



# TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 15, 2023

Let your gentleness  
be known to everyone.  
The Lord is near.  
Philippians 4:5

Congregational Meeting

AFTER WORSHIP

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**Sunday, October 15, 2023**

Tolling of the Bells

Prelude

*All Earth Is Hopeful*

*arr. Peterson*

Call to Worship

\*Opening Hymn

*Be Thou My Vision*

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Prayer of Invocation

*One:* Rejoice in the Holy One always; again I will say, "Rejoice!"

**All: We call upon the ancient names of God, and praise the wonders of creation. When our lives are dull and our souls aimless we come here to be gathered up into the transcendence of the Most High!**

*One:* Rejoice in the Holy One always; again I will say, "Rejoice!"

**All: We remember the rituals of our ancestors, breaking bread and sharing a cup. Even in our hunger and thirst we know that Jesus' love never fails and the earth is full of God's glory!**

*One:* Rejoice in the Holy One always; again I will say, "Rejoice!"

**All: We lay our hands upon the sick and embattled, anointing their heads with oil. Though we are often more fragile than we would choose, we learn the power of opening up our lives to one another.**

*One:* Rejoice in the Holy One always; again I will say, "Rejoice!"

**All: Rejoice, O heavens! Rejoice, all creation! Rejoice, O people of God!**

*One:* Amen!

*Philippians 4:4*

Junior Choir Anthem

*A Jubilant Song*

*Lightfoot*

Exodus 16:4-7a, 13-19, 31

Message for All Ages

Sermon

*"What Church Does God Need Now?"*

Senior Choir Anthem

*There's A Spirit of Love in This Place*

*Miller*

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## 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

*Prelude in A Minor*

*Scriabin*

#### 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

*In the Midst of New Dimensions*

#### Benediction

#### Postlude

*He Who Will Suffer God to Guide Him*

*Bach*

*The Chancel flowers this morning are given in loving memory of Robert Lawson  
by Nancy Lawson and Beth Marascio.*



*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.*

*After worship, please remain in the Sanctuary. The congregation will meet to consider  
the business of the church. This is an extension of our morning worship, as we seek to  
discern Christ's will for The Plymouth Church in Framingham.*

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

## Be Thou My Vision

*Ancient Irish**Tr. by Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931**Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935*

SLANE 10.10.9.10.

*Traditional Irish Melody**Harm. by David Evans, 1874-1948**In unison*

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,  
 4 High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

Nought be all else to me save that thou art.  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 Thou mine in - her - it - ance, now and al - ways;  
 May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 Thou my great Fa - ther, I thy true son;  
 Thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.  
 High King of heav - en, my treas - ure thou art.  
 Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all. A - men.

CONSECRATION

1. In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,  
 2. Through the flood of starv-ing peo-ples, war-ring fac-tions and de - spair,  
 3. Though we reach the high-est heav - ens, hold-ing worlds at our com-mand,  
 4. Should the threats of dire pre - dic-tions cause us to with-draw in pain,

who will lead the pil-grim peo-ples wan-d'ring in their sep-'rate ways?  
 who will lift the ol - ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?  
 we are yet a des - ert peo - ple search-ing for the prom-ised land.  
 may your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir-it res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

God of rain-bow, fier - y pil-lar, lead-ing where the ea-gles soar, we your

peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev-er, now and ev-er, now and ev - er - more.

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 MUSIC: Julian B. Rush, 1985; arr. *The New Century Hymnal*, 1995, alt.

NEW DIMENSIONS  
 87.87 w. refrain

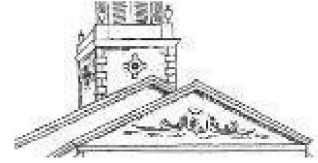
This hymn on diversity was written for a meeting of the Rocky Mountain Conference of United Methodists. Rush is director of the Colorado AIDS Project.

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# The Plymouth Church in Framingham

*an open and affirming congregation  
of the United Church of Christ*

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## **MEETING WARRANT**

**October 15, 2023**

**TO: All Members of The Plymouth Church in Framingham**

**You are hereby notified of a Congregational Meeting of The Plymouth Church in Framingham to consider the following business:**

- ARTICLE I**                      **To vote to approve Robert Clark as Treasurer.**
- ARTICLE II**                      **To receive an update on the installation of roof-top solar panels.**
- ARTICLE III**                      **To receive an update on the 2024 Pledge Drive.**
- ARTICLE IV**                      **To receive an update on the Transformation process.**
- ARTICLE V**                      **To consider any other business that may properly come before the congregation.**

**The meeting will be held in the sanctuary at 11:15 A.M. on October 15, 2023.**

**Shari Van Hook,  
Clerk**

# Bulletin Reminders

## CARING FOR EACH OTHER

For the past few years, the Coordinating Care Committee has been caring for you by reaching out with cards, emails, and phone calls. This year, we are asking you to join us in reaching out to each other. We would like you to join with a friend to invite three others, who you would like to know better, to gather in fellowship and please include the youth and children! You can get together at a coffee shop, at someone's house or maybe at a park. We recommend some questions for conversation starters, so you can learn about each other. Sample questions include: "What is a book that you read that made you think?" "If you could live anywhere in the world, where would you live?", "What is your favorite comfort food?"

Please be in touch about your time together and share with us any great stories or facts! We will post them on the Coordinating Care Committee bulletin board in the classroom hallway. Have fun!

The Coordinating Care Committee

## INSTALLATION OF REV. WILLIAM TANNER

**Sunday, October 29**

Our former Pastor for Family Life, Rev. Will Tanner, will be installed at his new church, First Church UCC, 190 Court Street, in Middletown, CT, on Sunday, **October 29**, at 3:00 p.m. If you are interested in ride-sharing that day from church, please contact Kathy Copson.

## NEW MEMBER EXPLORATION

**Sunday, October 22, after worship**

We will be gathering after worship, on Sunday, **October 22**, in the Library, to meet with all who are new to Plymouth Church and who wish to deepen their connection with our community through exploration of Plymouth Church ministries.

## PLYMOUTH HOUSE PASTRY FUNDRAISER

We are excited to announce our favorite annual fundraiser! You can purchase delicious braided pastries and cookie dough to enjoy, all while supporting Plymouth House Nursery School! The deadline for orders is by the end of the day on Monday, **October 23**. This year, all ordering is online. *For complete details, see your Wednesday Email.*

## THE OCTOBER KLATCH

The Klatch leaders for October are Rebecca Reiner and Sandy Clarke. The October Klatch roster can be found via the link in your *Wednesday Email*. Rebecca and Sandy will soon be sending out emails to their Klatch team, so stay tuned.

**HELP PLYMOUTH CHURCH...**



**STRIKE OUT  
HUNGER  
IN  
METROWEST!**

**COMING IN NOVEMBER TO A GROCERY STORE NEAR YOU!!**

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## New Member Exploration

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