

# FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

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# RALLY SUNDAY 2022

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.

*Psalm 51:10*

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**Sunday, September 11, 2022**  
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
RALLY SUNDAY



Prelude *God of Grace and God of Glory* arr. Hopson

Tolling of the Bell

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn *Gather Us In*

Welcome and Announcements

Unison Prayer of Invocation

One: O sing to the Holy One a new song, for God has done marvelous things.  
God is steadfast in love and faithfulness.

**All: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and lift up your praise— with the music of lyre and the rhythm of the drum, with the artwork of color and the elegance of dance, with trumpets and horns, with hands waving and palm branches high.**

One: The sea roars, the floods clap their hands, the forests shake, the mountains rise up for joy.

**All: The Spirit of the holy One comes to judge the earth. God judges the world with love and compassion, with justice and equity. Amen.**

Passing of the Peace

Genesis 37-41; Genesis 42-45

Blessing

Anthem *It Is Well With My Soul* Beck

Reflection

Turn and Talk

After a brief time of reflection, while Elissa plays a verse of *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*, we invite you to turn to your neighbor and reflect on the following questions:

- What's your dream? What moves your heart and excites your soul?
  - What keeps you from reaching for it or has you feeling stuck?
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Reflection

Sung Response

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

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.*

Transformation Retreat

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*Improvisation on Aberystwyth, Jesus Lover Of My Soul*

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

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

Benediction

Postlude

*Hymn to Joy*

*Beethoven/Hopson*

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

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# Bulletin Reminders for September 11, 2022

## FALL FAIR NEWS

Our annual Fall Fair is **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1!** Come spend time with new and old friends. Sign-up sheets are here *TODAY*. We need Finance Team runners, White Elephant wranglers, Jewelry, Book Room and Christmas Room workers, Kitchen help and more. White Elephant/Christmas Shop donations can be dropped off now in the small classroom across from Greg's office. The church is open for donation drop offs from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Sunday through Friday. On Sunday, **September 18**, donations may be dropped off in the Kitchen, one-third of the Parish Hall. Last day for accepting White Elephant donations is Thursday, **September 29**.

## AUCTION 2022

### SET FOR DECEMBER, ONLINE ONLY

With the uncertainty of COVID, we're focusing our energies on an *On-line 2022 Auction* this year. Mark your calendars: Starts Sunday, **December 4**, at 8:00 a.m., and concludes on Saturday, **December 10**, at 12-noon. If you're interested in helping with this fun event, please contact Sydney Turner (sydneyturner@aol.com) or Sue Tonkiss (suedtonk@aol.com). Start thinking about what you'd like to donate!

## INVITATION TO JOIN JUNIOR CHOIR

All children and youth of The Plymouth Church, third grade and older, are invited to join the Junior Choir this year. Choir is fun and it's a great way to make friends and to be part of a community. No experience is required. The Junior Choir meets before worship, from 9:00-9:50 a.m., and held its first rehearsal *TODAY*, in the Bridge Room downstairs. Younger children will have opportunities to sing during Faith Workshop classes and for special services. For more information, contact Leslie Randall Dooley, at 508.361.2771 or LeslieRDooley@gmail.com.

## 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.

## 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.

## COVID SURVEY

We know, though, that COVID is here to stay. Eventually, we will lift this remaining precaution. The question is no longer if, but when? We will rely on the hope that a majority of people have been vaccinated against serious illness and death. To help us discern the best course for our church, please complete this brief survey. Thank you for your input and your patience.

COVID Survey QR Code

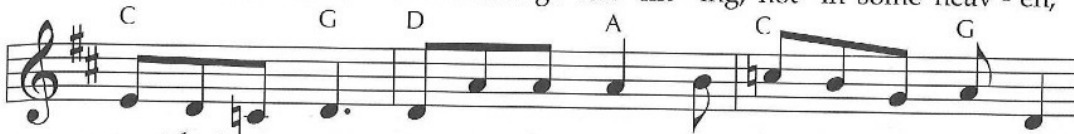


# Here in This Place

## Gather Us In



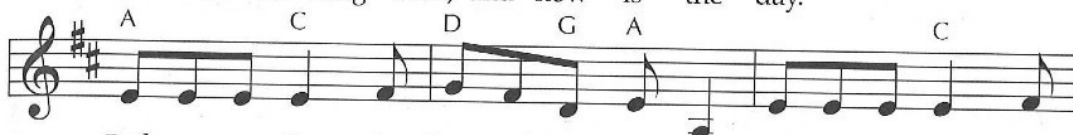
1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ish-ed a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

# 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring-time and har - vest,

sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove

to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.

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## Refrain

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - to me!



## Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

*Eph. 2:20–22; 1 Pet. 2:4–7**Latin, 6th–8th century**Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.**St. 3 adapt. Thomas H. Troeger, 1992*

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and cor - ner-stone,  
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O God of Hosts, to - day!  
 3 Here re - new your ser - vants' vis - ion, that by faith they may at - tain

chos - en of our God and pre - cious, bind - ing all the Church in one;  
 With your con - stant, lov - ing kind - ness hear your peo - ple as they pray.  
 peace and hope, re - newed com - pas - sion, strength to com - fort those in pain,

Ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
 Give your full - est ben - e - dic - tion: grace to fol - low Christ the Way.  
 Tears and grief trans - formed to glad - ness in your ev - er - last - ing reign.

*The hymn has its origins in an early Latin poem, Urbs beata Jerusalem, based on passages from Ephesians, 1 Peter, and Revelation. "Holy Zion" refers to the church transcendent, built of "living stones"—the saints of God.*

Tune: REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.

*Henry T. Smart, 1867*

Alternate tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY