



Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Budget Meeting

February 4, 2024

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God,
who covers the heavens with clouds,
prepares rain for the earth,
and makes grass grow on the hills.

Psalm 147

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Tolling of the Bells

Prelude

Meditation: The River

W. Rice

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

Welcome & Announcements

Unison Prayer of Invocation

Mary Whittemore

One: Praise the Lord!

How good it is to sing praises to our God!

**All: God, draw us away from the burdens of our week.
Pick us up into the glory of your surpassing love.**

One: God is gracious, gathering in the outcasts,
healing the broken-hearted, and binding up every wound.

**All: God, pour out your grace on us now.
We desire to find our home in your presence.**

One: God prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills,
gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry.

**All: God, we come to your table to be filled.
We come also to learn how to serve your house.**

One: God does not delight in the strength of the horse,
nor find pleasure in the speed of a runner.
God lifts up the downtrodden, casting the wicked to the ground.

**All: Holy One, our hope is in your steadfast love.
We sing a song of wonder and thanksgiving to you. Amen.**

(Psalm 147:1-11)

Passing of the Peace

One: "The Peace of Christ be with you."

All: And also with you!

Jeremiah 1:4-10

* As the Spirit guides you, we encourage you to rise in body or spirit.

Blessing

Sermon

Pastoral Prayer & 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, forever. Amen.

Choir Anthem *The Lord Is My Shepherd* *Matthews*

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Chaconne* *Pachelbel*

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

Invitation

Opening Prayer

Responsive Consecration

Instructions

*This morning, the bread is allergen-free, so that we may all partake together. A
Deacon will signal your pew when to come forward to receive the bread and cup.
Bring both back to the pew with you, so that we may eat together. We would be
happy to bring the elements to you; just let the Deacon know as they come by.*

Communion Hymn *Let Us Break Bread Together*

Closing Prayer

***Precious Lord, for all that you give us and all that you beckon us toward, we
give you thanks. Patient Jesus, for the daily bread that you offer us, and for
sustaining us on the journey, we give you praise. Powerful Spirit, for the unity
that you create, we lift up your name: Jesus Christ our Head, Amen.***

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*Closing Hymn

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude

Come, Christians Join to Sing

Broughton

Following the Closing Hymn, we encourage the congregation to remain risen, in body or spirit, to receive the Benediction, which is both blessing and commission. You may sit for the Choral Response and Postlude in quiet contemplation.

All are invited to the Parish Hall for coffee, tea, and snacks. We understand it can be difficult to step into a room of strangers. We hope, with every cup and cookie, we can deepen our connections and learn a little more about each other each week.



THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD

Matthews

*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
He leadeth me by still waters, He restoreth my soul;
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil.
For thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.
Thou prepares a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I will dwell, I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever, forever.*

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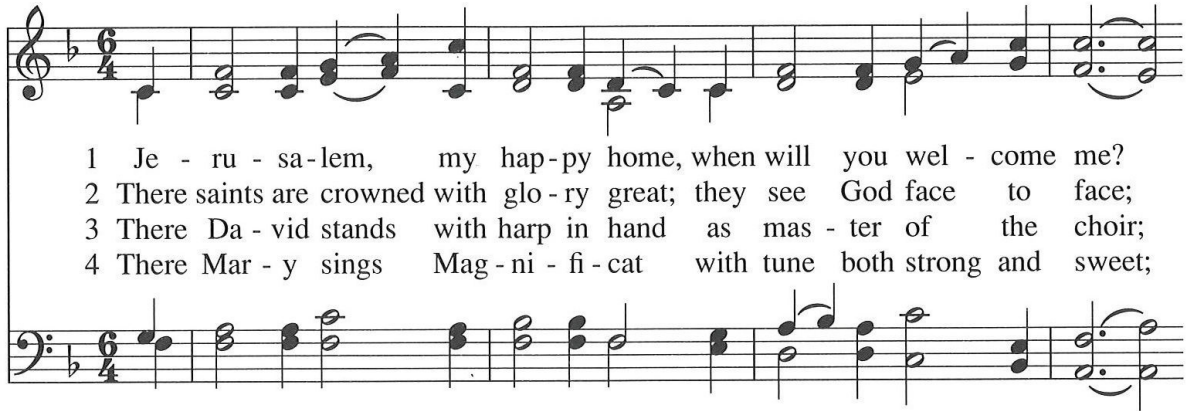
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Jerusalem, My Happy Home

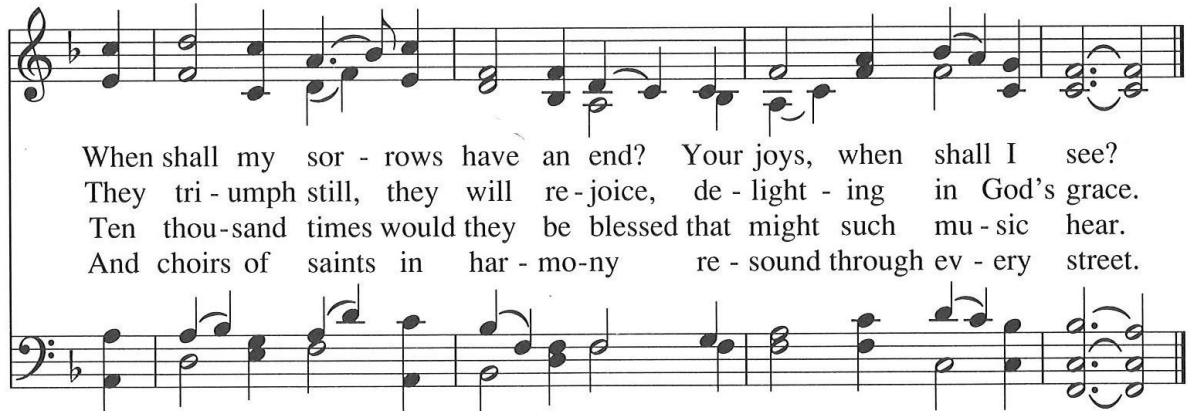
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F. B. P., c. 16th century; alt.

Ps. 144:9-10; 1 Cor. 13:12; Luke 1:46-55



1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when will you wel - come me?
2 There saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they see God face to face;
3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as mas - ter of the choir;
4 There Mar - y sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with tune both strong and sweet;



When shall my sor - rows have an end? Your joys, when shall I see?
They tri - umph still, they will re - joice, de - light - ing in God's grace.
Ten thou - sand times would they be blessed that might such mu - sic hear.
And choirs of saints in har - mo - ny re - sound through ev - ery street.

5 There Mag - da - len no more la - ments
but joins the ris - ing sound;
What tongue can tell or heart con - ceive
the joys that there are found!

6 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem,
God grant that I may see
your end - less joy, and of the same
par - tak - er ev - er be!

The earliest known version of this hymn (1585) is forty-four stanzas long. A later and shorter version, found in the British Museum, credits "F. B. P.," about whom nothing is known. The American tune was often sung with the words "O Land of rest, for thee I sigh."

Tune: LAND OF REST C.M.
The Christian Harp, 1832
Adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan, 1938

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Robert L. Edwards, 1961; alt.

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for serv - ing, that your will on
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your
 4 Lend your joy to all our giv - ing, let it light our

end - less store, Na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's
 earth be done: All at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the
 grace con - ferred; Ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the
 pil - grim way; From the night of anx - ious keep - ing, loose us in - to

shat - tered door: Gift - ed by you, we turn to you
 Church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor,
 gos - pel Word. O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing
 gen - erous day. Then when years on earth are o - ver,

of - fering up our - selves in praise; Thank - ful song shall
 lest we strive for self a - lone; born with tal - ents,
 as we heed Christ's age - less call, Heal - ing, teach - ing,
 and we've lived our hu - man span, God, ful - fill be -

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, hon - oring you by lov - ing all.
 yond our dream - ing, all our stew - ard - ship be - gan.

Expanding the Circle

**The Framingham Interfaith Community invites
people of all ages and backgrounds to
An afternoon of Friendship & Service**

Sunday, February 25 | 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

We will gather at 2:00 p.m., in the Plymouth Church Parish Hall.
(87 Edgell Road, Framingham)

For the first hour, we will share in a conversation
led by **Lucia Panicella**, of *Jewish Family Services*.

Lucia and JFS have been at the center of our city's welcome to migrant families who have come seeking safety and hope. She will help us understand what is happening in Framingham and what is happening around the world.

At 3:00 p.m., we will enjoy refreshments and an opportunity to participate in a service project on-site in the Parish Hall—an opportunity to use our hands and our hearts to express our welcome and caring.

***Sponsored by Framingham Interfaith
Community Association, together with
Jewish Family Services***



Bulletin Reminders

After worship, Rev. Morisse is available for conversation in the Parish Hall.

BUDGET MEETING

TODAY!

This year, we are streamlining the Budget approval process. There will be one Budget Meeting *TODAY*, with time to ask questions and propose amendments...a traditional congregational meeting. The Church made several big decisions in 2023 that make the forecast for 2024 much improved from prior years.

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SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION GROUP

We are back to our planned schedule of meeting on the 2nd and 4th Sundays each month. Our February dates are: **February 11** and **February 25**. We gather in the parlor roughly 30 minutes after the close of Sunday service. All are welcome!

GREEN TEAM RENEWAL

Sunday, February 11

Some of us would like to revive the Green Team, which has not met since the pandemic. We would like to have a meeting on Sunday, **February 11**, after worship. Please come and bring any ideas you might have as to what we can do. For questions, contact Deb Sawyer at 508.380.5649.



Women's Fellowship
Soup Sale
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Containers for soup donations will be available at Coffee Hour **TODAY!**

**M'm! M'm!
GOOD!**