

*Seventeenth Sunday
after Pentecost*
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

Who then is this, that even the
wind and the sea obey him?

Mark 4:35-41

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*Today's Chancel flowers are given by Sandy Clarke,
in celebration of "Fall Fair Setup Week" and all our Fair workers.*

Tolling of the Bells

Prelude

Holy Manna

Cherwien

Call to Worship

One: Give thanks to God!

All: Whose steadfast love endures forever!

*Opening Hymn

Praise to the Living God

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Prayer of Invocation

Sam Swisher

One: O sing to the Holy One a new song,
for God has done marvelous things.

**All: You have remembered your steadfast love and faithfulness
All the ends of the earth can witness the victory of our God.**

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous music and sing praises.
Sing praises to the Most High with the lyre,
with trumpets and the sound of the horn!

**All: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.
Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy
for God is coming to judge the earth with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity. Amen.**

*Passing of the Peace

Sam Swisher

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

All: And also with you!

Choir Anthem

Mark 4:35-41

Sam Swisher

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

Blessing

Message for All Ages

Children leave for Faith Workshop and Youth for Youth Group.

Sermon

*In May, Social Action decided to use the proceeds of the Pre-Loved Clothing Sale to support two riders, **Nancy Cantor & David Badeau**, in the Pan-Mass Challenge. The Pan-Mass Challenge is a bike-a-thon that raises money for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. 100% of every rider-raised dollar goes to Dana-Farber. We welcome Nancy and David this morning to share their story and what motivates them to ride.*

*Hymn

When Peace Like a River

Prayers of the People

Peggy Perry

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

Voluntary

Rohlig

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

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude

The God Of Abraham Praise

Proulx

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

Praise to the Living God

Ps. 84:1-2

Curtis Beach, 1966; alt.

1 Praise to the liv - ing God, the God of love and light, Whose
 2 Praise to the liv - ing God, from whom all things de - rive, Whose
 3 Praise to the liv - ing God, who knows our joy and pain, Who
 4 Praise to the liv - ing God, a - round, with - in, a - bove, Be -

word brought forth the myr - iad suns and set the worlds in flight;
 Spir - it formed up - on this sphere the first faint seeds of life;
 shares with us our com - mon life, the sa - cred and pro - fane.
 yond the grasp of hu - man mind, but whom we know as love.

Whose in - fi - nite de - sign, which we but dim - ly see, Per -
 Who caused them to e - volve, un - wit - ting, toward God's goal, Till
 God toils wher-e'er we toil, in home and mart and mill; And
 In these tu - mul-tuous days, so full of hope and strife, May

vades all na - ture, mak - ing all a cos - mic u - ni - ty.
 hu - man-kind stood on the earth, as liv - ing, think - ing souls.
 deep with - in the hu - man heart God leads us for - ward still.
 we bear wit - ness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

Curtis Beach, born into a family of several generations of ministers, was educated at Harvard University, the Boston University School of Theology, and the University of Southern California. A minister in the United Church of Christ, Beach authored The Gospel of Mark: Its Making and Meaning.

Tune: DIADEMATA S.M.D.
 George J. Elvey, 1868

When Peace, Like a River

(It Is Well with My Soul)

Ps. 146; Col. 1:19–23; 2:13–14; 3 John 1:2

Horatio G. Spafford, 1873; alt.

1 When peace, like a riv - er, up - holds me each day, when
 2 Though e - vil should tempt me, though tri - als should come, let
 3 My sin— oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought— my
 4 O God, speed the day that is filled with your light, when

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, What - ev - er my lot, you have
 this blessed as - sur - ance con - trol, That Christ has re - gard - ed my
 sin— not in part, but the whole— Is nailed to the cross and I
 clouds are rolled back as a scroll; The trum - pet shall sound and the

Refrain
 taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul."
 help - less es - tate, and has paid life and blood for my soul: It is
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
 Lord shall ap - pear, "e - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul.

This hymn was written out of grief over the loss of the author's four daughters in the sinking of the SS Ville du Havre. After leaving his Chicago law practice, Horatio G. Spafford and his wife settled in Jerusalem.

Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE 11.8.11.9. with refrain
 Philip P. Bliss, 1876

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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Jane Parker Huber, 1981

John 15:12-17; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 2:14-22

1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life

We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 That sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,

E - qual part - ners in our car - ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
 Blend - ing hu - man skills to - geth - er gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.
 Bring new power and strength for ac - tion, make us col - leagues, free and fair.
 Mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv - ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.

One of Jane Parker Huber's most widely sung texts, this hymn was originally written for a women's breakfast at the 1981 Presbyterian General Assembly meeting to celebrate the partnership of women and men in service of the church.

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.
 John Zundel, 1855
 For another key, see 43, 368

Bulletin Reminders

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 Choral Response and Postlude in quiet contemplation.

All are invited to the Parish Hall for coffee, tea, and snacks. **TODAY marks the beginning of Fair Week! We can use all the help we can get to rearrange furniture, move donations into their designated rooms, and begin the great unpacking and sorting!**

FALL FAIR PIZZA PARTY!

TODAY, September 24, Parish Hall
Directly after worship, we move a mountain of Fair donations and unpack boxes or set up car ports, then we enjoy Pizza with new and old friends.

THE KLATCH IS BACK!

Many thanks to members of the September Klatch for their hospitality in serving up refreshments and treats for coffee hour this month. October is right around the corner. The Klatch leaders for next month are Rebecca Reiner and Sandy Clarke. The October Klatch roster can be found via the link in your *Wednesday Email*. Rebecca and Sandy will soon be sending out emails to their Klatch team, so stay tuned.

CWS BACK-TO-SCHOOL KITS

We especially need notebooks, scissors (blunt ends), pencils, and pencil sharpeners. Items may be left in the baskets near the lower elevator. See Leona Dalton at Coffee Hour.

FALL FAIR MAGIC...ALL WEEK LONG

September 24-29

Unpacking and sorting of donations continues. Stop by any weekday or evening to help uncover 2023 White Elephants and develop each space. Gradually, the classrooms transform into Fair venues! Many Plymouth elves provide ingenuity and muscle on-site, while other elves are at home making Jam, Fudge, Pies, small Cakes, Breads, and Cookies.

HELPFUL DONATION DROP-OFF INFO

Church doors are open 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Sunday through Friday. If you require another drop-off time, please call the Church Office, 508.875.1364, Monday, Wednesday, or Thursday and speak with Nancy McAllister, Church Operations Manager. Last day for bringing in any White Elephant donations is Thursday, September 28.

BOOKS IN BLOOM

Wednesday, September 27, 7:00 p.m.

Framingham Public Library, Main Branch
Learn all about how the club interpreted books from the 1930s and how they developed their ideas and final floral designs. This event is part of the club's 90th anniversary celebration.

ADULT MENTORS NEEDED

One of the best programs Will started before his departure was the Mentorship Program. We are starting this up again in November with a Friendsgiving meal hosted by the Youth. With over 15 youth, I'm going to need a lot of adults to step forward! If you're interested, let me know. If not, will you pray on it? Ask God if maybe you have some special gifts to offer.

-Greg



Fall Fair



**The Plymouth Church in Framingham
87 Edgell Road, Framingham, MA**

September 30, 10 AM – 2 PM




HUGE WHITE ELEPHANT TAG SALE:
household goods, kitchen gadgets, home decor, linens,
gently used kids toys, games, and sporting equipment

Baked goods, sandwiches, pie, chowder, soup, chili •

Hot Dog stand • Homemade crafts •

Costumes • Themed gift baskets • Christmas Shop •

Books • Jewelry • Kid's Games



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