

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 8, 2023



See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare.

Isaiah 42:9

Sunday, January 8, 2023
The Baptism of Jesus

Tolling of the Bell

Prelude

Noel Ancien

Doyen

Call to Worship

Isaiah 42:1-9

Opening Hymn

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Prayer of Invocation

One: God of Signs and Wonders, a star is calling us to a strange and awesome journey. We do not understand what this means. We are not sure we have what it takes to turn toward its light.

All: Jesus, forgive us for all the times we have ignored your advent. Forgive us for all the times we have refused to follow you. Forgive us for all the times we dissuaded others by our skepticism, our anger, and our disbelieving.

One: God of Thresholds and Transformations, a prophet calls to us from the wilderness. We do not understand what this means. We are not sure we have what it takes to wade into the water.

All: Bless us again, Holy Spirit, with water and wisdom. Repair the brokenness that keeps us separated from one another and from you. Commission us to a great and worthy purpose.

One: O God, Our Creator, we pray. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Matthew 3:13-17

Blessing

Children's Time

Sermon

"Bedrock Beliefs"

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.

Transformation Moment

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Rise Up Shepherds and Follow

Osterland

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

Love Has Come

Benediction

Postlude

Allegro from Organ Concerto in B minor

Walther

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

Tú has venido a la orilla

(You Have Come down to the Lakeshore)

Matt. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; Luke 5:1-11

Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1979; alt.

Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1989; alt.

D A7 D

1 Tú has ve - ni - do a la o - ri - lla, no has bus -
 2 Tú sa - bes bien lo que ten - go: en mi
 1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing
 2 You know full well my pos - ses - sions. Nei - ther

G A7

ca - do ni a sa - bios, ni a ri - cos, tan só - lo
 bar - ca no hay o - ro ni es - pa - das; tan só - lo
 nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, But on - ly
 trea - sure nor weap - ons for con - quest, Just these my

D A7 D *Estribillo (Refrain)*
D7

que - res que yo te si - ga. Je -
 re - des y mi tra - ba - jo.
 ask - ing for me to fol - low. O
 fish - nects and will for work - ing.

G D

sús, me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos;
 Je - sus, you have looked in - to my eyes;

One of the most popular hymns to emerge from the 1970s revival of religious songs in Spain, this text has been translated into nearly eighty languages. The Spanish composer-author was a parish priest known for his work among youth.

Tune: PESCADOR DE HOMBRES
 8.10.10. with refrain
 Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1979
 Harm. Skinner Chávez-Melo, 1987

A7 D

son - ri - en - do, has di - cho mi nom - bre;
 kind - ly smil - ing, you've called out my name.

D7 G F#m

en la a - re - na he de - ja - do mi bar - ca;
 On the sand I have a - ban - doned my small boat;

B7 Em A7 D

jun - to a ti bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.
 now with you I will seek oth - er seas.

3. Tú ne - ce - si - tas mis ma - nos,
 mi can - san - cio que a o - tros des - can - se,
 a - mor que quie - ra se - guir a - man - do.
Estribillo

3. You need my hands, my ex - haus - tion,
 work - ing love for the rest of the
 wea - ry—
 A love that's will - ing to go on lov - ing.
Refrain

4. Tú, Pes - ca - dor de o - tros ma - res,
 an - sia e - ter - na de al - mas que es - pe - ran.
 A - mi - go bue - no, que a - sí me lla - mas.
Estribillo

4. You who have fished oth - er wa - ters;
 you, the long - ing of souls that are
 yearn - ing:
 As lov - ing Friend, you have come
 to call me.
Refrain

Love Has Come

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Capo 3: (D) (Bm7) (Em7) (A)
 F Dm7 Gm7 C



1 Love has come: a light in the dark - ness!
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der.
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us!

(D) (Bm7) (Em) (A7) (D)
 F Dm7 Gm C7 F



Love shines forth in the Beth - le - hem skies. See, all
 Love is God now a - sleep in the hay. See the
 Love is life ev - er - last - ing and free. Love is

(A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A) (G) (D)
 C F Dm F C B^b F



heav - en has come to pro - claim it; hear how their song of
 glow in the eyes of his moth - er; what is the name her
 Je - sus with - in and a - mong us. Love is the peace our

(Em7) (F#7) (G) (A) (Bm) (A7)
 Gm7 A7 B^b C Dm C7



joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to you, a
 heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the name she
 hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the gift of

(D) (A) (G) (A) (D) (A) (A7) (Dsus) (D)
 F C B^b C F C C7 Fsus F



Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.
 whis - pers. Love! Love! Je - sus, Em - man - u - el.
 Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Here is a chance to sing a familiar French carol tune with new words, the most important clearly being "Love." The senses "seen and heard" (as in Acts 4:20 and elsewhere) organize the first two stanzas, while the third holds the summary statement: "Love is the gift of Christmas."

Bulletin Reminders for January 8, 2023

CALLING ALL STAKEHOLDERS!

We would like to gather everyone who has ever had a hand in Family or Youth Ministry for a single meeting on Tuesday, **January 17**, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., here at church, as part of our transition to being a one-pastor church.

If you were a teacher, youth group leader, confirmation mentor, Mystery Mailbox Penpal...

If you are a parent, or parent of graduates...

If you are a past or present member of the Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, or Family Coordinating Committees...

If you are a young person involved in church now...

If you're a grownup who really liked the Christmas Pageant...

this invitation is for *YOU!*

Our time will be one part update on the transition and plans for the spring, one part capturing the wisdom we share about the past, and one part chatting about whatever's on your mind. We will supply a pizza dinner for everyone and cartoons and childcare for any kiddos who need to tag along.

Come for pizza at 5:30, meeting to begin at 6:00.

RSVP via the link in your Wednesday Email.

FRAMINGHAM TOGETHER

Framingham Together consists of organizations that stand in solidarity against racism and discrimination of any kind and look to create and to foster an inclusive community for all. Launched in 2020, Framingham Together is a coalition of over 40 nonprofit and community partners, committed to ensuring the work of diversity, equity, and inclusion is honored and celebrated in our community. Check out their website and, especially, the extended PSA on the Community page.

TRANSFORMATION CORNER

New Year's greetings from the Transformation Team! As you recall, we are working through a process of discernment to better understand what God has in store for us in this season in the life of Plymouth Church. So far, we have established a list of Core Values that articulate our expectations of each other and guide our actions. Currently, we are sharing and clarifying our Bedrock Beliefs – the principles and symbols of our faith we affirm, proclaim, and spontaneously return to during times of confusion and stress. Considered together, these values and beliefs will guide us to a clearer vision of our future and ultimately help to define our mission – our purpose in bringing God's healing into the world. Over the next few weeks, we will explore the symbols which express our beliefs and give you the opportunity to share what these symbols mean to you. *Watch your Wednesday Email for more.*

WAYFARERS:

A MONTHLY SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION

A wayfarer is a person who travels, a pilgrim on a journey. A wayfinder is a sign or marker that helps orient travelers on the road. This course invites you to consider becoming both: one who journeys and one who guides others. Each month, there are three offerings:

Self-study: a video to watch, an article to read, with guiding questions; something you can do on your own.

Class Discussion: a large gathering of all participants on Zoom, to discuss and react to that month's topic.

Small Group: participants will be assigned to a smaller group for more intimate story sharing and reflection.

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