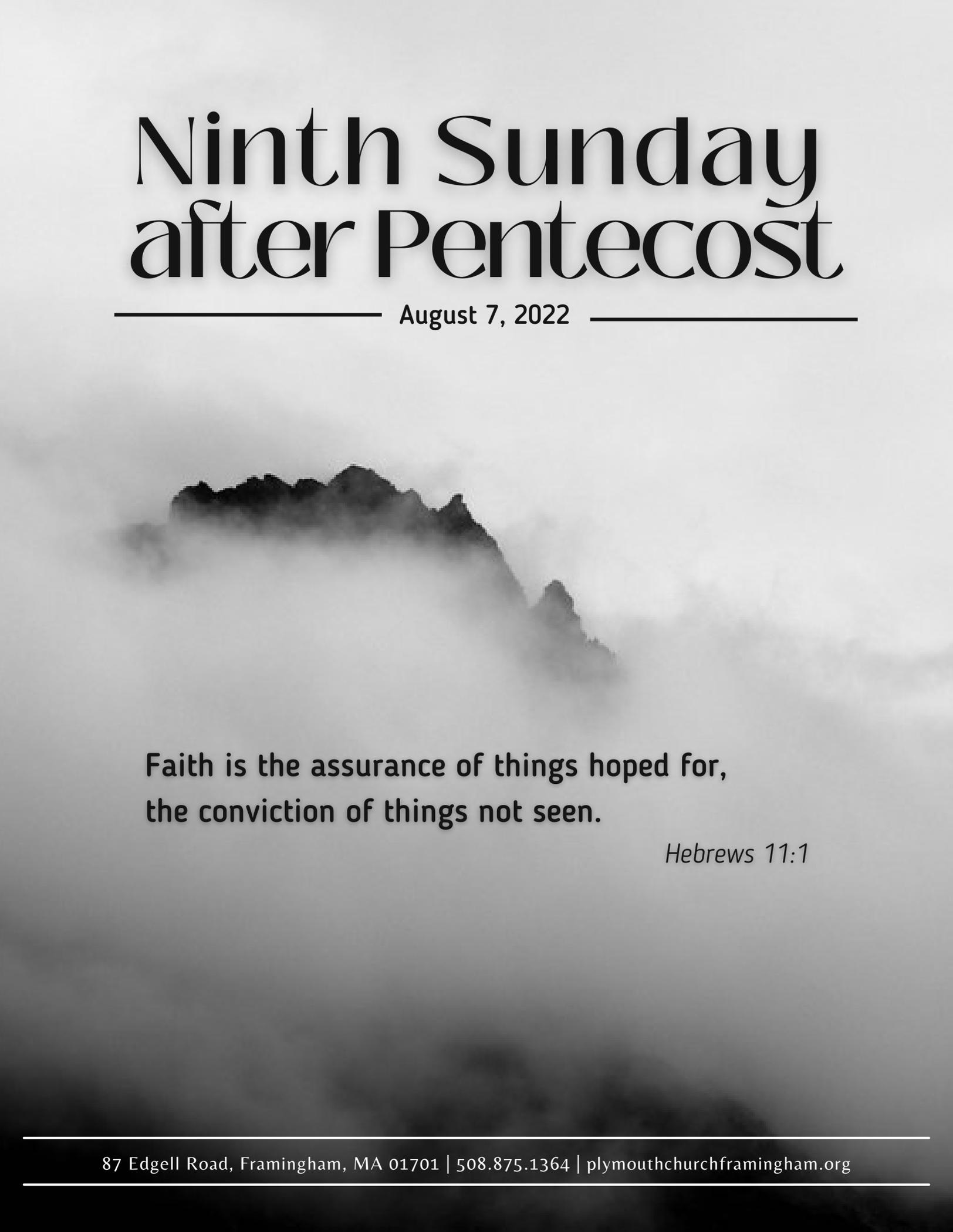


# Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

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August 7, 2022

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Faith is the assurance of things hoped for,  
the conviction of things not seen.

*Hebrews 11:1*

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**Sunday, August 7, 2022**  
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*Joining us this morning on piano is composer, organist, and pianist David Owens.*

Prelude *Idyll, Op. 39, no. 7* MacDowell

Call to Worship

One: God speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**All: God's beauty shines forth.**

One: Our God comes and does not keep silent,

**All: From a long way off we can hear God approaching.**

One: God calls to the heavens above and to the earth:

**All: "Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me!"**

One: "Hear, O my people, and I will speak."

**All: "I am God, your God."**

One: Come Beloved, let us worship God.

**All: Amen.**

*Psalm 50:1-7*

Opening Hymn *How Can I Keep from Singing*

Welcome & Announcements

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, we come to you today knowing that we could have done better. We could have been more loving and less fearful, more trusting and less doubtful, more faithful to Your call than the demands of the world. Forgive us and help us to forgive ourselves. Return our feet to walk in your way and restore our hearts to live with wonder and hope once more. Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Blessing

Sermon

Prayers of the People

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## 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

*Intermezzo, Op. 39, no. 9*

*MacDowell*

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.*

## Holy Communion

### Post-Communion Prayer

**Faithful God, we thank you for setting before us the way of life and providing all that we need here at your table. For daily, fruit of the vine, forgiveness of sins, and companions for the journey, we praise you! In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

Closing Hymn

*Such Perfect Love My Shepherd Shows*

Benediction

Postlude

*Arabesque, Op. 39, no. 4*

*MacDowell*

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

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# My Life Flows on in Endless Song

(How Can I Keep from Singing)

Ps. 46:1-7; 1 Cor. 3:21-23; 2 Cor. 5:17

Anon. in *Bright Jewels* for the Sunday School,  
ed. Robert Lowry, 1869; alt.  
St. 3, Doris Plenn, c. 1957

1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam - en -  
2 What though my joys and com - forts die? My Sav - ior still is  
3 When ty - rants trem - ble, sick with fear, and hear their death knells  
4 I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue a -

ta - tion, I hear the sweet, though far - off hymn that  
liv - ing. What though the shad - ows gath - er 'round? A  
ring - ing; When friends re - joice both far and near, how  
bove it; And day by day this path - way smooths, since

hails a new cre - a - tion. Through all the tu - mult  
new song Christ is giv - ing. No storm can shake my  
can I keep from sing - ing? In pris - on cell and  
first I learned to love it. The peace of Christ makes

and the strife, I hear the mu - sic ring - ing; It  
in - most calm, while to that Rock I'm cling - ing; Since  
dun - geon vile our thoughts to them are wing - ing; When  
fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing; All

finds an ech - o in my soul— how can I keep from sing - ing?  
Love com - mands both heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?  
friends by shame are un - de - filed, how can I keep from sing - ing?  
things are mine since I am Christ's— how can I keep from sing - ing?

## Such Perfect Love My Shepherd Shows

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*Henry W. Baker, 1868; alt.**Ps. 23*

1 Such per - fect love my Shep - herd shows, whose  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my  
 3 When vain and fool - ish oft I strayed, you,  
 4 I do not fear death's shad - owed vale when

good - ness fails me nev - er, Whose hand all things I  
 lov - ing Shep-herd leads me, And where the ver - dant  
 faith - ful Shep-herd, sought me, And on your shoul - der  
 you are here be - side me; Your rod and staff and

need be - stows and watch - es me for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow with food from heav - en feeds me.  
 gent - ly laid, then home re - joic - ing brought me.  
 strength pre - vail to com - fort and to guide me.

5 You spread a ta-ble in my sight,  
 your gifts of grace be-stow-ing;  
 And from your chal-ice I de-light  
 to taste your mer-cy flow-ing.

6 And so through all the length of days  
 your good-ness fails me nev-er;  
 Good Shep-herd, may I sing your praise  
 with-in your house for-ev-er.

# Bulletin Reminders for August 7, 2022

## **UPDATE: PLYMOUTH CHURCH GROUP GLEAN**

Our Gleaning Trip is just about a week away, Friday morning, **August 12**. So far, 12 people have signed up, but there is still room for others to join. It's a great way for the Plymouth Church community to join together to decrease hunger in MA. If you are interested but haven't signed up yet, please contact Shari Van Hook at [shari.vanhook@gmail.com](mailto:shari.vanhook@gmail.com) or 508.308.4961.

## **AUCTION 2022...ONLINE SURVEY**

Please take a moment to complete the *In-Person Option* survey emailed to you last Thursday, August 4. We need your input to determine if an in-person auction this year is feasible.

## **SUMMER BOOK STUDY + VIDEO PART 1, 2, 3**

This August, *Confessing Our Faith*, by Roger L. Shinn. This is a short interpretation of the *Statement of Faith* of the United Church of Christ. Have you ever wondered "What do we believe?" or tried to explain it to someone else? This book is a short, easy read that will open your heart and spirit to the wonder of God's love and movement in your life. We'll have a group conversation, via Zoom, on Wednesday, **August 24**, at 7:00 p.m. RSVP to Gregory Morisse ([revmorisse@gmail.com](mailto:revmorisse@gmail.com)) to sign up!

## **KEEP BETTY IN YOUR PRAYERS!**

Betty Kraft recently had a trip to the hospital. And, while she is in rehab now, her diagnosis is serious. Betty welcomes your prayers of support and encouragement over the next many months. Texts, emails, and cards are preferred. Please contact Greg ([revmorisse@gmail.com](mailto:revmorisse@gmail.com)) for her contact information.

## **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. For more information, please see Leona Dalton or call 508.481.5770.

## **LEND WILL YOUR BOAT FOR WORSHIP**

Our **August 14** worship service will focus on the story of Jesus and Peter walking on water (Matthew 14:22-33). And *your* boat can help us set the scene! The ideal boat is fairly small, mostly flat-bottomed, simple/plain in decoration, and does not have a motor. To volunteer your boat, contact Will ([revwtanner@gmail.com](mailto:revwtanner@gmail.com)) You would need to drop your boat off in the Parish Hall on Saturday, August 13, and pick it up after worship on August 14

## **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](mailto:drescher.johnson@gmail.com), and she will make arrangements to get you what you need.

## **CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS**

### **SORT & BAG FOOD**

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](mailto:alrapoza@yahoo.com) or 508.788.9519.