

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 29, 2022

The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
Fire goes before him,
and consumes his adversaries on every side.
His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.
The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the Lord of all the earth.
The heavens proclaim his righteousness;
and all the peoples behold his glory.

Psalm 97:1-6

Sunday, May 29, 2022
Seventh Sunday of Easter

Today's Chancel Flowers are given by Jeanne and Richard Heath,
in loving memory of their mother, Mrs. Jean E. Heath.



Prelude

Tolling of the Bell

Call to Worship

One: In a world filled with violence and war,

All: we gather together to celebrate the promise of peace.

One: In a world filled with tyranny and oppression,

All: we gather together to celebrate the promise of justice for all.

One: In a world filled with hunger and greed,

All: we gather together to celebrate the promise of plenty for all.

One: Our hope is in the name of the Almighty God,

All: the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of heaven and earth.

*from On Earth as in Heaven: Praying for Peace,
MCC Peace Sunday Packet, 2008*

Opening Hymn

Give Thanks for Life

Welcome & Announcements

Unison Prayer of Invocation

God of life, in this time of prayer and song and memory awaken us to your life-giving presence. May the sense of your Spirit within and among us empower us to be people of peace. Help us remember that true peace comes not from victory on the battlefield but through justice and abundant life for all people of the world. This, we pray in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, who was called the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

John 17:20-26

Blessing

Message for All Ages

Sermon

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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Doxology

Pilgrim, 514

Each week, we sing and sign an inclusive Doxology (ASL).

Closing Hymn

This Is My Song

Benediction

Postlude

Today, we welcome Guest Organist, Donna Chaff, who is filling in for Elissa Putukian.

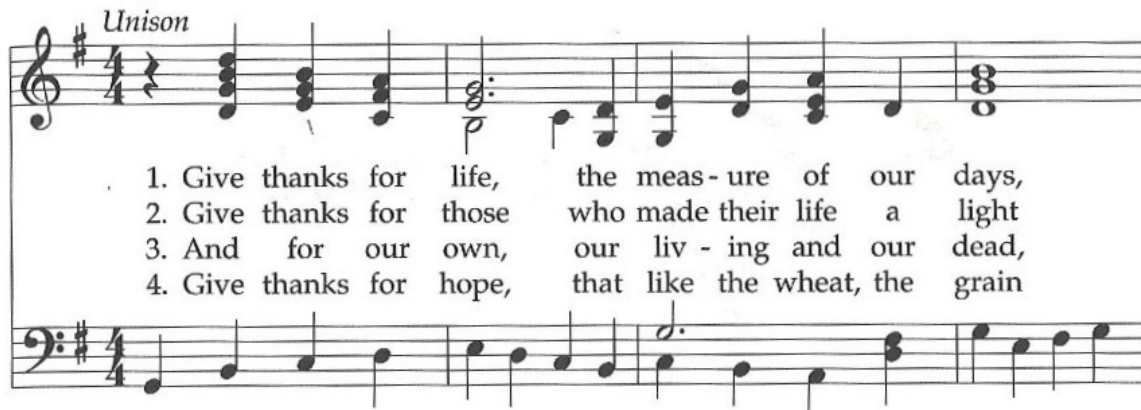
Following the Benediction, worshipers are encouraged to enjoy the entire Postlude.



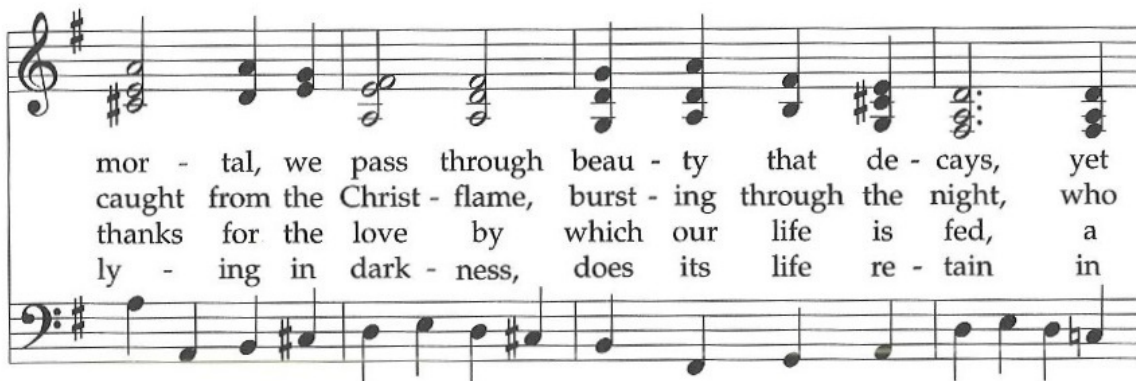
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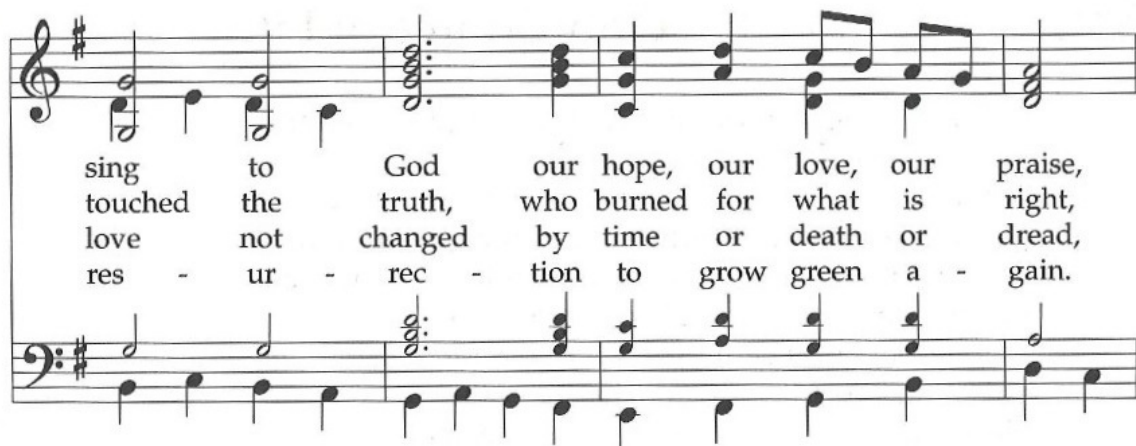
Unison



1. Give thanks for life, the meas - ure of our days,
 2. Give thanks for those who made their life a light
 3. And for our own, our liv - ing and our dead,
 4. Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain



mor - tal, we pass through beau - ty that de - cays, yet
 caught from the Christ - flame, burst - ing through the night, who
 thanks for the love by which our life is fed, a
 ly - ing in dark - ness, does its life re - tain in



sing to God our hope, our love, our praise,
 touched the truth, who burned for what is right,
 love not changed by time or death or dread,
 res - ur - rec - tion to grow green a - gain.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

WORDS: Shirley Erena Murray, 1986
 MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

SINE NOMINE
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1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions, a song of
2 My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, and sun-light

peace for lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the
beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine; But oth - er lands have

coun - try where my heart is; here are my hopes, my
sun - light, too, and clo - ver, and skies are ev - ery -

dreams, my ho - ly shrine; But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are
where as blue as mine. O hear my song, O God of all the

beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

These stanzas, published during the period between the two world wars, express a hope for lasting peace among all nations, races, and cultures. Finlandia is derived from a "tone poem" of the same name by Finnish composer Jean Sibelius.

Tune: FINLANDIA 10.10.10.10.10.
Jean Sibelius, 1899
Arr. for The Hymnal, 1933

Messenger Reminders for May 29, 2022

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"MY CANCER STORY"

Join two-time cancer survivor Sylvia Murphy, on Saturday, **June 18**, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., via *Zoom*, for an afternoon of reflection for those who have or have had cancer. Cost is \$40. See flyer and details in your Wednesday Email.

My Cancer Story
An Afternoon of Reflection
For Those Who Have or Have Had Cancer

Growing up, my father maintained a huge compost heap as part of his gardening routine. The compost heap was a pile of debris that contained vegetable clippings, grass cuttings, dirt, egg shells, and a variety of other waste. It was messy and it stunk. Looking at this pile of garbage, I used to think, what good could ever come of this? He continued watering and tending to this garbage pile daily. Then gradually I began to notice new and beautiful plants growing from this heap. One year there were even pumpkins that stretched across the yard! Transformation beyond what I could see was emerging to create something new.

I experienced the shock of not just one, but two cancer diagnoses. I felt a wide range of emotions such as anger, sadness, and anxiety. My life felt like a compost heap and I started to ask myself, what good will ever come of this? In the midst of this crisis, I made it a personal practice to reflect on and share even my messiest feelings. As difficult as this was to do, I began to notice new insights and blessings unfolding within me. I realized Divine Spirit was giving me opportunities to heal and grow. In the midst of what seemed like a cancer compost heap of garbage, many surprising and unexpected blessings emerged. Transformation was happening and continues to happen to create something new.

Be prepared to be surprised by the unexpected! What is your cancer story?

If you are interested in attending this event please contact Sylvia Murphy 508-494-1705 or mconsistent@charter.net
Register by June 11, 2022 • Limited to 12 Participants • Individual Appointments are Also Available

"I had believed I had walked with Sylvia Murphy during my cancer treatment. The spiritual guidance was invaluable. She helped me to see the beauty and grace in my journey and gave me new hope that I can use to help with my feelings of anxiety."
- Amanda B. - Westchester

"I have attended one of Sylvia's afternoon reflections. I was so rich with her experience that I didn't want to end. The others in the group felt the same way and for that I am so grateful."
- Christi M. - Westchester

"Sylvia is a highly engaging, warm presence, a person who listens with her whole heart and offers spiritual counsel and guidance with sensitivity and discernment."
- Lisa G. - Westchester

"Sylvia Murphy has been a spiritual light in the long and arduous cancer journey. She has supported and encouraged my growth and healing through her wisdom and guidance. Her unconditional enlightenment, empowerment, and selflessness are powerful for healing and allow energy that supports my transformation."
- Melissa C. - English Harbor

Sylvia Murphy is a two-time cancer survivor and has been an educator in both public and private sectors for over 30 years. She is a graduate of the Spiritual Guidance Program at The Institute for Spiritual Health Centers. She holds a master's degree from the School of Healing and Holistic Health College. Sylvia is a certified Health Coach with further studies in Sangoa Yoga, Ayurveda, Spirituality, and Sound Healing.

June 18
Saturday, 1-4 pm
Fee: \$40.00
via zoom

WORSHIP HELPERS NEEDED

Sunday mornings depend on you! And not just you worshipping in the pews or online! Worship is a collective project and everyone has a part to play! We are always looking for volunteers who can help out. As meaningful as our liturgy can be, it is the people who make the church a spiritual home for long-time members and first time guests. Please sign up using the link in your Wednesday Email.

ORDER CHANCEL FLOWERS ONLINE

The month of May was a very popular month for ordering Chancel Flowers. Order your memorial flowers online today! Visit our website and click on the Church Family tab. You'll find Order Chancel Flowers in the drop-down menu.

CELEBRATE JUNETEENTH 2022!

Join us on Saturday, **June 18**, from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m., at Farm Pond Park, Dudley Road, Framingham, for a celebration of Juneteenth. It will be a time of education, enrichment, and empowerment as we commemorate a prominent moment in American history. See flyer and details in your Wednesday Email.

JUNETEENTH FEST 2022

Come out and celebrate with us!

Food, music, games, raffle & face-painting
Bring your own chair/blanket
RSVP by 6/13/22

Saturday June 18th
2 - 7 PM
Framingham Farm Pond

ORDER YOUR FREE AT-HOME COVID-19 TESTS

Residential households in the U.S. are now eligible for another order of free at-home tests on USPS.com. Each order now includes #8 rapid antigen COVID-19 tests. Your order of #8 tests will come in #2 separate packages (#4 tests in each package), each with its own tracking number. Packages will ship free. Order using the link in your Wednesday Email.

REALM

Have you set up your Realm account yet? Initial invitations went out on April 14. Reminders were sent on May 19. **There are still 121 unanswered invitations.** If you can't find your invitation in your email, contact the Church Office. We'll be happy to issue you a new one.