



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTACOST

Sunday, August 27, 2023

As in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us:

prophecy, in proportion to faith
ministry, in ministering
the teacher, in teaching
the exhorter, in exhortation
the giver, in generosity
the leader, in diligence
the compassionate, in cheerfulness

Romans 12:4-8

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Prelude	<i>Angels Serenade</i>	G. Braga
Call to Worship	<i>Romans 12:1-5</i>	
*Opening Hymn	<i>This Is My Father's World</i>	
Welcome and Announcements		
Responsive Prayer of Invocation		

One: Pay attention, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord.
Look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

All: We gather, O God, for comfort.

Turn our waste places into paradise, and our deserts into gardens.

One: Joy and gladness can be found in Christ,
thanksgiving and a new song emerge from the Spirit.

All: We gather, O God, to rejoice.

Soften our fearful hearts, and unclench our angered fists.

One: Sound teaching flows from God's word,
and justice shines a light to the peoples.

All: We gather, O God, to learn.

Open the gates of your temple that we may enter and worship. Amen.

Isaiah 51

*The Peace of Christ

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

All: And also with you!

Matthew 16:13-20

Blessing

Anthem

Elegy

F. Mendelssohn

Sermon

"A Kingdom without Locks"

*Hymn *Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

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 *Afternoon Prelude* A. Potter

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 *I Need You Every Hour*

Benediction

Postlude *Mighty Power of God* A. Page



*A hearty thank-you to **Donna Chaff**, our accompanist this morning,
who is filling in for Elissa Putukian.*

*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 Postlude in quiet contemplation.*

Our Core Values

- Community
- Intergenerational Life
- Service and Social Action
- Worship and Spiritual Life
- Welcome and Hospitality

Our Bedrock Beliefs

- We believe we are called to be kind, love justice, and walk humbly with God.
- We believe that God is present with us always in times of trial and rejoicing.
- We embrace Jesus' call to love and serve one another.
- We believe that God hears and answers our prayers.
- We believe in the fullness of God's grace (unmerited favor).

This Is My Father's World 370

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis - tening ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world. O, let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world. The bat - tle is not done: Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the won - ders wrought.
sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heaven be one.

When pastor of a Presbyterian church in Lockport, New York, the author of this text referred to his morning walks as "going out to see my Father's world." The tune created for these words is based on an English melody the composer learned from his mother when he was a boy.

TEXT: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901
MUSIC: Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915; harm. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1926, alt.

TERRA BEATA
SMD

203 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Capo 3: (D) (A7)
 Refrain F C7

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love; show

(D) (D/F#) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F F/A Gm7 C7 F *Fine*

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

(D) (Bm) (Em) (A)
 F Dm Gm C

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their
 2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and
 3 These are the ones we should serve; these are the ones we should
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, will - ing to wash oth - ers'

(D) (Bm) (Em7) (A7) (D)
 F Dm Gm7 C7 F *to Refrain*

feet, Mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
 race; neigh-bors are near us and far a - way.
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
 feet; this is the way we should live like you.

Considering that this text comes from a part of the world where Christianity is not the primary religion gives these simple but powerful words even more depth and meaning. The tune name recalls the district in the Northern Region of Ghana where this tune was collected.

I Need You Every Hour

Annie S. Hawks, 1872; alt.
Refrain added by Robert Lowry, 1872; alt.

1 I need you ev - ery hour, O God of grace;
2 I need you ev - ery hour, in faith or fear;
3 I need you ev - ery hour, in joy or pain;
4 I need you ev - ery hour; teach me your will,

the peace your voice af - fords, I now em - brace.
temp - ta - tions lose their power when you are near.
come quick - ly and a - bide or life is vain.
and your rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.

Refrain

I need you, how I need you! Ev - ery hour I need you;

O bless me now, my Sav - ior; I come to you.

First sung at a convention of the National Baptist Sunday School Association, this hymn was used by Dwight Moody and Ira Sankey in both England and the United States. Annie S. Hawks, a Baptist, was the author of some 400 hymns.

Tune: NEED 6.4.6.4. with refrain
Robert Lowry, 1872

Bulletin Reminders

FALL FAIR DONATION DROP-OFFS

All White Elephants, Books, Christmas Decorations, and Costume donations are welcomed in the small classroom opposite Greg's office. And, while you're there, why not sign up for cookie baking, too?

Book donations go beyond the double doors at each end of the classroom hallway, on or under the tables.

Jewelry donations may be left in the Church Office during the week or placed in envelopes and passed through the office door mail slot. When delivering donations during the week, be reminded that the Church Staff's in-office hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please refrain, however, from delivering all larger items until mid-September.

CWS BACK-TO-SCHOOL KITS

Please take advantage of Back-to-School sales to donate items for our school kits. We especially need notebooks, scissors (blunt ends), pencils, and pencil sharpeners. Items may be left in the baskets near the lower elevator. If you have questions, please see Leona Dalton at Coffee Hour.

THE KLATCH IS BACK!

Coffee Klatches will resume in mid-September, so please be sure to check your Klatch Team on the list in your *Wednesday Email*. All are welcome, so if you do not see your name on a Klatch, please let Leigh Remington know, and you will be assigned to one. September Klatch leaders will be in touch in the coming weeks, via email or SignUp Genius. So, stay tuned...

SUPPORT FOR REFUGEE FAMILIES

The City of Framingham is partnering with the Framingham Interfaith Clergy Association (FICA) to collect and to organize donations for refugee families in three hotels in the City of Framingham. With more than 40 families to support, the City is collaborating with FICA to collect donations at their churches, parishes, and temples. *See your Wednesday Email for locations and drop-off times.*

HAPPY 97TH BIRTHDAY, BETTY JOST!

TODAY, August 27, Betty Jost will celebrate her 97th birthday! If you would like to send Betty your best wishes, you can send your cards to:

JLM Care Center, Room 215
184 Ter Heun Dr.
Falmouth, MA 02540



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SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

All proceeds will benefit the community
Voices Against Violence serves.

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VIOLENCE

The poster features a purple silhouette of a runner on a light blue path. The background is a gradient of purple and blue. The text is in various colors and fonts, including a large, bold, purple font for the event title.



Fall Fair



**The Plymouth Church in Framingham
87 Edgell Road, Framingham, MA**

September 30, 10 AM – 2 PM




HUGE WHITE ELEPHANT TAG SALE:
household goods, kitchen gadgets, home decor, linens,
gently used kids toys, games, and sporting equipment

Baked goods, sandwiches, pie, chowder, soup, chili •

Hot Dog stand • Homemade crafts •

Costumes • Themed gift baskets • Christmas Shop •

Books • Jewelry • Kid's Games



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