

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 2022

How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
I try to count them;
they are more than the sand.
I come to the end and I am still with you.

Psalm 139:17-18

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Prelude

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

O Grant Us, God, a Little Space

Welcome and Announcements

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**Joyful are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked,
or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;
but their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law they meditate day and night.
They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.
The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
The Holy One watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

-Psalm 1

Passing of the Peace

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Blessing

Sermon

Anthem

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

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

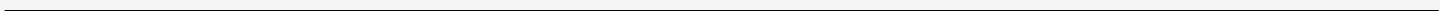
Remembering the Story

Closing Hymn *Take My Gifts*

Benediction

Postlude

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



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John Ellerton, 1870; alt.



Take My Gifts

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Shirley Erena Murray, 1991

1 Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,
 2 Take the fruit that I have gath - ered from the tree your Spir - it sowed,
 3 Take what - ev - er I can of - fer— gifts that I have yet to find,

gave me light and food and shel - ter, gave me life and set me free,
 har - vest of your own com - pas - sion, juice that makes the wine of God,
 skills that I am slow to sharp - en, tal - ents of the hand and mind,

now be - cause your love has touched me, I have love to give a - way,
 spiced with hu - mor, laced with laugh - ter— fla - vor of the Je - sus life,
 things made beau - ti - ful for oth - ers in the place where I must be:

now the bread of love is ris - ing, loaves of love to mul - ti - ply!
 tang of risk and new ad - ven - ture, taste and zest be - yond be - lief.
 take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.

Shirley Erena Murray recounted that Colin Gibson composed this tune for her stewardship text "almost instantaneously." Gibson has served as professor at the University of Otago, as well as organist and choir director in Dunedin, New Zealand.

Tune: TALAVERA TERRACE 8.7.8.7.D.
 Colin Gibson, 1991
 Alternate tune: HOLY MANNA

Bulletin Reminders for September 4, 2022

FALL FAIR NEWS

Our annual Fall Fair is just around the corner, **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1!** Let's make this day another annual Plymouth Church success in fellowship and fundraising. The Fair needs all members and families helping with the many tasks such as setup the week prior, working venues that day, making crafts and food, baking treats, finding Jewelry and White Elephants donations at home, etc.

PART-TIME HOME HEALTH AID

Looking for someone to help Jim Griffin, at his Framingham home, with small household functions and occasional drives to medical appointments. Jim, Ruth's ex-husband, currently requires a walker to get around, and can't drive. Help needed 5-10 hours/week, flexible hours to work with your availability. Guaranteed 5 hours per week, at \$20/hour, plus more, if you have availability. Please call Ruth Griffin, 978.853.6202, if you think you or someone you know would be able to meet this need. Please feel free to leave a voicemail message. *Thank you!*

CHURCH WORLD SERVICE SCHOOL KITS

Please think of CWS school kits now that Back-to-School sales have begun. This year, we need **notebooks, scissors, rulers, and pencil sharpeners.** We especially need **bags!** There are kits (pre-cut fabric, instructions) in the baskets by the lower elevator to be sewn. For more information, please see Leona Dalton or call 508.481.5770.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS

Kelly Johnson is looking for people to help knit prayer/comfort shawls for an emergency animal hospital. Knitting items are located at the rear of the Sanctuary, in bright red tote bags, next to the children's activity bags. Pick one up, knit before and/or after church, and leave it behind when you go home! If you need materials, please email Kelly at drescher.johnson@gmail.com, and she will make arrangements to get you what you need.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

SORT & BAG FOOD

We are looking for volunteers to help sort and bag food at GFCC (44 Franklin St) every other Friday, from 1:30-3:00 p.m. To volunteer for one Friday or for many, please contact Al Rapoza at alrapoza@yahoo.com or 508.788.9519.



Help Support Daniel's Table!

"Sockin It" To Food Insecurity!

- Buy a 3-Pack of Funky Socks
- A portion of sales goes to Daniel's Table's Free Food Programs
- A pair of socks is donated to Daniel's Table to distribute to Neighbors in need!

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<https://daniels-table.fundsnw.org/store/all>



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Featuring THE *Cindy Lou* BAND

\$10 entry, food and beverages for purchase.
Outside in the beer garden or in the distillery if wet weather.

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