

Memorial Day Weekend

May 28, 2023



Sunday, May 28, 2023
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Tolling of the Bell

Prelude

Song for All Saints

Williams

Call to Worship

Rev. Debbie Clark

*Opening Hymn

How Beautiful for Spacious Skies

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Morisse, Rev. Clark

Responsive Prayer of Invocation

Rev. Morisse

One: Bless the Holy One, O my soul!

Make the clouds your chariot and ride on the wings of the wind!

Make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

All: You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

You water the mountains and the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

One: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits and in your word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning.

All: In you there is steadfast love, and with you is great power to redeem.

We will sing to you with our lives and offer our praises while we have being.

May our meditation be pleasing to you, O God.

One: Bless the Holy One, O my soul. Praise the Lord!

Psalm 140, 130

John 15:12-17

Rev. Morisse

Blessing

*The Peace of Christ

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

All: And also with you!

Children's Time

Karen Nell

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

In Flanders Field

By John McCrae

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
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Sermon

Deanne Joy

Anthem

In Flanders Field

arr. Jacobsen/Emerson

Prayers of the People

Rev. Clark

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.

Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Morisse

Offertory

We Walk by Faith

Powell

Doxology	<i>Each week, we sing and sign an inclusive Doxology (ASL).</i> <i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow.</i> <i>Praise God all creatures here below.</i> <i>Praise God for all that Love has done.</i> <i>Creator, Christ, & Spirit one. Amen.</i>
*Closing Hymn	<i>This Is My Song</i>
*Benediction	<i>Deanne Joy</i>
Postlude	<i>Festival March, Battle Hymn, Lift Every Voice Burkhardt</i>



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 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.

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies 338

1 O beau-ti-ful for spa-cious skies, for am-ber waves of grain,
2 O beau-ti-ful for he-roes proved in lib-er-at-ing strife,
3 O beau-ti-ful for pa-triot dream that sees be-yond the years

for pur-ple moun-tain maj-es-ties a-bove the fruit-ed plain!
who more than self their coun-try loved, and mer-cy more than life!
thine al-a-bas-ter cit-ies gleam, un-dimmed by hu-man tears!

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God shed his grace on thee,
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God mend thine ev-ery flaw;
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! May God thy gold re-fine

and crown thy good with *broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea!
con-firm thy soul in self-con-trol, thy lib-er-ty in law!
till all suc-cess be no-ble-ness and ev-ery gain di-vine!

*Or "servanthood"

This text (inspired by the vista from Pike's Peak and by a visit to Chicago's Columbian World Exposition) and tune (named MATERNA because it was composed for "O Mother, Dear Jerusalem") were joined in 1912. The combination proved immensely popular during World War I and afterwards.

This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

The first two stanzas of this hymn were written between the 20th century's two world wars and focus on the theme of international peace. The third stanza, by another author and added later, uses the language of the Lord's Prayer to voice a distinctly Christian perspective.

TEXT: Stanzas 1-2, Lloyd Stone; stanza 3, Georgia Harkness, alt.

MUSIC: Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr. *The Finnish*, 1933, alt.

First St. 1-2 © 1934, rev. 1962 The Lorenz Corp.; St. 3 © 1964 The Lorenz Corp.

Music Arr. © 1933, rev. 1961 The Presbyterian Board of Christian Education (collo. Westminster John Knox Press)

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THE LIFE OF THE NATIONS

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.



"IN FLANDERS FIELDS," 2022

DEANNE JOY AND ELISE SOPELLE

53" x 76" cotton story quilt



The American Cemetery in Waregem,
West Flanders, Belgium, 2015

"HERE RESTS IN HONORED GLORY
AN AMERICAN SOLDIER
KNOWN BUT TO GOD"



Battlefield on Messines Ridge, Belgium, 1917

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World War I trench warfare



The full exhibit will be on display during the Framingham Memorial Day Program at Nevins Hall on Monday, May 29, 2023, at 11:00 am.



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Bulletin Reminders for May 28, 2023

SPECIAL MEMORIAL DAY WORSHIP

TODAY, we host a special worship service, with Edwards Church, honoring Memorial Day. *Open Spirit* Intern, Deanne Joy, Harvard Divinity School student, will preach. Deanne has created a series of six quilts, entitled *Sacrifice: The Heart of the Military*, each honoring service people during one of six conflicts. The quilts were hung at our Veterans Appreciation Dinner last fall, and they will be featured at the City of Framingham's Memorial Day Ceremony on May 29. In today's service, Deanne will reflect on the first quilt, *In Flanders Field*, which honors veterans of World War I.

REUSE, RECYCLE & RE-LOVE CLOTHING & SHOES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Friday, June 2 and Saturday, June 3

The dates of our sale are Friday, June 2 (6:00-8:00 p.m.) and Saturday, June 3 (9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.). It's a fun event and a great way to get to know your church family and serve the community. We encourage donations of nicer quality items to offer our community great bargains and to provide our shelters and schools with the head start they need for success. Please sort and label your donations of men's, women's, teens, babies, boys and girls' items and bring them to the Parish Hall starting Sunday, **May 28** and the following week. As always, we will look for your help and fun participation in the execution of this community service. Contact Mattie at 774.217.3477 to sign up to help sort (all week long) and set up to cashier and/or work at the sale.



MAY 21 COFFEE KLATCH



FALL FAIR INFO/PLANNING SESSION Sunday, June 11

Fall Fair is September 30. How would you like to contribute? Our beloved annual Fair means many things to our Church and to the entire Framingham Community, with fun and work to share for all ages. We need a committed crew for all the booths. Think about awesome food or crafts items you can make. If you have questions, we have answers and resources. Please mark your calendar for the last week of September, and come to the Parish Hall on June 11, after worship. See or email Sandy Clarke with any questions. Sandy.clarke33@yahoo.com.

NAMI WALK

On Saturday, May 20, members of the Plymouth Church walked at Artesani Park, in Brighton, in support of the National Alliance on Mental Illness

