

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

OR

SIXTH SUNDAY OF
CHRISTMAS

JULY 30, 2023



Sunday, July 30, 2023
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost...OR
Sixth Sunday of Christmas

Prelude *Gabriel's Oboe* *E. Morricone*

Call to Worship *Luke 2:13-15*

*Opening Hymn *O Come, All Ye Faithful*

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Prayer of Invocation

One: Your decrees are wonderful, O God;
therefore my soul keeps them.
The unfolding of your words gives understanding.

**All: Turn to me and be gracious to me.
Keep me steady according to your promise,
and never let iniquity have dominion over me.**

One: Redeem us all from human oppression.
Make your face shine upon this congregation,
and teach me your statutes.

**All: You are righteous, O Holy One, and your judgements are good.
My zeal consumes me because my foes forget your words.
I am small and despised, yet I do not forget your precepts.**

One: Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness.
When trouble and anguish come,
your commandments are a delight.
Your decrees give us understanding that we may live. Amen.

(Psalm 119:129-144)

*The Peace of Christ

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

All: And also with you!

Isaiah 7:10-19; Matthew 13:31-33

Anthem *Dedication* *R. Schumann*

Blessing

Sermon	"God comes little"	
Hymn	<i>What Child Is This, Who, Laid to Rest</i>	
Prayers of the People		
The Lord's Prayer	<p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.</i></p> <p><i>And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.</i></p> <p><i>For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.</i></p>	
Invitation to the Offering		
Offertory	<i>Faith</i>	<i>F. Mendelssohn</i>
Doxology	<i>Each week, we sing and sign an inclusive Doxology (ASL).</i>	
	<p><i>Praise God from whom all blessings flow.</i></p> <p><i>Praise God all creatures here below.</i></p> <p><i>Praise God for all that Love has done.</i></p> <p><i>Creator, Christ, & Spirit one. Amen.</i></p>	
*Closing Hymn	<i>On This Day Earth Shall Ring</i>	
Benediction	<i>Luke 1:46-49</i>	
Postlude	<i>When We All Get to Heaven</i>	<i>J. Koerts</i>



*Welcome and Thank-you to **Donna Chaff**, our accompanist this summer while Elissa is on vacation.*

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.

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).
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O Come, All Ye Faithful

Latin: John F. Wade, 1711-1786
Tr. Frederick Oakeley, 1802-1880, and others

ADESTE FIDELES Irregular
John F. Wade's "Cantus Diversi," 1751

1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant, O
2 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
3 Child, for us sin - ners poor and in the man - ger,
4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing,

come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
Sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove!
We would em - brace thee, with love and awe;
Je - sus, to thee be all glo - ry given;

Come and be - hold him, born the King of an - gels;
Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the high - est;
Who would not love thee, lov - ing us so dear - ly?
Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing;

O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord! A - men.


What Child Is This, Who, Laid to Rest

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William C. Dix, 1837-1898

GREENSLEEVES 8.7.8.7. with Refrain
Traditional English Melody

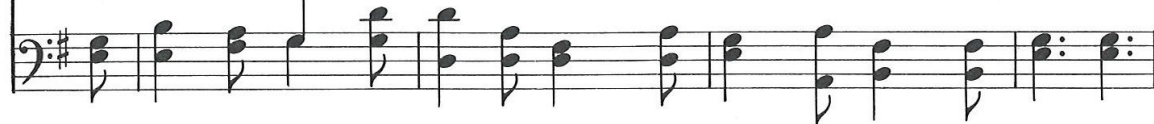
In unison




1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mar - y's lap is sleep - ing?
2 Why lies he in such mean es - tate Where ox and ass are feed - ing?
3 So bring him in - cense, gold, and myrrh, Come peas - ant, king, to own him;





Whom an - gels greet with an - thems sweet, While shep - herds watch are keep - ing?
Good Chris - tian, fear: for sin - ners here The si - lent Word is plead - ing.
The King of kings sal - va - tion brings, Let lov - ing hearts en - throne him.




REFRAIN



This, this is Christ the King, Whom shep - herds guard and an - gels sing:



Haste, haste to bring him laud, The babe, the son of Mar - y.



On This Day Earth Shall Ring

"Piae Cantiones," 1582
Tr. Jane M. Joseph, c. 1894-1929

PERSONENT HODIE 6.6.6.6.6. with Refrain
"Piae Cantiones," 1582
Arr. by Gustav T. Holst, 1874-1934

1 On this day earth shall ring With the song
2 His the doom, ours the mirth; When he came
3 God's bright star, o'er his head, Wise men three
4 On this day an-gels sing; With their song

chil-dren sing To the Lord, Christ our King, Born on earth to
down to earth, Beth-le-hem saw his birth; Ox and ass be-
to him led, Kneel-ing low by his bed, Lay their gifts be-
earth shall ring, Prais-ing Christ, heav-en's King, Born on earth to

REFRAIN

save us; Him the Fa-ther gave us.
side him From the cold would hide him. Id-e-o-o-o-o,
fore him, Praise him and a-dore him.
save us. Peace and love he gave us.

R.H.
R.H. L.H.

BIRTH

Id-e-o-o-o-o, Id-e-o glo-ri-a in ex-cel-sis De-o!



**FRAMINGHAM
PUBLIC
SCHOOLS**

SUMMER

DONATION DRIVE

**FRAMINGHAM'S "WRAPAROUND" SERVICE IS ASKING FOR HELP
COLLECTING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS FOR STUDENTS:**

**WINDBREAKERS,
JACKETS, SWEATSHIRTS,
RAIN BOOTS, RAINWEAR
WOOL SOCKS
(YOUTH/ADULT SIZES)
LUNCH BOXES
WATER BOTTLES**

**DROP-OFFS IN
THE PARISH HALL
JULY 16-AUGUST 27**

WRAPAROUND IS A FAMILY-DRIVEN, TEAM-BASED PROCESS FOR PLANNING AND PROVIDING SUPPORT AND STRATEGIES FOR SUCCESS. THE WRAPAROUND PROCESS CREATES A PLAN DESIGNED TO MEET THE UNIQUE AND HOLISTIC NEEDS OF EACH FAMILY.

SUMMER

Worship 2023

JULY to RALLY DAY in the PARISH HALL

HOME

JULY 9
JULY 16

We host Edwards Church

JULY 23
JULY 30
AUGUST 6
AUGUST 13

We host Edwards Church

AUGUST 27
SEPTEMBER 3

AWAY

JULY 2
at Edwards Church

AUGUST 20
at Edwards Church

RALLY DAY
September 10!

All services begin at 10:00 a.m.

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