



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

No slave can serve two masters;
for a slave will either hate the one and love the other,
or be devoted to the one and despise the other.
You cannot serve God and wealth.

Luke 16:13

Sunday, September 18, 2022
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Tolling of the Bell *Everleigh Hamilton*
Prelude *Siciliana from Sonata for flute and harpsichord Bach*
Call to Worship
Opening Hymn *The Mighty God with Power Speaks*
Welcome and Announcements
Responsive Prayer of Invocation

One: Praise the Holy One! Praise, O servants of the Most High, praise the name of God!

All: What does it mean to praise? Must we bow down in adoration, or tremble before the throne?

One: The names of God are holy, from the rising of the first sun to the first light of this morning. God does not need or desire your fear or submission. It is good for the soul to know who it is who loves you so.

All: But God is God. Does the Sovereign of the Universe observe our actions or notice our mortal lives?

One: God raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the abandoned from the ash heap, to make them sit with royalty, with the rulers of the nations.

All: Let our praise be, then, to rise like the sun, to love without hesitation, and to serve God's people.

One: Praise the Lord, indeed!

Psalm 113

Passing of the Peace

Genesis 1:26-2:3

Blessing

Transformation Moment

Children's Message

Sermon

Choir Anthem

Order My Steps

Burleigh

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.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Lanfair

Paine

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

Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed

Benediction

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

Parry/Lasky

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

13 The Mighty God with Power Speaks

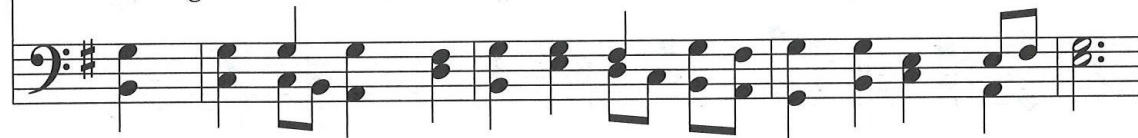
(Psalm 50)



1 The Might - y God with pow - er speaks, and all the world o - beys;
2 God comes not with a si - lent form, but rid - ing on the winds;
3 The heavens de - clare your jus - tice, Lord, as end - less as the sky;



from dawn un - til the set - ting sun, God's won - der earth dis - plays.
be - fore God's face, the rag - ing storm its blast of thun - der sends.
a - gainst the taunts of dis - be - lief, our God will tes - ti - fy.



The per - fect beau - ty all a - round from Zi - on's height shines forth;
All hail the Judge, in bold ar - ray, whose prom - ise is to bless;
Re - ceive my heart - felt gift of thanks, as hon - or to your might;



and stars a - cross the fir - ma - ment so bright - ly beam their worth.
who sees our sins, yet al - so feels our thirst for righ - teous - ness.
re - fresh my faith with each new day; pro - tect me through the night.



This paraphrase, set to a familiar English folk melody, focuses on the opening narrative section of Psalm 50 without attempting to summarize God's speeches in the latter portion of the psalm. Both parts bear witness to God's sovereignty, God's justice, and God's providence.

Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed

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Francis Albert Rollo Russell, 1893; alt.

1 Chris - tian, rise and act your creed; let your
2 Hearts a - round you sink with care; you can
3 Of - fer oth - ers hope and joy, and God's
4 Come then, law di - vine, and reign: faith that

prayer be in your deed; Seek the right, per - form the
help their load to bear; You can bring in - spir - ing
wor - ship your em - ploy; Giv - ing thanks in hum - ble
doubt as - sails in vain, Per - fect love be - reft of

true, raise your work and life a - new.
light, strength - en them to do the right.
zeal, learn - ing all God's will to feel.
fear, born in heaven and ra - diant here.

Francis Albert Rollo Russell was a writer on scientific subjects and a Fellow of the Royal Meteorological Society. This hymn was first published in the Pilgrim Hymnal (1904). The tune originated with a text used for the Feast of the Holy Innocents.

Tune: INNOCENTS 7.7.7.7.
The Parish Choir, 1850

Bulletin Reminders for September 18, 2022

FALL FAIR NEWS

Our annual Fall Fair is **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1!** Sign-up sheets are here. White Elephant and 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. As of *TODAY*, donations may be dropped off in the Kitchen, one-third of the Parish Hall. Last day for accepting White Elephant donations is end-of-day Thursday, **September 29.**

AUCTION 2022

DECEMBER 4 - DECEMBER 10

Have you marked your calendars for this year's online auction? The auction starts Sunday, **December 4**, at 8:00 a.m., and concludes on Saturday, **December 10**, at 12-noon. It's never too early to start submitting donations. Any questions, please contact Sydney Turner (sydneyturner@aol.com) or Sue Tonkiss (suedtonke@aol.com).

RALLY SATURDAY RETREAT

Plymouth Church began an exciting journey at the Saturday Retreat. Thirty-five people spent the morning talking about the Top 20 Shocking Truths and the 20 Positive Discoveries that Thriving Churches Have Made. We also started the process of discerning our core values, the first step in determining our Key Mission and our Purpose as God's church in the world. Our conversations and discussions were thoughtful, lively, and respectful. Simply being together in community and fellowship was such a joy. The event was a wonderful beginning to our journey, and there will be many more opportunities for everyone to continue this conversation in both small and large groups and in one-on-one interviews. We look forward to taking the next steps in this process with you. Watch this space for future events.

DIAPER DRIVE TO BENEFIT A PLACE TO TURN

Plymouth Church and the Social Action Committee will host a diaper drive during National Diaper Need Awareness Week, **September 24 to October 2**, to benefit *A Place to Turn* food pantry. Additional details outlining the different ways you can get involved will be announced in next week's *Wednesday Email*.

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., 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.

TRANSFORMATION TEAM:

"CORE VALUES" SESSION TODAY

At our Congregation Retreat last Saturday, we engaged in a session discussing our church core values: what core values are, why they are important, and how these can help us determine where and who we want to be as a church. Members of the Transformation Team will lead another Core Values discussion *TODAY*, after worship, downstairs in the Eastman Room. The session will begin at 11:30 a.m. and last 60-90 minutes. All are invited, especially those who were not able to attend the Retreat on Rally Saturday. If you did attend Saturday's session, you are welcome to join us to deepen your understanding of core values and share your thoughts and questions.