

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 24, 2022



The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me.

Psalm 138:8

Sunday, July 24, 2022

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Prelude *Piano Sonata in C Minor* Beethoven

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*

Welcome & Announcements

Responsive Prayer of Invocation

One: I give you thanks, O God, with my whole heart;

I bow down towards your holy temple

and give thanks for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;

All: On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength of soul.

One: All the politicians of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,

for they have finally understood the words of your command.

All: Though you are high and your power great, you regard the lowly;

you protect those who travel in the midst of trouble,

you preserve them against the wrath of their enemies;

you stretch out your hand, and your right hand delivers us all. Amen.

-Psalm 138

Passing of the Peace

Luke 11:1-13

Blessing

Sermon

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Prayer* Beethoven

Doxology

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.

Closing Hymn

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Benediction

Postlude

Sicilienne

G. Faure

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

O Sing a Song of Bethlehem

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Louis F. Benson, 1899; alt.

*Luke 2:8-20, 25-32; Matt. 14:22-33; Mark 4:39; 6:47-52;
John 6:16-21; Acts 5:30-31; 10:39-43*

1 O sing a song of Beth-le-hem, of shep-herds watch-ing there,
2 O sing a song of Naz-a-reth, of days of joy and sun,
3 O sing a song of Gal-i-lee, of lake and woods and hill,
4 O sing a song of Cal-va-ry, its glo-ry and dis-may,

and of the news that came to them from an-gels in the air:
O sing of fra-grant flo-wers' breath, and of the sin-less One:
of One who walked up-on the sea and bade its waves be still:
of One who hung up-on the tree, and took our sins a-way:

The light that shone on Beth-le-hem fills all the world to-day;
For now the flowers of Naz-a-reth in ev-ery heart may grow;
For though, like waves on Gal-i-lee, rough seas of trou-ble roll,
For Christ who died on Cal-va-ry is ris-en from the grave;

of Je-sus' birth and peace on earth the an-gels sing al-way.
now spreads the fame of Je-sus' name on all the winds that blow.
when faith has heard the Sav-ior's word, falls peace up-on the soul.
God's sov-ereign Child, who rec-on-ciled, is might-y now to save.

Using four biblical locations important to the story, the American hymnwriter Louis F. Benson has summarized the life of Jesus and related it to the present. Benson edited several Presbyterian hymnals and wrote a number of books on hymnody.

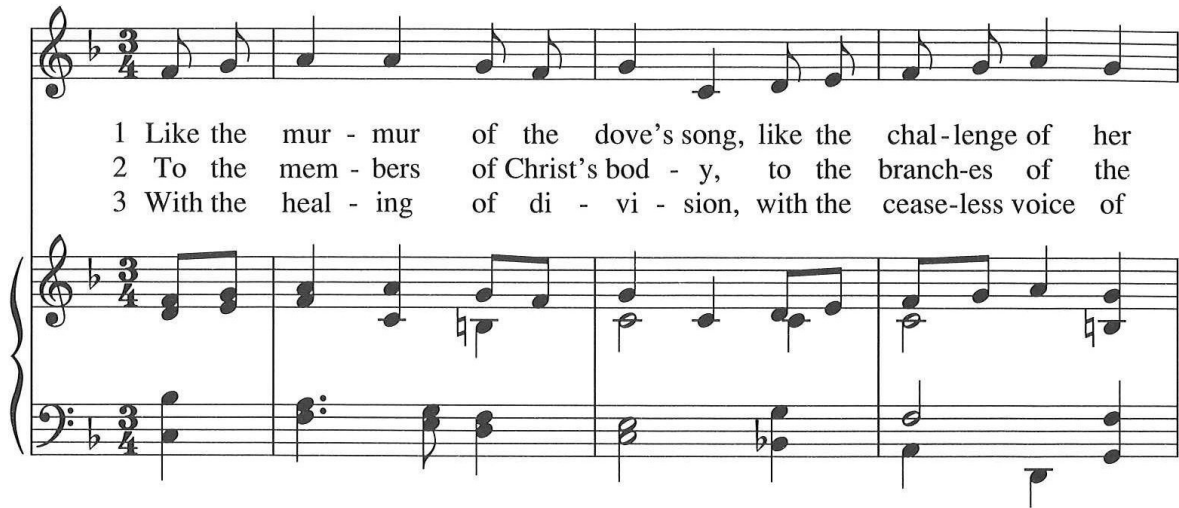
Tune: KINGSFOLD C.M.D.
Traditional English melody
Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

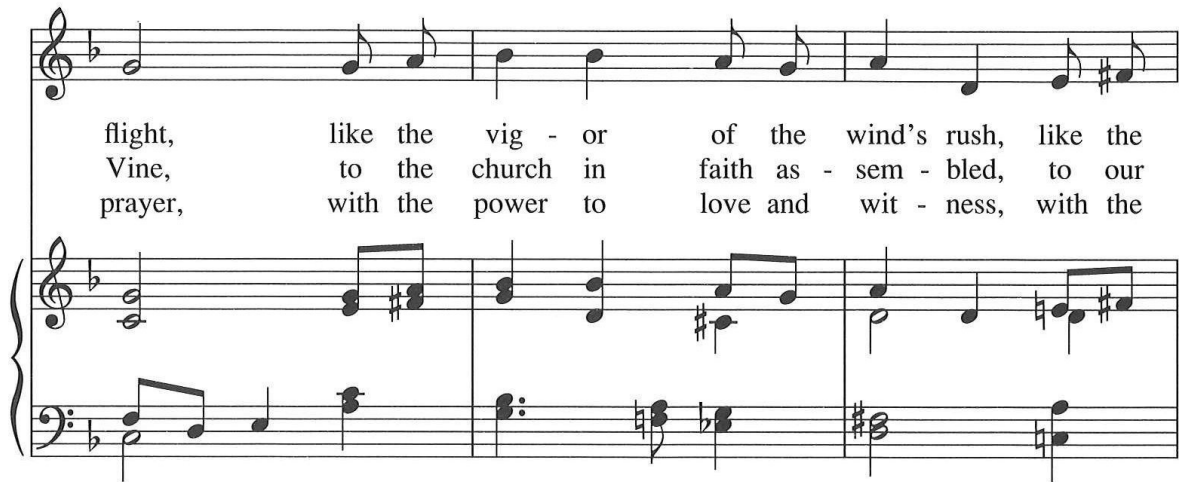
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Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1982

Isa. 38:14; Rom. 8:26; 12:4-5; John 15:1-5



1 Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, like the chal - lenge of her
2 To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, to the branch - es of the
3 With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, with the cease - less voice of



flight, like the vig - or of the wind's rush, like the
Vine, to the church in faith as - sem - bled, to our
prayer, with the power to love and wit - ness, with the



new flame's ea - ger might:
midst as gift and sign: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
peace be - yond com - pare:

Carl P. Daw, Jr., wrote this text for The Hymnal 1982 (Episcopal), and expressly for the tune Bridegroom. Born and educated in England, composer Peter Cutts has served as music director for churches in Massachusetts and on the faculty of Andover Newton Theological School.

Tune: BRIDEGROOM 8.7.8.7.6.
Peter Cutts, 1969

Bulletin Reminders for July 24, 2022

UPDATE: PLYMOUTH CHURCH GROUP GLEAN

Friday, **August 12**, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, is the date for our Group Glean with the *Boston Area Gleaners*. If you've already signed on, find Shari for a brief meeting in the Parish Hall foyer after church *today*. There is still room, including those, ages 13-17, with a parent or guardian to come along. If you are interested, but you haven't signed up yet, please contact Shari Van Hook, at shari.vanhook@gmail.com, or 508.308.4961.

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!

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!

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE SCHOOL KITS

Please think of CWS school kits now that Back-to-School sales have begun. This year, we need **notebooks, scissors, rulers, and pencil sharpeners**. We especially need **bags**! There are kits (pre-cut fabric, instructions) in the baskets by the lower elevator to be sewn. If you need more information, please see Leona Dalton or call 508.481.5770.

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.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS

Kelly Johnson is looking for people to help knit prayer/comfort shawls for an emergency animal hospital. Knitting items are located at the rear of the Sanctuary, in bright red tote bags, next to the children's activity bags. 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.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

SORT & BAG FOOD

The effort to deliver food to families in our community is starting up again this summer. We are looking for volunteers to help sort and bag food at GFCC (44 Franklin St) every other Friday, from 1:30-3:00 p.m. To volunteer for one Friday or for many, please contact Al Rapoza at alrapoza@yahoo.com or 508.788.9519.