

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 18, 2023

Be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

Matthew 10:16



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Tolling of the Bell

Prelude

Foundation (from Sacred Harp)

Owens

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn

Come Now, Almighty God

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Psalm of Invocation

One: I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Holy One!"
We gather at your gates of Jerusalem.

**All: Jerusalem, the city of peace,
a home for the people.
Built as a city that is bound firmly together.**

One: Pray for the peace of Zion:
"May those who love you prosper.
May peace be within your walls,
and security within your towers."

**All: For the sake of my relatives and friends
I will say, "Peace be within you."
For the sake of the house of our God,
I will seek your good.**

(Psalm 122)

*The Peace of Christ

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

All: And also with you!

Matthew 18:15-22

Blessing

Sermon

"When Nice Isn't Right"

Hymn

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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 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

Offertory

Verset

Boellman

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

Be Not Dismayed

Benediction

Postlude

Allegro

Corelli



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.

Come Now, Almighty God

Anon., English, c. 1757; alt.

1 Come now, Al - might - y God, help us your
 2 Come now, In - car - nate Word, by heaven and
 3 Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, your sa - cred
 4 To you, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to laud; our songs we raise:
 earth a - dored; our prayer at - tend:
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour.
 prais - es be for ev - er - more.

Rul - er all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,
 Come, and your peo - ple bless, and give your word suc - cess;
 Your grace to us im - part, now rule in ev - ery heart,
 Your sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

come and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days!
 grant us your ho - li - ness, Sav - ior and Friend!
 nev - er from us de - part, Spir - it of power!
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.

This anonymous English hymn to the Trinity was first published in George Whitefield's Collection, 1757. This tune was composed especially for this text by Giardini, who was a brilliant violinist.

Tune: ITALIAN HYMN 6.6.4.6.6.6.4.
Felice de Giardini, 1769

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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Second Tune

Based on Psalm 23
Henry W. Baker, 1821-1877

ST. COLUMBA 8.7.8.7
Ancient Irish Melody

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, With

good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
ran - somed soul he lead - eth, And where the ver - dant
yet in love he sought me, And on his shoul - der
thee, dear Lord, be - side me: Thy rod and staff my

I am his, And he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gen - tly laid, And home re - joic - ing brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me. A - men.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight,
Thy unction grace bestoweth,
And O what transport of delight
From thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
Within thy house forever.

Be Not Dismayed

(God Will Take Care of You)

Civilla D. Martin, 1904; alt.

Ps. 91

1 Be not dis-mayed what-e'er be-tide, God will take care of you;
 2 Through days of toil when heart grows frail, God will take care of you;
 3 All you may need God will pro-vide, God will take care of you;
 4 No mat-ter what may be the test, God will take care of you;

Be - neath God's wings of love a - bide, God will take care of you.
 When dan - gers fierce your path as - sail, God will take care of you.
 Noth - ing you ask will be de - nied, God will take care of you.
 Lean, wea - ry one, up - on God's breast, God will take care of you.

Refrain

God will take care of you, through ev - ery day, o'er all the way;

God will take care of you, God will take care of you.
 take care of you

This early hymn by Civilla Martin was written in 1904 and set to music by her husband, a Baptist minister, as a contribution to a songbook he was compiling for a school. This is one of several such collaborations.

Tune: MARTIN C.M. with refrain
W. Stillman Martin, 1905

AFRICA EXCHANGE PROJECT **THE TANZANIA LEGACY OF BOB AHEARN**

In 1999, Bob Ahearn traveled as a Global Volunteer to the village of Pomerini, Tanzania on a life changing journey. His love for the people of Pomerini brought him back year after year and with each visit he found new ways to help the community. In 2005, he was joined by the minister from Plymouth Church in Framingham, MA, who quickly shared Bob's enthusiasm for Pomerini.

These trips were the genesis for an endeavor that remains alive to this day, first as a Plymouth Church project and later in 2018, in the form of Africa Exchange Project, a non profit whose mission is to provide access to clean water, quality education and reliable healthcare in Pomerini.

Bob identified needs in the community and began supporting an orphanage in the nearby town of Iringa and providing for the children of Pomerini in various ways. Through Bob's leadership and generosity, a kindergarten was built and later a vocational center.



In 2007, Bob led a group of seventeen adults and youths to Pomerini to dedicate the newly built kindergarten, help work on the vocational school, and help repair pipes that supplied water from a nearby river.

In 2008, Bob helped to coordinate a choir of 13 men and women from Pomerini to travel to the US. Their month-long visit was packed with 32 concerts throughout Eastern Massachusetts. Through these concerts funds were raised and used to install freshwater wells in the community, raising the health and quality of life for thousands and reducing infant mortality from waterborne disease.

Bob had an especially deep love and enduring concern for the children of Pomerini, and we at Africa Exchange Project carry on his legacy by continuing to support the operation of the kindergarten he built in 2007, among our many other projects. Currently, the kindergarten staff includes 2 teachers and serves 100 children, setting them on a path of education and preparing them for Primary School. Although we were all saddened by Bob's passing in 2022, his impact on Pomerini will live on. **To honor Bob's legacy, we are seeking funds for a modern, safe playground for the kindergarten.**

Donations for this project can be made to the Africa Exchange Project online at africaexchangeproject.org/donate or by check payable to Africa Exchange Project, PO Box 345, Ashland, MA 01701. Please indicate "Bob Ahearn Kindergarten Fund" in your online donation or in the memo.



Bulletin Reminders for June 18, 2023

OUR CORE VALUES

Community
Intergenerational Life
Service and Social Action
Worship and Spiritual Life
Welcome and Hospitality

OUR BEDROCK BELIEFS

We believe we are called to be kind, love justice, and walk humbly with God.
We believe that God is present with us always in times of trial and rejoicing.
We embrace Jesus' call to love and serve one another.
We believe that God hears and answers our prayers.
We believe in the fullness of God's grace (unmerited favor).



BE A "CITIZEN SCIENTIST" FOR ONE DAY! Participate in FSU's Heat Watch Campaign

The McAuliffe Center for Integrated Science Learning at Framingham State University invites members of the Framingham, Ashland, Holliston and Natick communities to participate in this 2023 Heat Watch Campaign. Family, friends, neighbors and church communities are encouraged to participate this summer in mid-July, and collect heat data for one day. *Sign up via the link in your Wednesday Email.*

WORKSHOP: ALIGN YOUR MONEY TO YOUR ANTI-RACIST PRINCIPLES!

Thursday, **August 3**

6:00 potluck, 6:30 workshop

Edwards Hall, 39 Edwards St. Framingham

Together, we can make a difference in the racial wealth gap! In this workshop, we'll overview the racist and exploitative practices that helped grow most of the wealth in this country. Then, we'll discuss how we, as inheritors of this wealth, can work to heal, repair, and rebuild community. Led by Sarah DeLuca, a Money and Philanthropy Coach with *Move Money Shift Power*. Registration required, sliding scale donations welcome. For more information, contact Rev. Debbie Clark (pastor@edwardschurch.com) or Heather Gonzalez (hgcolibri@gmail.com).

AUCTION WINNERS!

Auction winners **Leslie** and **Mark Dooley** took delivery of the first of three summer desserts: for June it's **Meg Doucette's Strawberry Rhubarb Upside Down Cake** with whipped cream. Enjoy, Mark and Leslie! And thanks for supporting Plymouth Church!

MARIAN PURINGTON TURNS 101!

Marian Purington will turn 101 on Saturday, June 24, and she would love to have visitors or to receive cards or notes for this additional milestone birthday.

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