

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 16, 2022



Blessed are those who trust in the Holy One,
whose trust is the Most High.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Sunday, October 16, 2022
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Fall Congregational Meeting

Tolling of the Bell

Prelude *For All The Saints* *arr. Hopson*

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn *For the Fruit of All Creation*

Welcome and Announcements

Unison Prayer of Invocation *Sue Tonkiss, Lay Reader*

We have come together, O God, longing for a glimpse of heaven. Out of the clamor and fiery ordeal of the world, we bring our anxieties and suffering to this place of meeting. Here we find others who share our quest for meaning and purpose. Here we can reflect on your generosity, and take time to pray. Reveal yourself to us here, so we may recognize your presence with us in other times and places. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Isaiah 58:6-11

Blessing

Children's Time

Homily *The Abundance of God*

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.

Choir Anthem *Open Thou Mine Eyes* *Harlan*

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Home* *Gjielo*

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.*

A Transformation Reflection

Closing Hymn *We All Are One in Mission*

Benediction

Postlude *Largo* *Elgar*

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



This morning, our worship continues in conversation in the Parish Hall during our Congregational Meeting. All are invited and encouraged to participate!

733 We All Are One in Mission

1 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,
 2 We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name.
 3 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent; our pur - pose is the same:
 Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
 to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
 We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
 so ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
 our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

A Lutheran pastor wrote this text in response to a bishop's letter that said, "Our mission is to touch the lives of others with Christ's love." This theme is made stronger by recognizing that shared purposes do not require the denial of diversity but are enriched by it.

For the Fruit of All Creation

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1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

Bulletin Reminders for October 16, 2022

PLYMOUTH HOUSE NURSERY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

We are excited to announce the time has come for our favorite annual fundraiser! You can purchase delicious braided pastries and cookie dough (plus some other goodies, too) to enjoy, all while supporting Plymouth House Nursery School! This year, all ordering is online! The deadline for orders is end-of-day, Friday, **October 21**. The pastries and cookie dough will be delivered to our school on Thursday, **November 10**. *Please follow the instructions found in your Wednesday Email.*

TRANSFORMATION CORNER

Focus groups are here! We'll continue to explore Core Values from a different perspective in groups of 10-12 people. Please see our email of October 4 to sign up to participate in these important conversations as we journey ahead to a future of new possibilities.

CARE COMMITTEE FORMS NEW GROUP

Many of us at church are undergoing a personal transformation, the transformation of aging. And many of us would like to do whatever we can to make this process as healthy, life-giving, and fulfilling as possible. Care Committee is forming a group to get together and talk about our health challenges and strategies. People are invited to bring to the group, and share, anything that is already working for them and to look for any information they can find that will be helpful. Please call Deb Sawyer (508.380.5649) for more information.

BREAKFAST CHURCH

What could be better than church? Answer: Church with PANCAKES! Come to church on Sunday, **October 23** to break bread (PANCAKES) together and to experience this new, conversational, community worship service! AND if you're a dab hand with a spatula, sign up to be part of the Task Team!

FAITH WORKSHOP TEACHERS

Faith Workshop needs YOU! We are currently seeking teacher teams for: November (1 class session only!), January (Teach with Sandy Clarke!), February, March, and April. To sign up, email Will (revwtanner@gmail.com) or visit the Faith Workshop bulletin board at church..

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Trunk-or-treat is back this year and open to the wider community for the first time! We are so excited to welcome our neighbors to this fun and friendly event and we need you to bring the magic, spook, and treats! We are hoping for 15-20 cars to offer treats, and we need a couple folks to coordinate parking before worship. *See your Wednesday Email for signup links.*

VETERANS APPRECIATION DINNER

Sunday, November 13

Plymouth Church Parish Hall

The Veterans Appreciation Dinner is back! As in previous years, we are looking for volunteers to assist with baking, welcoming, serving, and cleaning up. *See your Wednesday Email for complete details and signup links.*

PLYMOUTH CHURCH ONLINE AUCTION 2022, DECEMBER 4 - DECEMBER 10

The auction begins 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. Need some ideas? Ask for a donation at any business you frequent, buy a gift certificate to a favorite store or restaurant, offer a service, offer a weekend at your vacation home, the possibilities are endless. Contact Sydney Turner (sydneyturner@aol.com) or Sue Tonkiss (suedtonk@aol.com).