

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Sunday, March 27, 2022



You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble.

Psalm 32:7

EASTER FLOWERS 2022

This year, we're doing something different with respect to our Easter Flower donations. Rather than ordering individual plants, we are taking donations to a "Flower Fund," which will cover the expense of providing Easter flowers to our housebound members, as well as funding the Flowering of the Cross on Easter Sunday. For a suggested donation of \$20, you may still honor, celebrate, or remember a loved one in our Easter Sunday bulletin. Watch for details on how to order in your *Wednesday Email*.

CLOTHING COLLECTION FOR CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE - MAY 28-29

The Social Action Committee is collecting gently-used clothing for its annual Rummage Sale. Women's, men's, and children's clothing accepted, in all sizes. If possible, please bundle women's, men's, and children's items in separately labeled bags to help make sorting easier. All items can be dropped off in the Parish Hall foyer. Rummage Sale dates are: Friday, May 27, 6:00-8:00 p.m., and Saturday, May 28, from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. If you're interested in helping sort clothing or assisting on sale day, please contact the Social Action Committee for more details: Mattie Schadt, Robyne Jerome, Al Rapoza, or Sam Swisher.

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION ON THE COMMON Saturday, April 23, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Our Plymouth Church Green Team needs your help! Sign up for a shift at our Plymouth Church booth, on April 23. Donate clean fabric napkins for an Earth Day project. (Place napkins in the marked basket by the elevator downstairs.)

Questions? Contact Jane Fadden (faddenvj@aol.com) or Laraine Snooks (larainesnooks@msn.com)

"MENDING CHURCH" BANNER PROJECT


We made great progress on the Banner Project last week, but there's still some sewing to do. If you are able, please bring your sewing machine and join us after church *TODAY*, to complete the last few seams.

ORDER CHANCEL FLOWERS ONLINE

You may now order Chancel flowers online, via our website. Visit our website and click on the *Church Family* tab. You'll find *Order Chancel Flowers* in the drop-down menu.

HUMANITARIAN AID FOR UKRAINE

Feeling helpless and distressed over the unbearable events taking place in Ukraine? Have you been wondering how you can help? Keep an eye out for next week's *Wednesday Email*. Your Social Action Team will be announcing details on how we can get involved as a congregation and provide aid to those impacted by this war.



The flyer features a blue and yellow background with a stylized Zumbathon logo. The text is as follows:

JCC Greater Boston

DANCE FOR UKRAINE ZUMBATHON®

Sunday, April 3 | 10am-12pm

All proceeds go to JCC Solomonika in Dnepro, Ukraine

Open to JCC members and the entire community! Registration required.

JCC Solomonika needs our help. Lace up your sneakers and join us for a morning of dancing and movement in support of Ukraine.

This event will raise funds for the JCC Solomonika in Dnepro, Ukraine, Boston's sister city. Refugees here are in dire need of food, medications and resources during the Russian invasion of their country.

We hope you will join us to support our friends in Ukraine through the power of movement, community, and fun!

Contact Mattie Schadt if interested.

774.217.3477

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Prelude *Deus Tuorum Militum (O Love, How Deep)* arr. Stearns

Tolling of the Bell

Welcome & Announcements

Responsive Psalm of Invocation

One: Wait. In the hurried pace of life, God comes slowly. The Holy One will bring a new song and beautiful melodies of praise.

All: Many will worry and fear, but we will trust in God.

One: Those who put their trust in God discover joy. They come to know the steadfast, sure love of our Creator.

All: God has done wondrous deeds of power. We tell the story of God's presence in our lives and remember God's care during our affliction.

One: God does not demand sacrifice and offering, But instead opens the door of the Temple that we may find rest.

All: So, we wait. And say, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."

Psalm 40:1-8

Passing of the Peace

Luke 15:11-32

Blessing

Time for All Ages

Sermon

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Prelude in C Major* Bach

Doxology

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 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, Amen.

Closing Hymn *Praise to the Living God*

Benediction

Postlude *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* *Morecambe/Held*

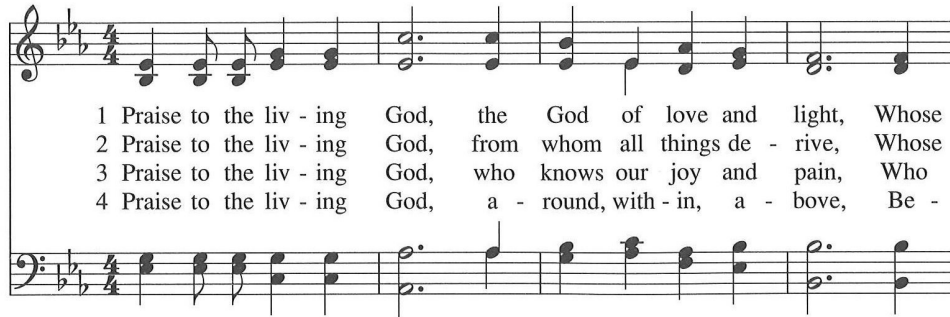


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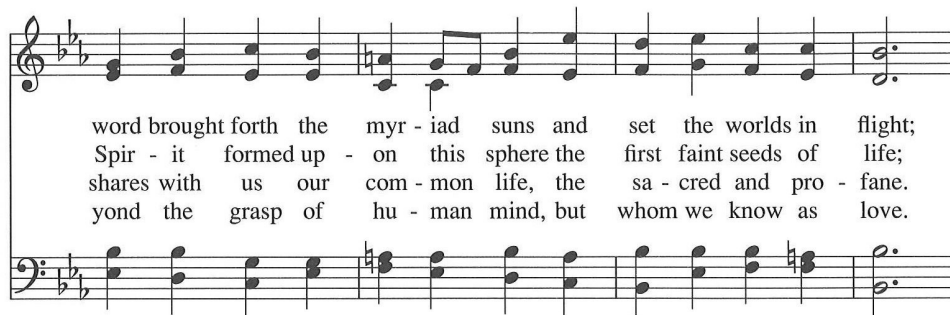
Praise to the Living God

Ps. 84:1-2

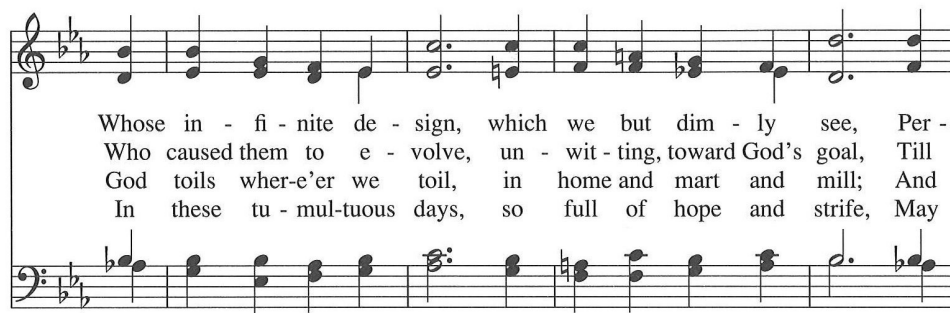
Curtis Beach, 1966; alt.



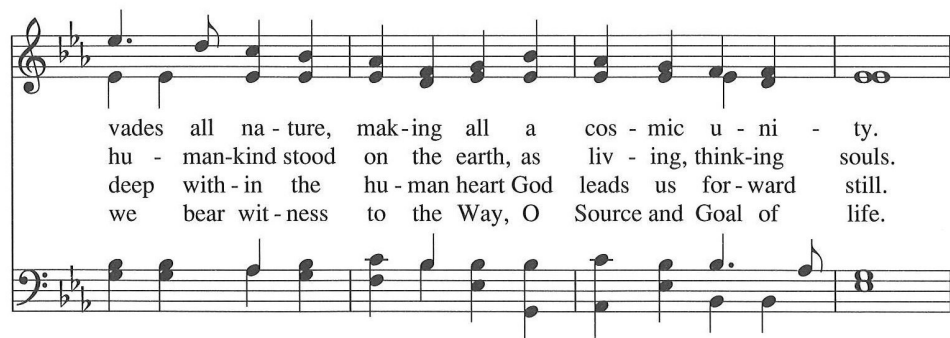
1 Praise to the liv - ing God, the God of love and light, Whose
2 Praise to the liv - ing God, from whom all things de - rive, Whose
3 Praise to the liv - ing God, who knows our joy and pain, Who
4 Praise to the liv - ing God, a - round, with - in, a - bove, Be -



word brought forth the myr - iad suns and set the worlds in flight;
Spir - it formed up - on this sphere the first faint seeds of life;
shares with us our com - mon life, the sa - cred and pro - fane.
yond the grasp of hu - man mind, but whom we know as love.



Whose in - fi - nite de - sign, which we but dim - ly see, Per -
Who caused them to e - volve, un - wit - ting, toward God's goal, Till
God toils wher-e'er we toil, in home and mart and mill; And
In these tu - mul-tuous days, so full of hope and strife, May



vades all na - ture, mak - ing all a cos - mic u - ni - ty.
hu - man-kind stood on the earth, as liv - ing, think - ing souls.
deep with - in the hu - man heart God leads us for - ward still.
we bear wit - ness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

Curtis Beach, born into a family of several generations of ministers, was educated at Harvard University, the Boston University School of Theology, and the University of Southern California. A minister in the United Church of Christ, Beach authored The Gospel of Mark: Its Making and Meaning.

Tune: *DIADEMATA* S.M.D.
George J. Elvey, 1868