

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 5, 2023



Sunday, February 5, 2023
The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Tolling of the Bell

Prelude

Praise Him

Diemer

Call to Worship

One: Praise the Lord!

**All: Happy are those who honor the Lord,
who greatly delight in God's commandments.**

One: Their descendants will be mighty in the land
and their righteousness will endure forever.

All: They are gracious and merciful. They conduct their affairs with justice.

One: Their hearts are firm, secure in the LORD.

All: Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid.

One: Happy are those who honor the Lord.

All: Let us honor and praise the Lord! Amen!

Psalm 112:1-8

Opening Hymn

For Everyone Born (verses 1-3, 5)

Welcome and Announcements

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**Alpha and Omega, Beginning and End, we call upon You to be present with us
in our worship today. Ground our time together in the confidence that You are
always with us and always working all things for good. As we mark one ending
today, we also step out into a new beginning on the path that leads us more
deeply into the mystery of Your love. Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

Junior Choir Anthem

Journey in Peace

Beck and Cohn

Translation of the Hebrew: "Lead us in peace and direct our steps in peace."

Matthew 5:13-20

Blessing

Reflection For All Ages

Senior Choir Anthem

I Believe

Miller

Kelly Drescher, soprano

Pastoral Prayer and 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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

May God Smile on You (Cantata 106)

Bach

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.

Holy Communion

This morning, the bread is allergen free, so that we may all partake together. A Deacon will signal your pew when to come forward to receive the bread and cup. Bring both back to the pew with you, so that we may eat together. We would be happy to bring the elements to you; just let the Deacon know as they come by.

Responsive Consecration

One: One night, long ago, when the tension was high and the transformation already begun, Jesus gathered with his closest friends to share a meal. No two nights on the road with Jesus had been the same, and yet each meal they shared together felt familiar, felt like home.

Two: As the meal was drawing to a close, Jesus took bread, he lifted it up, gave thanks and broke it, saying:

All: This is my body broken for you. Take it and eat. Do this often, and remember me.

One: And in the same way Jesus filled a cup, lifted it up, and gave thanks, saying:

All: This is a sign of the New Covenant poured out for you and for all people. Take it and drink. Do this often, and remember me.

Two: Gracious and loving God, pour your spirit upon this bread and cup. Transform them from food for the body into food for the soul, that we might be fed, healed, and inspired to feed and heal others. In Jesus's name, Amen.

Communion Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together

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Closing Prayer

Precious Lord, for all that you give us and all that you beckon us toward, we give you thanks. Patient Jesus, for the daily bread that you offer us, and for sustaining us on the journey, we give you praise. Powerful Spirit, for the unity that you create, we lift up your name: Jesus Christ our Head, Amen.

Liturgy of Gratitude and Release

(See next page.)

Youth Prayer

Holy God, we give thanks for blessing us with Will, who provided us with love, advice, support, and took a group of people and made it a family. We ask God that you return the favor. Go with him wherever he may go in life's adventures. We pray that you keep him safe, happy, and healthy, and that he may find fulfillment, and peace of mind while continuing his work positively impacting the lives of many new people. Amen.

Closing Hymn

In the Midst of New Dimensions

Benediction

Sung Response

Postlude

Prelude in C Major

Bach

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

Liturgy of Gratitude and Release

Leader: On December 7, 2014, the Plymouth Church in Framingham called William Tanner to serve as the Pastor for Family Life.

Will: I thank Plymouth Church, its members and friends, for the love, kindness, and support shown me these last 8 years. I give you my gratitude for our shared work and I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made.

ALL: We receive your gratitude, we forgive you and accept that you now leave to minister elsewhere. We celebrate your faithful work here and we ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.

Will: I forgive you and accept your gratitude, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

Leader: While in ministry with Plymouth Church, Will has served in a ministry partnership with Rev. Greg Morisse.

Leader: Members and Friends of Plymouth Church, do you release Rev. William Tanner, from the duties of Pastor for Family Life?

ALL: We do, with the help of God.

Leader: Do you offer your encouragement for his ministry as it unfolds in new ways?

ALL: We do, with the help of God.

Leader: On behalf of the central Massachusetts association of the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ, I witness to the words spoken: Words of thankfulness, forgiveness, and release. The member churches of our association and conference hold each of you in prayer. We pledge our support in the transitions signified in this service.

ALL: Thanks be to God.



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For Everyone Born



1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

This hymn from a noted New Zealand hymnwriter affirms that God's hospitality transcends the barriers erected by human society and that we who have been created in God's image are called to live in ways that reflect our Creator's values: justice and joy, compassion and peace.

TEXT: Shirley Erena Murray, 1998

MUSIC: Brian Mann, 2006

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FOR EVERYONE BORN

11.10.11.10 with refrain

Refrain

B All E E/G# A2 Bsus B

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and

E E/G# A2 Bsus B

joy, com-pas - sion and peace: yes,

C#m C#m/B A2

God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,

Bsus B E (◌) Fine A2 E Bsus B

jus-tice and joy!

1. In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,
 2. Through the flood of starv-ing peo-ples, war-ring fac-tions and de-spair,
 3. Though we reach the high-est heav-ens, hold-ing worlds at our com-mand,
 4. Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions cause us to with-draw in pain,

who will lead the pil-grim peo-ples wan-d'ring in their sep-'rate ways?
 who will lift the ol-ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?
 we are yet a des-ert peo-ple search-ing for the prom-ised land.
 may your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir-it res-ur-rect the church a-gain.

God of rain-bow, fier-y pil-lar, lead-ing where the ea-gles soar, we your

peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev-er, now and ev-er, now and ev-er-more.

WORDS: Julian B. Rush, 1985, alt.
 MUSIC: Julian B. Rush, 1985; arr. *The New Century Hymnal*, 1995, alt.

NEW DIMENSIONS
 87.87 w. refrain

This hymn on diversity was written for a meeting of the Rocky Mountain Conference of United Methodists. Rush is director of the Colorado AIDS Project.

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Bulletin Reminders for February 5, 2023

HOMEMADE SOUP SALE...*TODAY!*

Donate your favorite soups so others can enjoy. Containers can be picked up in the Parish Hall after worship. Bring your soup donations before worship on **February 5**. Leona Dalton can answer any questions you may have when you pick up your containers. All proceeds will benefit the church.

PHNS WINTER FUNDRAISER

PHNS is excited to partner with Harrow's Chicken Pies for a winter fundraiser! You can order family-sized chicken pies (with or without veggies) for \$20 (typically \$25) and they will be delivered and ready for pickup on Thursday, February 16. The pies will be frozen, so you can save them for an easy, delicious dinner, ready to be put in the oven! PHNS will earn 35% of all sales. **Orders are due by the end of the day on Friday, February 10**, and can be paid for with cash or by check made out to Plymouth House Nursery School. Feel free to share with local family and friends! If you have any questions, please contact Jenn Gunnell at director.phns@gmail.com or 508.875.1001. Order forms can be returned to PHNS between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., or by mail. (Send me an email so I know to look out for it!) *See your Wednesday Email for order form.*

SPECIAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Transformation Team is encouraging you to sign up for a special church Conference, taking place on **March 3-4**. *Level Up* is presented by Faith Community Church and is designed to equip you for leadership in church and in life. Please let Greg know if you're interested. Deadline to Register as a team is **February 10**. Cost is \$30 (and assistance is available). *Check your Wednesday Email for full details.*

POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY

DISCUSSION...*TODAY!*

TODAY, at 11:30 a.m., in the fellowship hall of Greater Framingham Community church, we will hold a discussion with area police chiefs. Given the recent tragedy of Tyre Nichols' death, it is important that we once again bring in law enforcement to share our concerns and to learn what they are doing to protect and to respect our communities. We expect to have officers from Framingham, Southboro, Marlboro, Natick, and Ashland Police departments.

PILGRIM LODGE

Pilgrim Lodge is owned and operated by the Maine Conference of the United Church of Christ. It is an incredible opportunity to connect with church friends over the summer and make new church friends outside Plymouth Church. We want to help kids get to Pilgrim Lodge, so Plymouth Church offers Camperships to help meet the cost of camp. To apply for a campership, please see your *Wednesday Email* for links, and complete the form by Sunday, **February 12**. Registration is open. Please check out www.pilgrimlodge.org to select your favorite camp week and to apply. If/when you register, please let Greg know. If getting a scholarship from Plymouth Church is the difference between going and not going, please let us know ASAP.

BEANPOT TOURNEY TICKETS

David Broden is looking for someone to join him on two Monday evenings (**February 6** and **February 13**) for the Boston Beanpot, an annual hockey tournament featuring Boston College, Boston University, Harvard, and Northeastern, at TD Garden in Boston. If you're interested in attending the games with David, please call the Church Office, 508.875.1364.

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