

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 10, 2022

O LORD, teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth, and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation.
For you, I wait all day long.

Psalm 25:4-5



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Prelude

Tolling of the Bell

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn *We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding*

Welcome & Announcements

Responsive Prayer of Invocation

One: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I put my faith;

All: Make me to know your ways, O Holy One; teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth, and teach me,

for you are the God of my salvation.

One: Be mindful of your mercy, O God, and of your steadfast love,
for they have been from of old.

All: All your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness,

for those who keep your covenant and your decrees. Amen.

-Psalm 25:1-10

Passing of the Peace

Deuteronomy 30:9-14, 19

Blessing

Sermon

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Doxology

Pilgrim, 514

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

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.

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

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Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1988

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major and 3/4 time. The score consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are as follows:

1 We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this high and
 2 Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, splen - dor bathes the
 3 Strength-ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our

ho - ly place, Where we wait with hope and long - ing for some
 flesh-joined Word, Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel as the
 faith de - cline, We, like Pe - ter, find it tempt-ing to re -

to - ken of God's grace. Here we pray for new as -
 heav - enly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts be - hold with
 main and build a shrine. But true wor - ship gives us

sur - ance that our faith is not in vain, Search - ing
 won - der how the Law and Proph - ets meet: Christ with
 cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess, That our

like those first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.
 gar - ments drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com-plete.
 dai - ly lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

God Be with You

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Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880; alt.

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; By good coun-sel guide, up - hold you,
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; Wings of shel-ter safe - ly hide you,
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; When life's per - ils thick con-found you,
4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; Keep love's ban - ner float - ing o'er you,

With a shep-herd's care en - fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
Dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
Put un - fail - ing arms a - round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
Smite death's threat-ening wave be - fore you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Refrain

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet a - gain, till we meet,

till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

Written during his last pastorate, at First Congregational Church in Washington, D.C., Jeremiah Rankin's hymn spread quickly throughout America and England by way of Moody and Sankey's revival meetings. Rankin later served as the seventh president of Howard University.

Tune: GOD BE WITH YOU 9.8.8.9. with refrain
William G. Tomer, 1880

Bulletin Reminders for July 10, 2022

AFTER WORSHIP...

FELLOWSHIP AND A COOL DRINK

Following Sunday worship, please join us for fellowship and a cool drink! Both lemonade and ice water will be served, and friends can have a chance to enjoy chatting with one another. If the weather is nice, we'll gather in the Courtyard; if not, we'll gather in the Parish Hall. A signup will be available to volunteer to provide and to serve for future Sundays. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

FAIR CRAFTERS GET-TOGETHER

Now is the time to start making crafts for our upcoming Fall Fair. We are planning a get-together soon to talk about the items we have made or what items we plan to make for the Fair. We'll share ideas, review our resources, and assess our needs. We plan to meet outdoors, in the evening, either at church or in someone's yard. Please let Shari Van Hook know what days and times you're available to meet over the next 2 to 3 weeks, shari.vanhook@gmail.com or 508.308.4961.

SUMMER BOOK STUDY

This summer, We are offering two books for us to read and to discuss together. The first, for July, will be *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time*, by Marcus Borg. The second, for August, *Confessing Our Faith*, by Roger L. Shinn; this is a short interpretation of the Statement of Faith of the United Church of Christ. Both will equip us to think theologically about God's work in our lives. At the end of each month, on the last Wednesday, we'll have a group conversation on Zoom. So, wherever you are on vacation, you can still participate! *Reading the Bible Again*, on Wednesday, **July 27**; and *Confessing Our Faith*, on Wednesday, **August 24**, at 7:00 p.m. RSVP to Gregory Morisse (revmorisse@gmail.com) to sign up!

AUCTION 2022

We are happy to announce we will again be holding an auction this year! We are considering a hybrid auction, where we would run an online auction for a week on certain items, and follow up with a live, in-person auction (**November 12**). To make the auction possible, we'll need some feedback to determine whether we, as a church, can rally enough people to pull this off. We will be issuing a very brief survey soon to get your input.

"GROUP GLEAN" PROJECT SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Sign up to join a Plymouth Church Glean Team! Last fall, we gave Golden Ticket funds to the Boston Area Gleaners (BAG) to support their mission to combat food insecurity. Plymouth Church can further support this work through a group "glean" on **Friday, August 12**, from 9:00 to 12-noon, at the BAG headquarters, in Acton. We need 10-20 people for our team, so sign up now for this fun and rewarding experience. **Kids 13 and older can join the group, if accompanied by a parent or guardian.** Be prepared, though, to do some bending, kneeling/squatting, and lifting. You will also need to register as a volunteer and attest to being healthy and vaccinated for COVID. If interested, contact Shari Van Hook (shari.vanhook@gmail.com, 508.308.4961) by August 6. Shari will forward you a link to register as a volunteer.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS

Kelly Johnson is looking for people to help knit prayer/comfort shawls for an emergency animal hospital. There will be a basket of knitting projects for Sunday Knitters. Pick one up, knit before and/or after church, and leave it behind when you go home! If you need materials, please email Kelly at drescher.johnson@gmail.com, and she will make arrangements to get you what you need.