



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 26, 2022

Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity,
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.
There is no law against such things.

Galatians 5:23

Sunday, June 26, 2022
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Today's Chancel flowers are given by Roberta Kwiatkowski, in loving memory of
Mark Kwiatkowski: son, brother and father who is missed every day.



Prelude *Adagio in A flat Major* *Mendelssohn*

Tolling of the Bell

Call to Worship

One: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

All: I say to the Lord, 'You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.'

One: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

All: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

One: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

All: I keep the Lord always before me; because God is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

One: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

All: For You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Psalm 16

Opening Hymn *I'm Pressing on the Upward Way*

Welcome & Announcements

Unison Prayer of Invocation

O, divine Creator, you speak all things into being, set all creatures free, and call us back to yourself in love. We celebrate with You that we are fabulously, fearlessly, wonderfully made in Your image. Fill our worship today with your spirit and open our hearts to feel and to know how very loved we are. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Luke 9:51-62

Blessing

Message for All Ages

Sermon

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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

How Great Thou Art

arr. Belliston

Doxology

Pilgrim, 514

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

Closing Hymn

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Benediction

Postlude

Holy, Holy, Holy

arr. Hopson

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



I'm Pressing on the Upward Way

(Higher Ground)

Johnson Oatman, Jr., 1892; alt.

1 I'm press-ing on the up-ward way, new heights I'm gain-ing ev-ery
 2 My heart has no de-sire to stay where doubts a-rise and fears dis-
 3 I want to live be-yond the world, though Sa-tan's darts at me are
 4 I want to scale the ut-most height, and catch a gleam of glo-ry

day; Still pray-ing as I'm on-ward bound, "O plant me,
 may; Though some may dwell where these a-bound, my prayer, my
 hurled; For faith has caught a joy-ful sound, the song of
 bright; But still I'll pray till heaven I've found, "God, lead me

Refrain

God, on high-er ground."
 aim is high-er ground. O lift me up, and I shall be by faith in heaven e-ter-nal-ly,
 saints on high-er ground.
 on to high-er ground."

A high-er plane than I have found, O plant me, God, on high-er ground.

Johnson Oatman, Jr., wrote hymns while in the insurance business in Mount Holly, New Jersey. Words for more than 5,000 gospel songs are credited to him. Iowa-born Charles Gabriel taught singing schools and compiled many collections of gospel and Sunday School songs.

Tune: HIGHER GROUND L.M. with refrain
 Charles H. Gabriel, 1898

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Jane Parker Huber, 1981

John 15:12-17; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 2:14-22



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life



We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 That sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-enge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



E-qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 Blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 Bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.
 Mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.



One of Jane Parker Huber's most widely sung texts, this hymn was originally written for a women's breakfast at the 1981 Presbyterian General Assembly meeting to celebrate the partnership of women and men in service of the church.

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.
 John Zundel, 1855

For another key, see 43, 368

Bulletin Reminders for June 26, 2022

FAIR CRAFTERS GET-TOGETHER

Now is the time to start making crafts for our upcoming Fall Fair. We are planning a get-together soon to talk about the items we have made or what items we plan to make for the Fair. We'll share ideas, review our resources, and assess our needs. We plan to meet outdoors, in the evening, either at church or in someone's yard. Please let Shari Van Hook know what days and times you're available to meet over the next 2 to 3 weeks, shari.vanhook@gmail.com or 508.308.4961.

WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK

Your survey feedback is essential as we evaluate staff performance and congregational vitality. Only the Moderator and the Vice-Moderator will have access to the raw data. Neither the pastors nor any staff member will know which responses belong to you. If you have any questions or further thoughts, please be in touch with John Tonkiss or Rob Schadt. *Find link to survey in your Wednesday Email.*

SUMMER BOOK STUDY

This summer, We are offering two books for us to read and to discuss together. The first, for July, will be *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time*, by Marcus Borg. The second, for August, *Confessing Our Faith*, by Roger L. Shinn; this is a short interpretation of the Statement of Faith of the United Church of Christ. Both will equip us to think theologically about God's work in our lives. At the end of each month, on the last Wednesday, we'll have a group conversation on Zoom. So, wherever you are on vacation, you can still participate! *Reading the Bible Again*, on Wednesday, **July 27**; and *Confessing Our Faith*, on Wednesday, **August 24**, at 7:00 p.m. RSVP to Gregory Morisse (revmorisse@gmail.com) to sign up!

"GROUP GLEAN" PROJECT SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Sign up to join a Plymouth Church Glean Team! Last fall, we gave Golden Ticket funds to the Boston Area Gleaners (BAG) to support their mission to combat food insecurity. Plymouth Church can further support this work through a group "glean" on **Friday, August 12**, from 9:00 to 12-noon, at the BAG headquarters, in Acton. We need 10-20 people for our team, so sign up now for this fun and rewarding experience. **Kids 13 and older can join the group, if accompanied by a parent or guardian.** Be prepared, though, to do some bending, kneeling/squatting, and lifting. You will also need to register as a volunteer and attest to being healthy and vaccinated for COVID. If interested, contact Shari Van Hook (shari.vanhook@gmail.com, 508.308.4961) by August 6. Shari will forward you a link to register as a volunteer.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to help sort and bag food at Greater Framingham Community Church (44 Franklin St). This will take place every other Friday, from 12:00-1:30 p.m., beginning **June 24**. Deliveries will be handled by *DoorDash* drivers on Saturday. To volunteer for one Friday or for many, please contact Al Rapoza at alrapoza@yahoo.com or 508.788.9519.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS

Kelly Johnson is looking for people to help knit prayer/comfort shawls for an emergency animal hospital. There will be a basket of knitting projects for Sunday Knitters. Pick one up, knit before and/or after church, and leave it behind when you go home! If you would like materials to work on throughout the week, please email Kelly directly at drescher.johnson@gmail.com, and she will make arrangements to get you materials.