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# THE BELOVED COMMUNITY

**Sunday, October 17, 2021**

**10:00 AM in person and on YouTube**

Luke 15:1-7

Worship, Congregational Meeting, and an all-church  
clean up project to Keep Framingham Beautiful



GOD IS HERE

## DEACONS, USHERS, & GREETERS

Kathy Copson, Emily Lynch, Carole Blackman, Barbara Harting, Shivaun Pryor

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## FLOWER DEDICATION

The flowers this morning are given by Carole Blackman in memory of Warren Blackman.

### WARM CLOTHING DRIVE

Your extra, gently-used warm clothing is needed by the many men, women, and children living in our shelters. Now is the time to go through your closets. What no longer fits you will be a dreamed-of gift for our shelter residents. Coats, jackets, sweat shirts, hats, gloves, warm pants. If your family has needed it and used it in the past, another family will need and use it now. This collection runs from **October 10 to November 7**. For questions, call Debbie Nichols, 508.429.4602.

### PLYMOUTH CHURCH "KEEP FRAMINGHAM BEAUTIFUL" CLEANUP EVENT...**TODAY, AFTER ANNUAL MEETING!**

Come get your Spirit in Action to help clean up Downtown Framingham! All ages invited! Wear your red Plymouth Church T-shirts to show our community that we care! We'll carpool from the church parking lot. Bring a pair of work gloves, grabbers (if you have them), and a snack/beverage. We'll provide the trash bags.

### SANCTUARY WINDOWS DURING WORSHIP

As part of our COVID protocols, we are leaving the windows of the Sanctuary open throughout worship. As the temperatures drop, for the next few weeks, we plan to keep the windows open. We encourage you to bring a coat, even a blanket, to stay warm. We haven't identified a clear plan for when winter arrives in full force. We welcome ideas and suggestions!

### THANK YOU!

The Plymouth Church Choir would like to thank **Elizabeth Tustian** for creating the stylish, comfortable, and unique face masks we are so pleased to wear in worship.



### GOLDEN TICKET RECIPIENTS

**"You will do the works that I do and greater works than these." (Jn. 14:12)**

Keep those prayers streaming to Alison Simons (and Jackson), Jessica Cloutier, Elaine Lowell, Shari Van Hook, and Beth Marascio. Offer them your support, encouragement, and ideas!



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Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

*The Acts Of God Are Righteous, Walther*

Welcome & Announcements

Responsive Prayer of Invocation

One: Do not fear, O soil! Be glad and rejoice,  
for the Holy One has done great things!

**All: Surely those great things were long ago,  
in a distant land, to another people.**

One: Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the wilderness pastures are green;  
the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

**All: Surely, that was before we felled entire forests,  
poisoned the waters and spoiled the farmlands.**

One: O children of Zion, be glad! Rejoice in the Holy One your God  
who has given the early rain for your vindication.

The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

**All: Holy God, teach us again to believe in hope, to dedicate our lives  
to your blessing, to trust in your transforming, redeeming love! Amen!**

(Joel 2:21-24)

The Peace of Christ

Scripture Reading: Luke 15:1-7

*Children and Youth are invited to Faith Workshop!*

Sermon: "Surprising Capacity"

Song

*People Need The Lord, McHugh/Nelson/Hayes*

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

Postlude

*Vesper Voluntary, Elgar*

*Weekly gifts and pledges can be placed in the Offering Basket in the back.*

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## A Simpler Way

“Life is playful and life plays with us. The future cannot be determined. It can only be experienced as it is occurring.”

This week we explore Emergence, exploring pages 66-75 together.



## Mending Church

Discussion Questions:

- How were you connected to community during Covid?
- Who do you want to reconnect with now?

The color of the day is **ORANGE**.



## Games & Activities

In what year was the game Cornhole invented?