

Pentecost Sunday



May 19, 2024

*When the day of Pentecost had come,
they were all together in one place.*

Acts 2:1

A Time for All Ages

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Blessing

Sermon "Wiser, Kinder, and More Useful"

Choir Anthem *As The Deer* Hayes

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 *April* 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, and Spirit, One.

*Closing Hymn *Creator God, Creating Still*

*Benediction

Postlude *Jubilation* Handel

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

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*After the Postlude, we invite everyone to join us in the Parish Hall where the
Congregational Meeting will continue. Children will remain in Faith Workshop until
after the meeting. And we will join in Coffee Hour together.*

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

Come, O Spirit, Dwell among Us

Acts 2:1-36; Exod. 13:18-22; Ps. 118:19-29

Janie Alford, 1979; alt.

1 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us, come with Pen - te -
 2 We would raise our al - le - lu - ias for the grace of
 3 Come, O Spir - it, dwell a - mong us; give us words of

cos - tal power; give the church a strong - er vi - sion,
 for - mer years; for to - mor - row's un - known path - way,
 fire and flame. Help our strug - gling voic - es praise you,

help us face each cru - cial hour. Built up - on a firm foun - da - tion,
 hear, O God, our hum - ble prayers. In the church's pil - grim jour - ney
 glo - ri - fy your ho - ly name. Good Cre - a - tor, Sav - ior, Spir - it,

Je - sus Christ, the Cor - ner - stone, still the church is
 you have led us all the way, still in pres - ence
 Three in One: what mys - ter - y! We would sing our

Janie Alford is often described as "the Grandma Moses of hymnody." In her nineties, this retired medical secretary and Nashville, Tennessee, shop owner remained an active church worker and wrote many hymns. Nine of her texts were published in 1979.

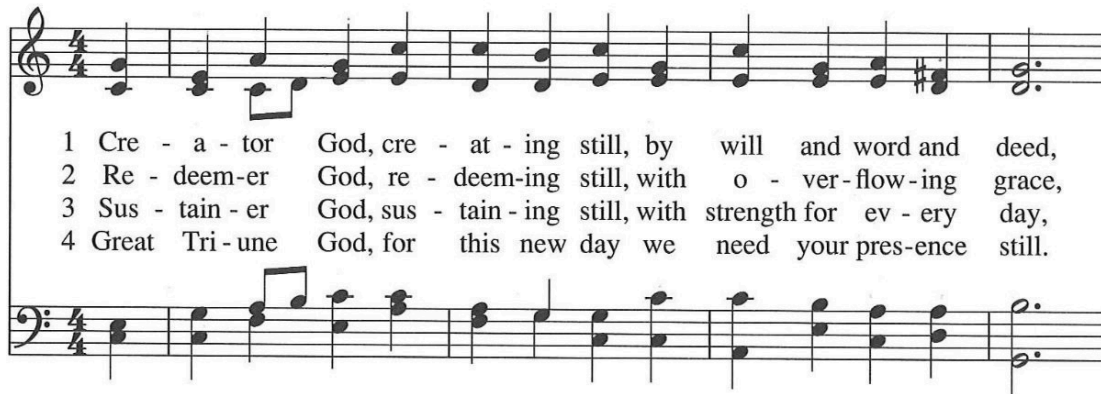
Tune: EBENEZER (TON-Y-BOTEL) 8.7.8.7.D.
 Thomas J. Williams, 1890

Creator God, Creating Still

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Jane Parker Huber, 1977; rev. 1993

Rom. 5:1-5



1 Cre - a - tor God, cre - at - ing still, by will and word and deed,
2 Re - deem-er God, re - deem-ing still, with o - ver-flow-ing grace,
3 Sus - tain - er God, sus - tain - ing still, with strength for ev - ery day,
4 Great Tri - une God, for this new day we need your pres-ence still.



Cre - ate a new hu - man - i - ty to meet the pres-ent need.
Pour out your love on us, through us, make this a ho - ly place.
Em - power us now to do your will. Cor - rect us when we stray.
Cre - ate, re - deem, sus - tain us now to do your work and will.

Jane Parker Huber's second hymn was written during a time of particular focus on language. By describing the Triune God in terms of function rather than in terms of persons, she hoped to avoid a tendency to think we know God by knowing formulas.

Tune: ST. ANNE C.M.
William Croft, 1708



ALL-COMMITTEE NIGHT

June 3, 2024

Everyone is invited to join, and we're really hoping all incoming, sitting, and outgoing elected leaders will attend.

**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, to be held quarterly, will give councils and committees a chance to partner across teams and share innovations and ideas with leaders. And any church members curious about the inner workings of the church's ministry are welcome to come and learn about what's taking place.

The Plymouth Church in Framingham

Chinese Dumpling-Making Dinner & Learn



Where...Parish Hall
When...Saturday, June 8, 4pm-8pm
Who...25 people, maximum!
How...All dumpling ingredients provided.

Dinner will be an Asian potluck.
Bring your favorite dish to share.

All dumpling recipes will be shared.
Veggie & meat options available.

My name is Xinyang (David) Bing and I am participating in a fundraising event for the Special Olympics called BioBall.

Bioball is a one-day basketball tournament and fundraiser pairing biotech companies with Special Olympic athletes to form a unified team that competes in a fun-filled day of basketball skills and game competitions.

Since the fundraising dinner will take place after the event, we are asking those interested to contact me at xbing88@gmail.com to sign up early and to "pre-register" by **June 5**. We recommend a \$25 donation for adults. Kids/Teens eat free (but their help would be greatly appreciated!)



Pre-register &
Donate Here

The Plymouth Church in Framingham | 87 Edgell Road, Framingham, MA | 508.875.1364
www.plymouthchurchframingham.org

BUFFET DINNER

SATURDAY, JUNE 15, 5:00-8:00PM

AT THE PLYMOUTH CHURCH IN FRAMINGHAM
87 EDGELL ROAD, FRAMINGHAM

TO BENEFIT

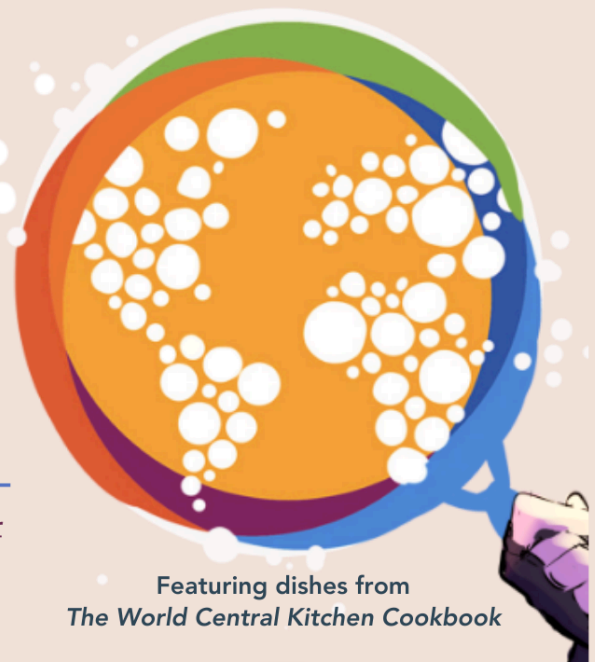
World Central Kitchen

Edwards and Plymouth Churches invite you to a community meal to highlight the good work of World Central Kitchen. We will raise money and have fun

www.plymouthchurchframingham.org/wck-fundraiser



Tickets on sale now.
Name your price!



Featuring dishes from
The World Central Kitchen Cookbook

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JOY IS AN ACT OF RESISTANCE!

It's our turn to help World Central Kitchen!

World Central Kitchen has brought chef-prepared meals to feed people in disaster areas around the world since 2010. The global nonprofit began when Chef José Andrés sought to help people in Haiti after the catastrophic 2010 earthquake and has returned to serve the people of Haiti in its current humanitarian crisis. They responded with urgency when Hurricane Harvey hit Houston and when Hurricane María hit Puerto Rico. WCK continues to feed people in Ukraine and Syria. They supported hospitals during the pandemic. WCK supports 68 community kitchens in Gaza, and they have also served over 540,000 meals in Israel. Their work spans more than 45 countries. They respond with empathy, compassion, and urgency after areas are devastated by war or natural disaster. They adapt to difficult circumstances to feed people and in doing so cultivate hope.

Join Us!

"This dinner will include recipes from *The World Central Kitchen Cookbook: Feeding Humanity, Feeding Hope*. We will learn how WCK does both and collect donations to support their ongoing work around the globe. If you are interested in helping set up, serve, or clean up, please indicate that when registering. Please purchase tickets prior to May 22, so we know how much food to prepare!

Sponsors

Edwards Church, UCC, in Framingham
First Congregational Church of Natick
First Parish in Framingham Unitarian Universalist
Greater Framingham Community Church
Just Peace Players
Memorial Congregational Church of Sudbury
Open Spirit
The Plymouth Church in Framingham
Tasty Harvests Kitchen Gardens



CHARITY CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Come toss a bag for a cause!

Saturday, June 22nd

Check-in starts at 10:00am

Bags Fly at 11:00am

**Ashland Corner Spot
6 Cherry Street**

**The field is limited,
so sign up your team TODAY!**



The Africa Exchange Project provides access to clean water, quality education and reliable healthcare in Pomerini, Tanzania.

PRIZE MONEY

First Place Team - \$400

Second Place Team - \$100

50/50 RAFFLE – Benefiting *Buy a Book Program* for the Pomerini School

[Click Here](#) or Scan the QR Code to sign up
to Play or as a Spectator

COST:

\$75 per Team of Two

\$25 per Spectator *(That wants to enjoy
refreshments)*

Includes food and drink!



Exhibit 'A'
Brewing Company



Dear Plymouth Church,

It is with a mixture of great joy and deep sadness that I inform you all I'll be retiring this year at the close of June. Great joy, because I will finally own my own time, and deep sadness because I leave a position I love, working with people I profoundly respect and admire. In the ten years we have been together, I never once suffered what you'd characterize as a "bad day at work." It was all beautiful. All of it.



I feel so blessed to have spent my days with you. You welcomed me into your lives, both the spiritual and the mundane. I've smiled at photos of your grandchildren, we've exchanged favorite recipes, and I've even made friends with many of your dogs. We have journeyed through a pandemic together and borne acute losses, including my own. When I lost my father and, soon after, my eldest brother, you were there for me with an abundance of comfort and solace. And it was at those times I realized I needed you far more than you could ever have needed me.

So, I leave you all with a full, yet heavy, heart. I am off to read, to write, to travel, and to spend long afternoons by the ocean or among the stacks in my local library. I thank you for your time, your inspiration, your goodwill, your openness, your empathy, your generosity, your forgiveness, and for the many kindnesses wrapped in your embrace. But the most important gift you've given me is to teach me how the kingdom of heaven is already here. It's in the way I've seen you care for and love one another, and in the way I've seen you so freely turn that love out into the world. No other church I served revealed that truth to me so plainly, so often, and with such divine grace. It is the finest parting gift of all.

You all mean so much to me.

With love and gratitude,



Everyone is invited to a celebratory **Staff Open House**, at the church, on Thursday, **June 13** from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

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STAFF DIRECTORY

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Core Values

Community
Intergenerational Life
Service and Social Action
Worship and Spiritual Life
Welcome and Hospitality

Bedrock Beliefs

We believe we are called to be kind, love justice, and walk humbly with God.
We believe that God is present with us always in times of trial and rejoicing.
We embrace Jesus' call to love and serve one another.
We believe that God hears and answers our prayers.
We believe in the fullness of God's grace (unmerited favor).