FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 8, 2023



See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare.

Isaiah 42:9

Sunday, January 8, 2023

The Baptism of Jesus

Tolling of the Bell

Prelude Noel Ancien Doyen

Call to Worship Isaiah 42:1-9

Opening Hymn You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Prayer of Invocation

One: God of Signs and Wonders, a star is calling us to a strange and awesome journey. We do not understand what this means. We are not sure we have what it takes to turn toward its light.

All: Jesus, forgive us for all the times we have ignored your advent. Forgive us for all the times we have refused to follow you. Forgive us for all the times we dissuaded others by our skepticism, our anger, and our disbelieving.

One: God of Thresholds and Transformations, a prophet calls to us from the wilderness. We do not understand what this means. We are not sure we have what it takes to wade into the water.

All: Bless us again, Holy Spirit, with water and wisdom. Repair the brokenness that keeps us separated from one another and from you. Commission us to a great and worthy purpose.

One: O God, Our Creator, we pray. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

Matthew 3:13-17

Blessing

Children's Time

Sermon "Bedrock Beliefs"

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 Moment

Invitation to the Offering

Rise Up Shepherds and Follow Offertory

Osterland

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.

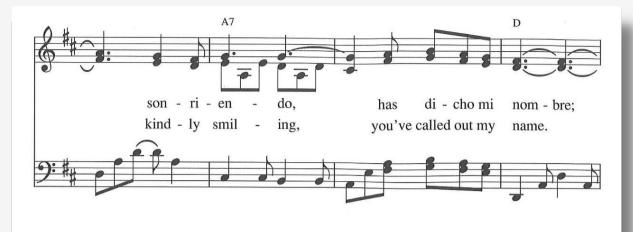
Closing Hymn Love Has Come

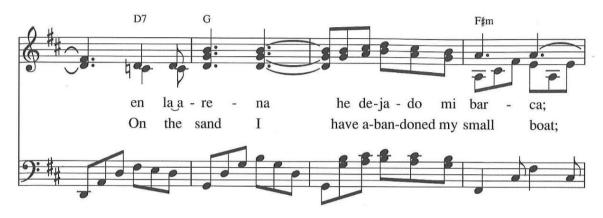
Benediction

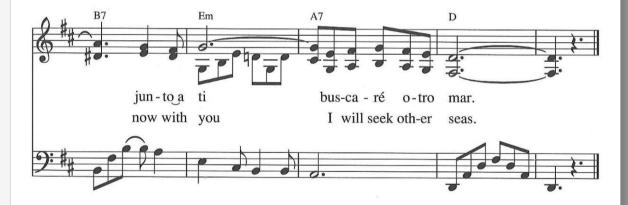
Postlude Allegro from Organ Concerto in B minor Walther

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









- 3. Tú ne-ce-si-tas mis ma-nos, mi can-san-cio que a o-tros des-can-se, a-mor que quie-ra se-guir a-man-do. Estribillo
- 4. Tú, Pes-ca-dor de o-tros ma-res, an-sia e-ter-na de al-mas que es-pe-ran. A-mi-go bue-no, que a-sí me lla-mas. Estribillo
- 3. You need my hands, my ex-haus-tion, work-ing love for the rest of the wea-ry—
 - A love that's will-ing to go on lov-ing. *Refrain*
- 4. You who have fished oth-er wa-ters; you, the long-ing of souls that are yearn-ing:

As lov-ing Friend, you have come to call me.

Refrain



TEXT: Ken Bible, 1996
MUSIC: French melody; arr. Eric T. Myers, 2012
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Music Arr © 2012 Fric T Myers

BRING A TORCH 9.9.10.9.9.8

Bulletin Reminders for January 8, 2023

CALLING ALL STAKEHOLDERS!

We would like to gather everyone who has ever had a hand in Family or Youth Ministry for a single meeting on Tuesday, **January 17**, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., here at church, as part of our transition to being a one-pastor church.

If you were a teacher, youth group leader, confirmation mentor, Mystery Mailbox Penpal... If you are a parent, or parent of graduates... If you are a past or present member of the Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, or Family Coordinating Committees...

If you are a young person involved in church now... If you're a grownup who really liked the Christmas Pageant...

this invitation is for YOU!

Our time will be one part update on the transition and plans for the spring, one part capturing the wisdom we share about the past, and one part chatting about whatever's on your mind. We will supply a pizza dinner for everyone and cartoons and childcare for any kiddos who need to tag along.

Come for pizza at 5:30, meeting to begin at 6:00. RSVP via the link in your Wednesday Email.

FRAMINGHAM TOGETHER

Framingham Together consists of organizations that stand in solidarity against racism and discrimination of any kind and look to create and to foster an inclusive community for all. Launched in 2020, Framingham Together is a coalition of over 40 nonprofit and community partners, committed to ensuring the work of diversity, equity, and inclusion is honored and celebrated in our community. Check out their website and, especially, the extended PSA on the Community page.

TRANSFORMATION CORNER

New Year's greetings from the Transformation Team! As you recall, we are working through a process of discernment to better understand what God has in store for us in this season in the life of Plymouth Church. So far, we have established a list of Core Values that articulate our expectations of each other and guide our actions. Currently, we are sharing and clarifying our Bedrock Beliefs - the principles and symbols of our faith we affirm, proclaim, and spontaneously return to during times of confusion and stress. Considered together, these values and beliefs will guide us to a clearer vision of our future and ultimately help to define our mission - our purpose in bringing God's healing into the world. Over the next few weeks, we will explore the symbols which express our beliefs and give you the opportunity to share what these symbols mean to you. Watch your Wednesday Email for more.

WAYFARERS:

A MONTHLY SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION

A wayfarer is a person who travels, a pilgrim on a journey. A wayfinder is a sign or marker that helps orient travelers on the road. This course invites you to consider becoming both: one who journeys and one who guides others. Each month, there are three offerings:

Self-study: a video to watch, an article to read, with guiding questions; something you can do on your own.

Class Discussion: a large gathering of all participants on Zoom, to discuss and react to that month's topic.

Small Group: participants will be assigned to a smaller group for more intimate story sharing and reflection.

Email Greg at revmorisse@gmail.com.

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