

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 26, 2023



*Raising Lazarus, Caravaggio (1609)*

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life.  
Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,  
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.  
Do you believe this?"

John 11:25-26

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**Sunday, March 26, 2023**

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Tolling of the Bell

Prelude

*Variations on Veni Creator Spiritus*

*Hopson*

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

*Morning Has Broken*

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Prayer of Confession

*One:* Out of the depths we cry to you, O God.  
Give heed to our lament and our longing.  
Come near and be with us in our search and struggle.

**All: Do not count our sins and my mistakes;  
we have not well or fully followed your way.**

*One:* There is forgiveness with you, O God.  
therefore we shall wait;  
our soul waits for you and in your word we hope.

**All: Our soul waits for the Holy One  
more than those who watch for the morning.**

*One:* And you shall be rewarded, O People,  
for with God there is steadfast love,  
and with God is great power to redeem.

-Psalm 130

Assurance of Forgiveness

Kyrie Eleison

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line begins with the lyrics "Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son, Ky - ri - e e -" and continues with "le - i - son." The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support. The second system continues the vocal line with "le - i - son." and includes a "Hum" instruction with a long horizontal line indicating a sustained hum. The piano accompaniment also continues with sustained chords.

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Passing of the Peace

One: "The Peace of Christ be with you."

**All: And also with you!**

Junior Choir Anthem

*Meditation for Lent: There Is a Green Hill*

*Bedford*

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Blessing

Children's Time

Sermon

"ONA. Ok. Then what?"

Senior Choir Anthem

*Deep River*

*arr. Johnson*

*Marybeth Costello, mezzo soprano*

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.*

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*Were You There?*

*arr. Stevens*

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

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come St. George's Windsor*

*The congregation is encouraged to enjoy the entire Postlude.*



# Morning Has Broken

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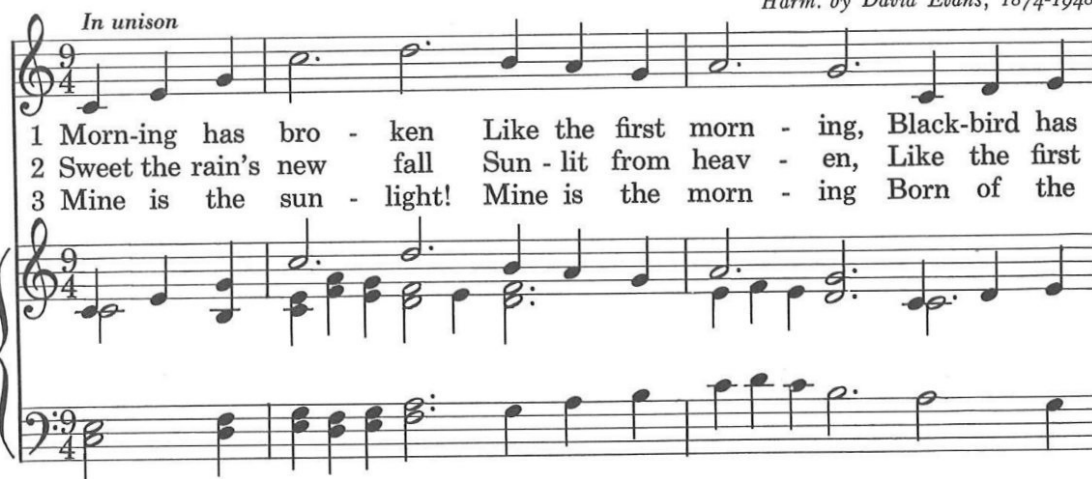
Eleanor Farjeon, 1881-

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Gaelic Melody

Harm. by David Evans, 1874-1948

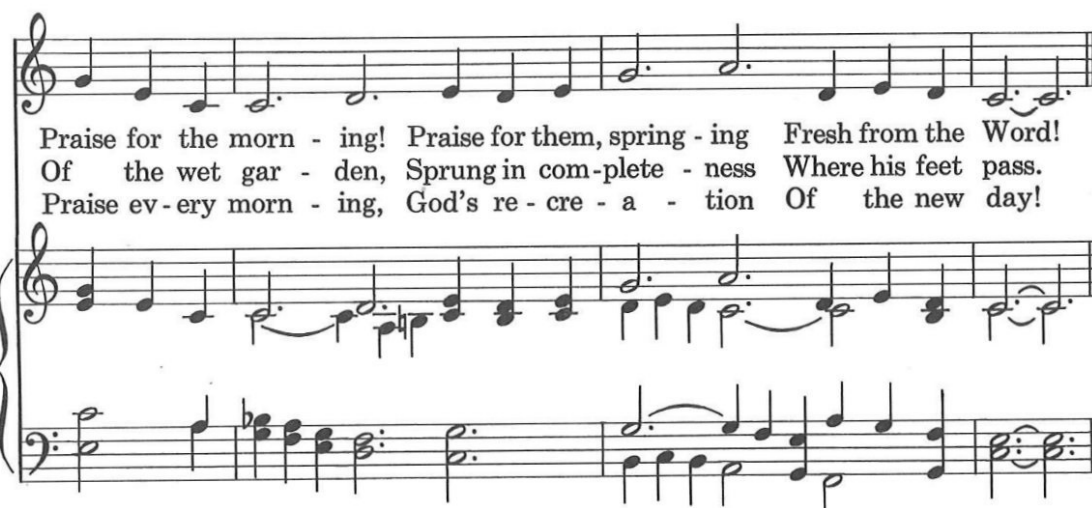
*In unison*



1 Morn-ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black-bird has  
2 Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first  
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the



spo - ken Like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing!  
dew - fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness  
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion,



Praise for the morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!  
Of the wet gar - den, Sprung in com-plete - ness Where his feet pass.  
Praise ev - ery morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

## Breathe on Me, Breath of God

*Edwin Hatch, 1835-1889, alt.*

Second Tune

TRENTHAM S.M.  
*Robert Jackson, 1840-1914*

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life a - new,  
 2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, Un - til my heart is pure,  
 3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am whol - ly thine,  
 4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I nev - er die,

That I may love what thou dost love, And do what thou wouldst do.  
 Un - til with thee I will one will To do and to en - dure.  
 Un - til this earth - ly part of me Glows with thy fire di - vine.  
 But live with thee the per - fect life Of thine e - ter - ni - ty. A - men.



# Bulletin Reminders for March 26, 2023

## **KINDNESS IN ACTION CAMPAIGN**

Our *Kindness in Action* Campaign is going strong and our Kindness Garden continues to blossom! As of Sunday, we've planted **241 hearts!** We are currently on course to exceed our goal by a million hearts! OK, that might be a slight exaggeration, but we will definitely surpass our goal by Easter morning! Our collaboration with *Keep Framingham Beautiful* is continues to thrive with **141 added hearts!** Check out the *Keep Framingham Beautiful* Facebook page, when you can.

## **KINDNESS IN ACTION TO HOST SCREENING**

As part of our *Kindness in Action* campaign, the Social Action Committee will screen the CBS special program, "*The Gift: Kindness Goes Viral with Steve Hartman*" TODAY, at 11:30 a.m., in the Youth Room. Grab your favorite beverage and snack from Coffee Hour, and come see how others have creatively spread kindness in their communities.

## **CWS HYGIENE KITS**

We seek: **hand towels, washcloths, combs, nail clippers, bath-size soap, toothbrushes, band-aids.** Both the hygiene kits and school kits will be assembled by Faith Workshop kids at the end of March. Please leave donations in the baskets near the lower elevator.

## **PLYMOUTH CHURCH COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS**

Applications for The Plymouth Church College Scholarship are now available. The deadline is Sunday, **April 16.** Awards will be given on Sunday, May 21, during *Children & Youth Sunday.* If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to Greg.

## **EASTER SUNDAY FLOWERS 2023**

As we did last year, we are taking donations to a "Flower Fund" to cover the expense of providing Easter flowers to our housebound members. For a donation of \$20, you may honor, celebrate, or remember a loved one in our Easter Sunday bulletin by placing your order. You have the option of taking your plant(s) home with you on Easter Sunday, or donating your plant(s) to one of our housebound members in need of cheer. Please indicate your choice on your order. Deadline to order is Thursday, **March 30.** (See complete details and links in your Wednesday Email.)

## **NEW MEMBER SUNDAY (EASTER!)**

It's way past time that we offered folks a chance to formally join the church. If the Spirit is moving you to, we invite you to attend a conversation after worship on Sunday, **April 2** (Palm Sunday). Bring your questions and your curiosity. We will formally welcome and covenant with New Members on Easter Sunday! We had a few folks join during the pandemic online, so we'll probably put them up front, too. It'll be fun!



## **MARCH 19 COFFEE KLATCH**

*Mudit Mehta, Jamie Klippenstein, Rebecca Reiner, John Tonkiss, and Chuck Willingham*



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Given by \_\_\_\_\_

Tel # \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Plants \_\_\_\_\_

@\$20/each \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor/Celebration of \_\_\_\_\_

**Please print legibly.**

I will take my plant(s) home after the Easter service.

I would like my plant(s) delivered to someone in need of cheer.

*Please make your check payable to "Plymouth Church"  
with "Easter Flowers" in the memo line.*







Bethany Hill Place

# Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help make a difference in the lives of children in our community! We are dedicated to helping our younger resident develop skills and strengthen their love for learning. If you are interested in helping out, please let us know!

## We need help with:

- Wednesday Reading Club
- Monday Fun Club
- School Vacations
- Reading/Writing Coaches
- General Mentor Activities



### More Information :

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