

July 3, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

You have turned my mourning into dancing.

**You have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy.**

O, LORD, my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Psalm 30:11-12

Sunday, July 3, 2022
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude *The Rejoicing* Handel

Tolling of the Bell

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn *For the Healing of the Nations*

Welcome & Announcements

Responsive Prayer of Invocation

One: Sing praises to the Lord, all ye faithful, and give thanks to God's holy name.

You have drawn me up, O God, I cried to you for help, and you healed me.

All: God's anger is but for a moment; God's favor is for a lifetime.

Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

One: You turn my mourning into dancing; you exchange my sackcloth for joy.

O Holy One, my God, I will give my thanks and praise to you forever. Amen.

Psalm 30

Passing of the Peace

2 Kings 5:1-14

Blessing

Sermon

Anthem *Aria from the Goldberg Variations* Bach

Caged Bird Maya Angelou

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, Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Prelude in E flat* Shostakovich

Doxology *Pilgrim, 514*

Each week, we sing and sign an inclusive Doxology (ASL).

Holy Communion

Defined Offertory

Here Is Bread

Kendrick

Ben Pelon, Natalie Pelon

Closing Hymn

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Benediction

Postlude

Thanks Be to Thee

Handel

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



Caged Bird, by Maya Angelou

A free bird leaps
on the back of the wind
and floats downstream
till the current ends
and dips his wing
in the orange sun rays
and dares to claim the sky.

But a bird that stalks
down his narrow cage
can seldom see through
his bars of rage
his wings are clipped and
his feet are tied
so he opens his throat to sing.

The caged bird sings
with a fearful trill
of things unknown
but longed for still
and his tune is heard
on the distant hill
for the caged bird
sings of freedom.

The free bird thinks of another breeze
and the trade winds soft through the sighing trees
and the fat worms waiting on a dawn bright lawn
and he names the sky his own

But a caged bird stands on the grave of dreams
his shadow shouts on a nightmare scream
his wings are clipped and his feet are tied
so he opens his throat to sing.

The caged bird sings
with a fearful trill
of things unknown
but longed for still
and his tune is heard
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For the Healing of the Nations

Fred Kaan, 1965

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, God, we pray with
 2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your
 3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
 4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

one ac - cord; for a just and e - qual shar - ing
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
 earth be banned; pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,
 hu - man - kind; for our grow - ing in your like - ness

of the things that earth af - fords; to a life of
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
 dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
 bring the life of Christ to mind, that by our re -

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
 care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.
 quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.
 sponse and ser - vice earth its des - ti - ny may find.

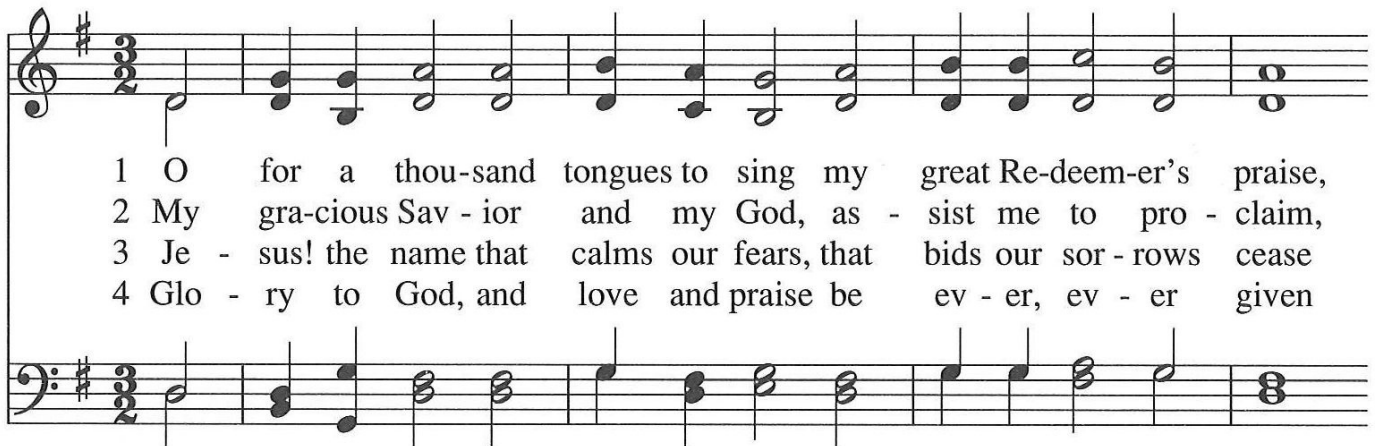
Fred Kaan's most widely published text was first sung at Pilgrim Church in Plymouth, England, at a service of worship marking Human Rights Day in 1965. It has been used for many subsequent occasions, including the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations.

Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY 8.7.8.7.8.7.
 Henry Purcell, c. 1680
 Arr. Ernest Hawkins, 1842

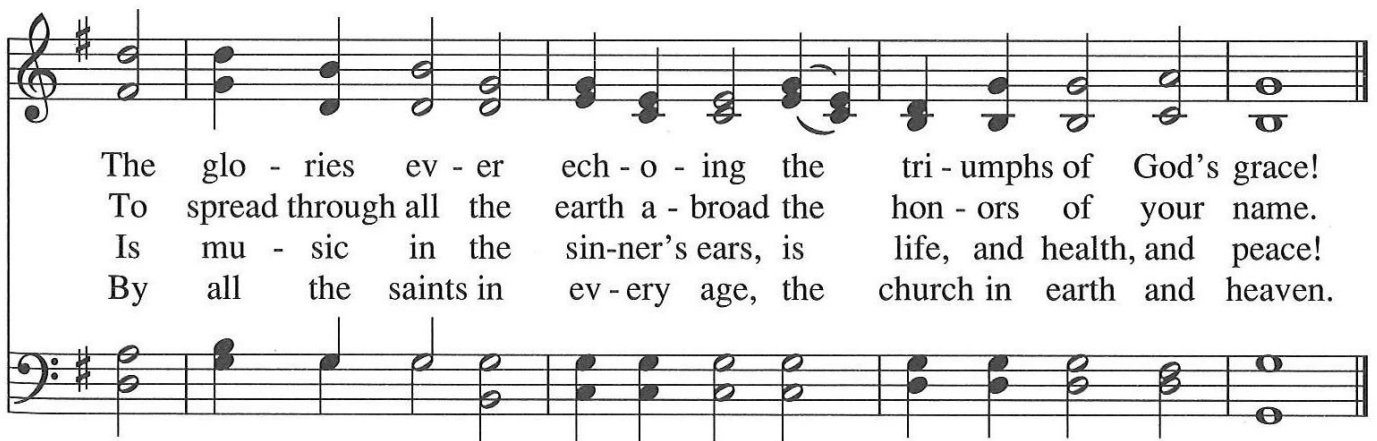
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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Charles Wesley, 1740; alt.



1 O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Sav - ior and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3 Je - sus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease
4 Glo - ry to God, and love and praise be ev - er, ev - er given



The glo - ries ev - er ech - o - ing the tri - umphs of God's grace!
To spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
Is mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!
By all the saints in ev - ery age, the church in earth and heaven.

The hymn is a cento from a longer poem of eighteen stanzas written by Charles Wesley on the first anniversary of his conversion. The present form of the hymn is one edited by John Wesley for The Wesleyan Hymn Book, 1780.

Tune: AZMON C.M.
Carl G. Gläser, 1828
Adapt. in L. Mason's Modern Psalmody, 1839
Alternate tune: RICHMOND

Bulletin Reminders for July 3, 2022

AFTER WORSHIP...

FELLOWSHIP AND A COOL DRINK

Following Sunday worship, please join us for fellowship and a cool drink! Both lemonade and ice water will be served, and friends can have a chance to enjoy chatting with one another. If the weather is nice, we'll gather in the Courtyard; if not, we'll gather in the Parish Hall. A signup will be available to volunteer to provide and to serve for future Sundays. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

FAIR CRAFTERS GET-TOGETHER

Now is the time to start making crafts for our upcoming Fall Fair. We are planning a get-together soon to talk about the items we have made or what items we plan to make for the Fair. We'll share ideas, review our resources, and assess our needs. We plan to meet outdoors, in the evening, either at church or in someone's yard. Please let Shari Van Hook know what days and times you're available to meet over the next 2 to 3 weeks, shari.vanhook@gmail.com or 508.308.4961.

SUMMER BOOK STUDY

This summer, We are offering two books for us to read and to discuss together. The first, for July, will be *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time*, by Marcus Borg. The second, for August, *Confessing Our Faith*, by Roger L. Shinn; this is a short interpretation of the Statement of Faith of the United Church of Christ. Both will equip us to think theologically about God's work in our lives. At the end of each month, on the last Wednesday, we'll have a group conversation on Zoom. So, wherever you are on vacation, you can still participate! *Reading the Bible Again*, on Wednesday, **July 27**; and *Confessing Our Faith*, on Wednesday, **August 24**, at 7:00 p.m. RSVP to Gregory Morisse (revmorisse@gmail.com) to sign up!

"GROUP GLEAN" PROJECT SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Sign up to join a Plymouth Church Glean Team! Last fall, we gave Golden Ticket funds to the Boston Area Gleaners (BAG) to support their mission to combat food insecurity. Plymouth Church can further support this work through a group "glean" on **Friday, August 12**, from 9:00 to 12-noon, at the BAG headquarters, in Acton. We need 10-20 people for our team, so sign up now for this fun and rewarding experience. **Kids 13 and older can join the group, if accompanied by a parent or guardian.** Be prepared, though, to do some bending, kneeling/squatting, and lifting. You will also need to register as a volunteer and attest to being healthy and vaccinated for COVID. If interested, contact Shari Van Hook (shari.vanhook@gmail.com, 508.308.4961) by August 6. Shari will forward you a link to register as a volunteer.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to help sort and bag food at Greater Framingham Community Church (44 Franklin St). This will take place every other Friday, from 12:00-1:30 p.m. Deliveries will be handled by *DoorDash* drivers on Saturday. To volunteer for one Friday or for many, please contact Al Rapoza at alrapoza@yahoo.com or 508.788.9519.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS

Kelly Johnson is looking for people to help knit prayer/comfort shawls for an emergency animal hospital. There will be a basket of knitting projects for Sunday Knitters. Pick one up, knit before and/or after church, and leave it behind when you go home! If you would like materials to work on throughout the week, please email Kelly directly at drescher.johnson@gmail.com, and she will make arrangements to get you materials.