	
Don Copson	Arthur Hague	Kelly Johnson	Sydney Turner	

Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us

Acts 2:1-36; Exod. 13:18-22; Ps. 118:19-29

Janie Alford, 1979; alt.

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us, come with Pen - te -
 2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the grace of
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us words of

cos - tal power; give the church a strong - er vi - sion,
 for - mer years; for to - mor - row's un - known path - way,
 fire and flame. Help our strug - gling voic - es praise you,

help us face each cru - cial hour. Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion,
 hear, O God, our hum - ble prayers. In the church's pil - grim jour - ney
 glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name. Good Cre - a - tor, Sav - ior, Spir - it,

Je - sus Christ, the Cor - ner - stone, still the church is
 you have led us all the way, still in pres - ence
 Three in One: what mys - ter - y! We would sing our

called to mis - sion that God's love shall be made known.
 move be - fore us, fire by night and cloud by day.
 loud ho - san - nas now and through e - ter - ni - ty.

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

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*George Croly, 1854; alt.**Gal. 5:25; Matt. 22:37; John 1:32*

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,
 3 Have you not bid us love you ev - ery way?
 4 Teach me to feel that you are al - ways nigh;
 5 Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,

wean it from earth, through all its puls - es move;
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,
 All, all your own: soul, heart, and strength, and mind;
 teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as you are,
 No an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;
 I see your cross— there teach my heart to stay:
 To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh;
 The bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed dove,

and make me love you as I ought to love.
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.
 O let me seek you, and O let me find.
 teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.
 my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.

George Croly, ordained in the Church of Ireland, was well known in London literary circles and served a poor parish. This hymn is from a collection he compiled for that congregation. Hellespont was the original name for the tune Morecambe.

Tune: MORECAMBE 10.10.10.10.
 Frederick C. Atkinson, 1870

Anthems

Poor Wayfaring Stranger

I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger
I'm travellin' through this world of woe
But there's no sickness, no toil, nor danger
In that bright world to which I go

I'm goin' there to see my saviour, I'm goin there no more to roam
I'm just a-goin' over Jordan , I'm just a-going over home
I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger, I'm travellin' through this world of woe
I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger going over home.

If You're Happy/Amen

If you're happy and you know it say Amen
If the spirit falls on you makes you shout Hallelujah!
If you're happy and you know it say Amen.
Look in the manger, see the little baby!
See him at the Temple, talking to the elders,
See him at the seaside, preaching to the people,
See him on the cross bearing all our sins.
Died to save us! Rose on Easter! Amen!

If you're happy...

Bulletin Reminders for June 4, 2023

ICE CREAM SOCIAL!

WHEN? - SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH 2023

WHERE? - AT COFFEE HOUR

SPONSORED BY WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP!

FALL FAIR INFO/PLANNING SESSION Sunday, June 11

Fall Fair is September 30. How would you like to contribute? Our beloved annual Fair means many things to our Church and to the entire Framingham Community, with fun and work to share for all ages. We need a committed crew for all the booths. Think about awesome food or crafts items you can make. If you have questions, we have answers and resources. Please mark your calendar for the last week of September, and come to the Parish Hall on June 11, after worship. See or email Sandy Clarke with any questions. Sandy.clarke33@yahoo.com.



Toss it? No way!

THE FIX IS FREE AT THE REPAIR CAFÉ

Most items are welcome, but we specialize in: clean, mendable clothing; lamps; small appliances; computers and other electronics; bikes; batteries; toys; jewelry; sewing machines and dull blades.

If your item needs a part, save time and bring the new part with you.

Refresh yourself with a free drink and a snack while you work with a volunteer to repair your broken item.

To volunteer, go to: tinyurl.com/FramFixVolunteer
For more information, see our website: TransitionFramingham.org/repair-cafe/

**Sat June 10th, 2023
11 am - 2 pm**

**Scott Hall, First Parish
24 Vernon St
Framingham, MA 01701**

Donation: pay what you want



Bethany Hill Place

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help make a difference in the lives of children in our community! We are dedicated to helping our younger resident develop skills and strengthen their love for learning. If you are interested in helping out, please let us know!



We need help with:

- Wednesday Reading Club
- Monday Fun Club
- School Vacations
- Reading/Writing Coaches
- General Mentor Activities

More Information :

Eileen Jimenz
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bethanyhillplace.org/get-involved/volunteer



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Keep Pets F.E.D. (Full Every Day)

Help stock our food pantry
April 29 to May 12

The Keep Pets S.A.F.E. (Supporting Animals Facing Emergencies), program was launched three years ago to help keep pets with their families during emergencies, with services that include a pet food pantry.

The need is greater than ever. The number of pet meals we provided to the community last year increased by more than 20% and we have already received more than 100 calls to our hotline this year.

Our resources have been pushed to the limit and we urgently need your help to Keep Pets F.E.D. (Full Every Day).



WE ARE IN NEED OF:

URGENT NEED

- Dry cat food (13+ lb bags)
- Canned cat food (all varieties)
- Small bites or small breed dry dog food

- Dry dog food (all sizes)
- Canned dog food (all varieties)
- Dry and canned kitten food
- Dry and canned puppy food
- Dry cat food (all sizes)

Visit arlboston.org/fed or scan our QR code to purchase these critically needed items through our Amazon wish list or Chewy list.

Unopened, unexpired, shelf-stable pet food may also be dropped off at any of our three locations in Boston, Dedham, or Brewster (Cape Cod), Wednesday through Sunday, from 1:00-6:00PM. For more information, please contact info@arlboston.org or (617) 426-9170.



Can't donate pet food but still want to help? Help us spread the word.
Financial donations also make a huge impact—to donate visit bit.ly/donate-pets-safe