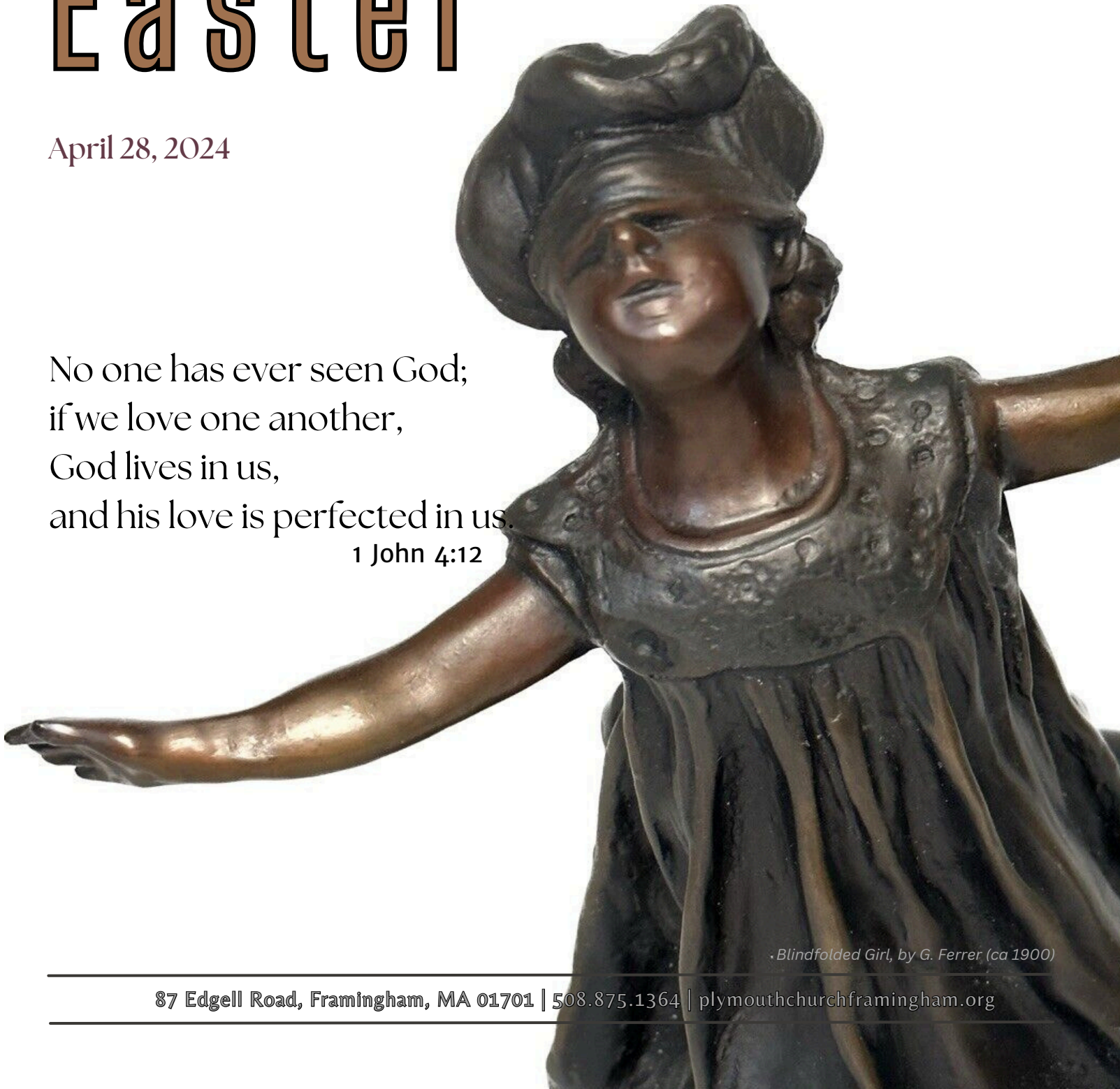


Fifth Sunday *of* Easter

April 28, 2024

No one has ever seen God;
if we love one another,
God lives in us,
and his love is perfected in us.

1 John 4:12



Blindfolded Girl, by G. Ferrer (ca 1900)

Sunday, April 28, 2024
Fifth Sunday of Easter & Third Sunday of Confirmation

Tolling of the Bells

Prelude *Beautiful Saviour* *Spiritual arr. Peeters*

Call to Worship *1 John 4:7-21*

*Opening Hymn *At the Font We Start Our Journey*

Welcome & Announcements

Unison Psalm of Invocation

One: Sing to God a new song,
for the marvelous things the Holy One has accomplished.
God remembers the steadfast love and faithfulness
promised to the people and to all the ends of the earth.

**All: Make a joyful noise to the Most High, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a melody of gratitude and blessing.**

One: The sea roars, and all that fills it; the floods clap their hands;
the hills sing together in the presence of God.

**All: God returns to judge the earth.
God will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**

-Psalm 98

Passing of the Peace

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Choir Anthem *One Faith, One Hope, One Lord* *Courtney*

John 4:1-15

Blessing

Sermon "Righteousness"

*Hymn *From the Crush of Wealth and Power*

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

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 *The Trouble I've Seen* *Spiritual arr. Blake*

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, and Spirit, One.

*Closing Hymn *Christ Is the Mountain of Horeb*

*Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude *Gigue* *Wagner*



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.

All are invited to the Parish Hall for coffee, tea, and snacks. We understand it can be difficult to step into a room of strangers. We hope, with every cup and cookie, we can deepen our connections and learn a little more about each other each week.

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At the Font We Start Our Journey

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Jeffery Rowthorn, 1992

Col. 3:15; Acts 10:36-43

1 At the font we start our jour - ney, in the Eas - ter
 2 At the pul - pit we are fash - ioned by the Eas - ter
 3 At the al - tar we are nour - ished with the Eas - ter
 4 At the door we are com - mis - sioned, now the Eas - ter

faith bap - tized; doubts and fears no long - er blind us,
 tale re - told in - to wit - nes - ses and proph - ets,
 gift of bread; in our break - ing it to piec - es
 vic - tory's won, to re - store a world di - vid - ed

by the light of Christ sur - prised. Al - le - lu - ia,
 by the power of Christ made bold. Al - le - lu - ia,
 see the love of Christ out - spread. Al - le - lu - ia,
 to the peace of Christ as one. Al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia! Hope held out and re - al - ized.
 al - le - lu - ia! Faith pro - claimed, yet still un - told.
 al - le - lu - ia! Life em - braced, yet free - ly shed.
 al - le - lu - ia! Eas - ter's work must still be done.

This text was written for a parish in the Episcopal Diocese of Connecticut, where the author served as bishop suffragan. Born and educated in Britain, Rowthorn has held positions at Union Theological Seminary and Yale University Divinity School, and more recently was appointed bishop in charge of the Convocation of American Churches in Europe.

Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY 8.7.8.7.8.7.

Henry Purcell, c. 1680

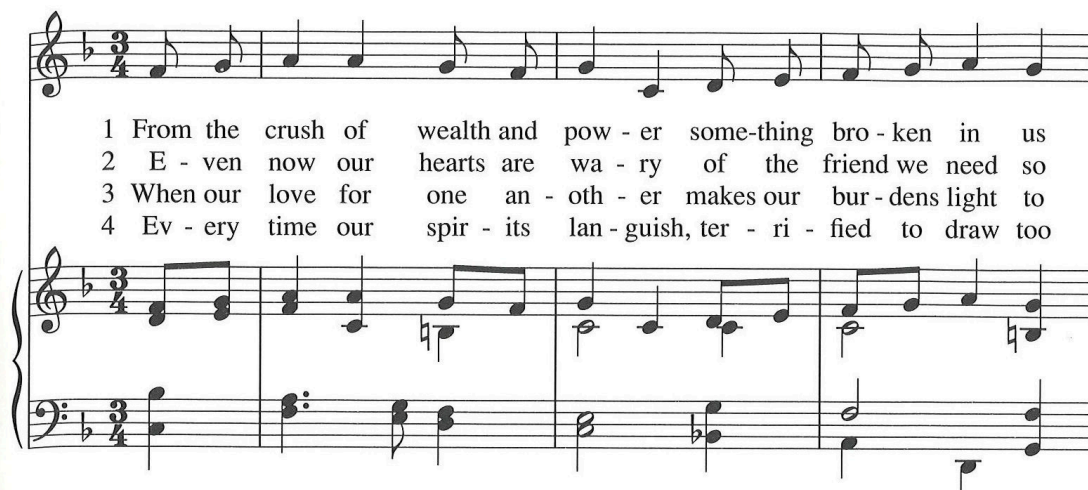
Arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1842

From the Crush of Wealth and Power

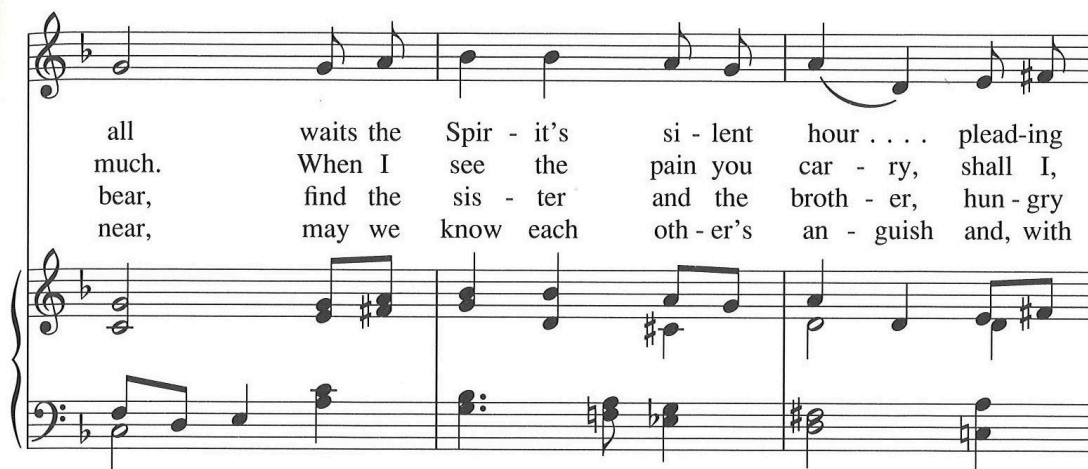
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Kendyl L. R. Gibbons, 1992

Luke 10:34; James 5:14-16



1 From the crush of wealth and pow - er some-thing bro - ken in us
2 E - ven now our hearts are wa - ry of the friend we need so
3 When our love for one an - oth - er makes our bur - dens light to
4 Ev - ery time our spir - its lan - guish, ter - ri - fied to draw too



all waits the Spir - it's si - lent hour . . . plead - ing
much. When I see the pain you car - ry, shall I,
bear, find the sis - ter and the broth - er, hun - gry
near, may we know each oth - er's an - guish and, with



with a poi - nant call, bind all my wounds a - gain.
with a gen - tle touch, bind all your wounds a - gain?
for the feast we share; bind all their wounds a - gain.
love that casts out fear, bind all our wounds a - gain.

This text was commissioned by the Unitarian Universalist Association for the 1993 hymnal Singing the Living Tradition. It was written for Peter Cutts' tune Bridegroom by Kendyl Gibbons, a Unitarian Universalist minister serving churches in Illinois.

Tune: BRIDEGROOM 8.7.8.7.6.
Peter Cutts, 1969

Cristo es la peña de Horeb

(Christ Is the Mountain of Horeb)

Exod. 17:6; Song of Sol. 2:1-2; John 4:7-14

Anonymous; alt.
Transl. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

Dm A7

1 Cris-to es la pe - ña de Ho - reb, que es-tá bro - tan - do,
2 Cris-to es el li - rio del va - lle de las flo - res,
1 Christ is the Moun - tain of Ho - reb which is flow - ing:
2 Flow-er of flow - ers, the Lil - y of the Val - ley,

Dm

a - gua de vi - da sa - lu - da - ble pa - ra ti.
Cris - to es la ro - sa her - mo - sa y pu - ra de Sa - rón.
wa - ter of life pour forth to heal, to make us whole.
the Rose of Shar-on, bloom-ing pure and free for you.

D7 Gm

Cris - to es la pe - ña de Ho - reb, que es-tá bro - tan - do,
Cris - to es la vi - da y a - mor de los a - mo - res,
Christ is the Moun - tain of Ho - reb which is flow - ing:
O Christ, the path - way of love a - bove all loves,

Dm A7 Dm

a - gua de vi - da sa - lu - da - ble pa - ra ti.
Cris - to es la e - ter - na fuen - te de la sal - va - ción.
wa - ter of life pour forth to heal, to make us whole.
E - ter - nal Foun - tain of sal - va - tion flow - ing free.

This anonymous hymn has been sung since the 1930s and is especially popular among the pentecostal churches of Puerto Rico. The arrangement, in the "pasodoble" rhythm, captures the style in which it is most often performed in its country of origin.

Tune: CRISTO ES LA PEÑA 12.12.12.D.
Puerto Rican melody
Arr. Luis Olivieri, 1993

C7 F

Ven, a to - mar - la que es más dul - ce que la miel,
 Ven, a bus - car - la cuan - do en tris - te - za es - tés,
 Sweet - er than hon - ey is the stream, come taste and see—
 Come seek the One who un - der - stands your grief and pain,

A7 Dm

Re - fres - ca el al - ma, re - fres - ca to - do tu ser.
 Re - fres - ca el al - ma, re - fres - ca to - do tu ser.
 Re - fresh your be - ing, re - fresh your heart and mind.
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D7 Gm

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 the Rose of Shar - on, bloom - ing pure and free for you.

Bulletin Reminders

Each week, after worship, Rev. Morisse is available for conversation in the Parish Hall.

SPRING YARD CLEAN UP

Saturday, May 4

Be part of a caring community and help older residents in need of your services.

Organized by the Framingham Council on Aging, The Callahan Center. Sam Swisher is taking sign-ups via email at:

ccvolrec@gmail.com

Meet at The Plymouth Church on Saturday (8:45 a.m. and or 12:45 p.m.)

NOMINATING SEASON IS HERE

It's "Nominating Season," and we're looking for enthusiastic and engaged individuals to join our Coordinating and Standing Committees. We have coordinating openings on Care, as well as positions on Deacons, Stewardship, and Property Management. There are also potential positions as Clerk and Assistant Treasurer. We also encourage you to contact one of the current committee members to find out more about what they do and their current priorities. Please let us know your interest by the end of April. The new slate of Committee members will be presented and voted on at Annual Meeting, May 19.

Contact **Sue Tonkiss** or **Leigh Remington**, if you're interested or want more information.

DAILY EMAILS

Based on the strong response to the Lenten Devotional, beginning Monday, we will email a Daily Prayer Monday through Saturday. (For a prayer on Sundays, come to church!) Where Lent offered podcasts and exercise, this ongoing offering will be simpler: a text, a thought, and a prayer. If you are already signed up for Living Lent Daily, you're on the list. *New subscribers can find the signup in the Wednesday Email.*

PRE-LOVED CLOTHING SALE, MAY 17/18

The Pre-Loved Clothing Sale will take place on Friday evening, **May 17**, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and on Saturday, **May 18**, from 9:00a.m. to 2:00 p.m. As always, we need lots of volunteers to help sort and set up the sale. For questions and to offer your help, please contact Mattie Schadt at 774.217.3477.

PERENNIAL PLANT SALE, MAY 18

The Plymouth Church Annual Perennial Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, **May 18**, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., in front of the church. The Plant Sale seeks volunteers for setup and staffing. All gardeners, interested novices, and anyone willing to help is welcome. Please join the fun! Volunteers should contact **Ellen Rivoir** or **Leona Dalton**.