

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024



Mother's Day

Mother and Child, Mary Cassatt (1900)

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Sunday, May 12, 2024
Confirmation Sunday

Tolling of the Bells

Prelude *On Eagle's Wings* *Joncas*

Call to Worship *Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord* *Schwartz*

*Opening Hymn *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

Welcome & Announcements

Unison Prayer of Invocation

Holy Spirit, be with us this morning. Speak the ancient words that calmed the stormy chaos and brought order to life. Come among us this morning, with power and presence, that our worship may wake us up and our meditations may set us to work. Connect the waters of our baptism to the words of our affirmation. We pray this in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Rite of Confirmation

Presentation of the Class

Cora Stierli Allen
Ashlyn Emily Comley
August Costello
Zachary David Gorham

Questions for the Class

The Sacrament of Baptism and The Laying on of Hands

Affirmation by the Congregation

Statement of Faith of The United Church of Christ

Left side: We believe in you, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to your deeds we testify:

Right side: You call the worlds into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death. You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

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

Left-handed: In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

Right-handed: You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

35 & Younger: You call us into your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

36 & Older: You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end.

All: Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

The Covenant of The Plymouth Church

We covenant with God and with one another and do bind ourselves in His presence to strive to know His will as taught in the Holy Bible, and to walk in His Holy Ways. We will strive to be doers of the Word and not hearers only. In the fellowship of this church, we dedicate ourselves to the building of the Kingdom of our Lord, Jesus Christ, here on earth. Recognizing the church as the living Body of Christ, we agree together to sustain its worship, its activities and its charities.

Presentation of Certificates and Gifts

Passing of the Peace

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Pre-K to 5th Grade may exit to Faith Workshop.

Choir Anthem	<i>The Lord Bless You and Keep You</i>	<i>Rutter</i>
Luke 24:36-53		
Blessing		
Sermon	"Confirmation: A Faith Discovered"	
*Hymn	<i>The Care the Eagle Gives Her Young</i>	
Invitation to Prayer	<i>Day by Day</i>	<i>Schwartz</i>

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Junior Choir Anthem *Day by Day*

Pastoral Prayer

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

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 *Take My Life, God, Let It Be*

*Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude *Sing to the Lord a Song of Rejoicing* *Smith*



*Today's Chancel Flowers are given by Barbara & Jerry Harting, in honor of our mothers,
Myrtle Crocker Hicks and Grace Harting, and for all mothers across the world, who send
their young into the world to bring love, compassion, and understanding.*

*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.*

And special thanks to Clark Williams for playing the piano this morning in worship.

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Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

*Eph. 2:20-22; 1 Pet. 2:4-7**Latin, 6th-8th century
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.
St. 3 adapt. Thomas H. Troeger, 1992*

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and cor - ner - stone,
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O God of Hosts, to - day!
3 Here re - new your ser - vants' vis - ion, that by faith they may at - tain

chos - en of our God and pre - cious, bind - ing all the Church in one;
With your con - stant, lov - ing kind - ness hear your peo - ple as they pray.
peace and hope, re - newed com - pas - sion, strength to com - fort those in pain,

Ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
Give your full - est ben - e - dic - tion: grace to fol - low Christ the Way.
Tears and grief trans - formed to glad - ness in your ev - er - last - ing reign.

The hymn has its origins in an early Latin poem, Urbs beata Jerusalem, based on passages from Ephesians, 1 Peter, and Revelation. "Holy Zion" refers to the church transcendent, built of "living stones"—the saints of God.

Tune: REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.
Henry T. Smart, 1867
Alternate tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY

The Care the Eagle Gives Her Young

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R. Deane Postlethwaite, 1980

Deut. 32:11-12a; Exod. 19:4

1 The care the ea - gle gives her young, safe in her
2 As when the time to ven - ture comes, she stirs them
3 And if we flut - ter help - less - ly, as fledg - ling

loft - y nest, Is like the ten - der
out - to flight, So we are pressed to
ea - gles fall, Be - neath us lift God's

love of God for us made man - i - fest.
bold - ly try, to strive for dar - ing height.
might - y wings to bear us, one and all.

The musical score consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

This text was originally titled "For a Recognition of God's Feminine Attributes." The author explains: "I find a deep meaning and power in the image of a God who, like a mother eagle, pushes me from her nest, but who catches me, bears me up, when I fall."

Tune: CRIMOND C.M.
Jesse Seymour Irvine, 1872
Harm. T. C. L. Pritchard, 1929

Take My Life, God, Let It Be

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Frances R. Havergal, 1874; alt.

Rom. 12:1

1 Take my life, God, let it be con - se - crat - ed faith - ful - ly.
2 Take my spir - it, let it move at the im - pulse of your love.
3 Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.
4 Take my love and help it grow; let my lov - ing ov - er - flow.

Take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my in - tel - lect and use all its pow - ers as you choose.
Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwell - ing place.
Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's com - mu - ni - ty.

Frances R. Havergal wrote her hymn following a visit to Areley House in Worcestershire, England. Among the ten persons at the house were "some unconverted . . . some converted but not rejoicing." Before she left, "everyone had got a blessing."

Tune: VIENNA 7.7.7.7.
Justin H. Knecht, 1797
Alternate tune: HENDON

Bulletin Reminders

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

ALL-COMMITTEE NIGHT, JUNE 3

We'll start at 6:00 p.m. with a potluck. (Please bring a dish to share.) At 7:00 p.m., Deacons will lead a joint meeting to show how much fun and meaningful a committee meeting can be. We'll explore topics like our ongoing Transformation, plans for future events, and other committee initiatives. Future All-Committee Nights, held quarterly, will give councils and committees a chance to partner across teams and share innovations and ideas with leaders.

CHINESE DUMPLING-MAKING DINNER

Saturday, June 8, Parish Hall, 4-8pm

All ingredients needed to make dumplings will be provided, and dumpling recipes will be shared. Both veggie and meat options available. Dinner will be an Asian potluck. Bring your favorite dish to share! Suggested donation is \$25. Proceeds will benefit Special Olympics. *See complete details in your Wednesday Email.*

BOSTON PRIDE FOR THE PEOPLE PARADE

Saturday, June 8

Join your friends and family at the 'Boston Pride for the People' Parade, in downtown Boston. More details to follow. Any questions, please speak with **Robert Clark**, **Kathy Copson**, or **Laraine Snooks**. We hope to see you there!

ANNUAL MEETING, MAY 19

Next week, the Annual Meeting will begin in worship and continue in the Parish Hall. Children (5th grade and younger) will go to Faith Workshop during worship and continue during the meeting in the Parish Hall.

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**.

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.