

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 25, 2022

Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit,
but in humility regard others as better than yourselves.

Let each of you look not to your own interests,
but to the interests of others.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:3-5

Massachusetts

Welcomes you



Sunday, September 25, 2022
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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Tolling of the Bell

Prelude

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Manz

Call to Worship

One: You who live in the shelter of the Most High will say to the LORD,

All: "My refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

One: For God delivers you from the snare and Their faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

All: We will not fear the night, or the arrow, pestilence nor destruction.

One: Those who love me, I will deliver, says the LORD. When they call to me, I will answer them.

All: Come, let us worship the One whose love shields us, saves us, and sets us free! Amen!

Opening Hymn

O for a World

Welcome and Announcements

Unison Prayer of Invocation

God of Jacob, You made Heaven and Earth! You execute justice for the oppressed, give food to the hungry, and set the prisoners free. We put our trust in You and praise You all of our days. Princes perish and their plans along with them but Your faithfulness lasts forever. Amen

Passing of the Peace

Luke 16:19-31

Blessing

Children's Message

Sermon

Choir Anthem

Come Down, O Love Divine

Vaughan Williams

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

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

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

Transformation Moment

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

O How Blessed Are Ye

Brahms

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

O God of Earth and Altar

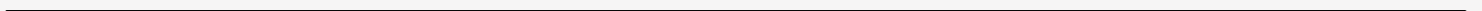
Benediction

Postlude

Praise to The Lord

arr. Manz

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



O God of Earth and Altar

St. 1-2, Gilbert K. Chesterton, 1906; alt.

St. 2, alt. Jane Parker Huber, 1985

St. 3, Jane Parker Huber, 1985

1 O God of earth and al - tar, bow down and hear our cry;
 2 From all that ter - ror teach - es, from lies of pen and voice,
 3 A - wak - en us to ac - tion and forge us in - to one,

Our earth-ly rul - ers fal - ter, our peo - ple drift and die;
 From all the eas - y speech - es that make our hearts re - joice,
 de - fy - ing sect and fac - tion; O God, your will be done!

The walls of gold en - tomb us, the swords of scorn di - vide;
 From val - ue's pro - fan - a - tion, from hon - or sac - ri - ficed,
 Op - pres - sive sys - tems snare us; our ap - a - thies in - crease.

Take not your thun - der from us, but take a - way our pride.
 From sleep and from dam - na - tion, de - liv - er us, O Christ!
 Great God, in mer - cy spare us for jus - tice and for peace!

G. K. Chesterton of England was a prolific journalist, lecturer, and author of some one hundred literary works. This hymn has been updated by Jane Parker Huber to "incorporate contemporary concerns for the church's mission."

Tune: LLANGLOFFAN 7.6.7.6.D.
Traditional Welsh melody
 Harm. The English Hymnal, 1906

O for a World

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Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Cor. 1:26-31; 1 Pet. 3:8-12

1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Inspired by Charles Wesley's phrase "O for a thousand tongues" and the familiar tune Azmon, Miriam Therese Winter wrote this hymn envisioning a new world order for the Presbyterian Women's Triennial Conference in 1982. It was later recrafted and recorded by the Medical Mission Sisters.

Tune: AZMON C.M.
Carl G. Gläser, 1828
Adapt. Lowell Mason in Modern Psalmody, 1839

Bulletin Reminders for September 25, 2022

FALL FAIR NEWS

Fall Fair is Saturday **October 1**. From *TODAY* through September 30, come when you can to help with Fair chores: sorting White Elephants and books galore! After worship *TODAY*: one hour of work will be followed by a Pizza Party in the Courtyard. On your way down the Classroom Hall after worship please pick up a non-Christmas White Elephant item, bag or box, and take it to the Parish Hall. Other jobs include unloading boxes from the Fair closets and unpacking and sorting books! *Thank you from all the Fair Chairs*

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP & MASKS

Thank you to all of you who completed our most recent COVID survey. Church Council has decided to end mandatory masking for Sunday worship. Whenever you are at church, and wherever you are in the building, masks are now "optional."

TRANSFORMATION CORNER

Last Sunday, thirteen people gathered to continue the Core Values conversation, following our September 10 Retreat. Next up will be Focus Groups. Sign ups will be coming soon! And save-the-date for two upcoming all-church gatherings: our Congregational Meeting, after worship, on Sunday, **October 16** and our second Church Gathering on Saturday, **October 29**, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

AUCTION 2022

DECEMBER 4 - DECEMBER 10

Have you marked your calendars for this year's online auction? The auction starts Sunday, **December 4**, at 8:00 a.m., and concludes on Saturday, **December 10**, at 12-noon. It's never too early to start submitting donations. Any questions, please contact Sydney Turner (sydneysturner@aol.com) or Sue Tonkiss (suedtonk@aol.com).

DIAPER DRIVE TO BENEFIT A PLACE TO TURN

Plymouth Church and the Social Action Committee are hosting a Diaper Drive to benefit *A Place to Turn* food pantry. One in three U.S. families struggles to provide enough diapers to keep a baby or toddler clean, dry, and healthy. If you would like to help, please purchase diapers - preferably in sizes 4,5,6 (but any size will do) and leave them in the appropriately marked bin in the church foyer. If you would like to order diapers online they can be delivered to: The Diaper Project, c/o Eva Benda, 11 Clemmons St. Southborough, MA. 01772. Please indicate you are with Plymouth Church. Finally, you can make a financial contribution on the *A Place To Turn* website and note in the comment section of the donation page "Restricted to The Diaper Project" and the name of the church. The drive will run through **October 2**. Please contact Robyne Jerome with any questions you may have, 508.877.3502

FRAMINGHAM REPAIR CAFE



Do you have something that needs fixing or mending? Bring it to *The Repair Cafe* on Saturday, **October 8**, from 2:00-5:00 p.m., at Open Spirit. Volunteers can help fix clothing, lamps, small appliances, computers/other electronics, bikes, toys, jewelry, and sewing machines. PLUS, there will be a station for sharpening knives, scissors and garden tools. Remember: "the fix is free at *The Repair Cafe!*"