



World Communion Sunday

OCTOBER 1, 2023

Sunday, October 1, 2023
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Tolling of the Bells

Prelude *Partita on New Britain (Prelude Chorale)* Callahan

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn *As We Gather at Your Table*

Welcome and Announcements

Unison Prayer of Invocation

**Almighty God,
even as the drums of warfare beat on through the night,
even as the cries of injustice linger in the morning,
even as the hustle of busyness rumbles through the day,
quiet our hearts. Still our thoughts. Join us in our worship.
Remember us in your mercy as we try to remember you,
through the proclamation of your good news, in story and in song,
and through the hospitality of your gracious table.
Welcome us again, Holy One,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Passing of the Peace

One: "The Peace of Christ be with you."
All: And also with you!

Witnessing Steward

Meg Doucette

1 Kings 17:8-16

Blessing

Sermon

Choir Anthem

Order My Steps

Burleigh

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.

Children enter the Sanctuary.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

You'll Never Walk Alone

Rodgers

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.

Invitation to the Table

Unison Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we dare to dream of a world in which hunger is unknown: where scarcity is an illusion, and everyone has a place at the table. We dare to dream of a world in which generosity is the norm: where greed finds no foothold, and there is more than enough for all. We dare to dream of a world in which love rules: where compassion is the first response, and there is no place for bigotry and fear. We confess we have not always been bold in our daring or true to our dreams. We confess we have not always participated in the goodness of your love.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Remembering the Story

A Deacon will signal your pew when to come forward to receive the bread and cup. If you would prefer not to come forward, they can serve you directly in your pews. This morning, the bread is allergen-free, and the cup contains grape juice. Bring both back to the pew with you, and wait until all have been served, so that we may eat together.

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

Sharing the Elements

Communion Hymn

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken

Post Communion Prayer

*Closing Hymn

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude

Toccata in the Style of Scarlatti

Young

Order My Steps

Burleigh

*Order my steps in your Word, dear Lord,
Lead me, guide me, every day.
Send your anointing, Father, I pray.
Order my steps in your Word.*

*I want to walk worthy, my calling to fulfill.
Please order my steps, Lord and I'll do your blessed will.
The world is ever changing, but You are still the same.
If you order my steps I'll praise your name.*

*Humbly I ask Thee, teach me your will,
While You are working, help me be still.
Tho' Satan is busy, God is real!
Order my steps in your Word.*

*Order my steps in your Word,
order my tongue in your Word;
Guide my feet in your Word, wash my heart in your Word.
Show me how to walk in your Word,
show me how to talk in your Word.
When I need a brand new song to sing,
Show me how to let your praises ring, in your Word.
Please, order my steps in your Word.*

Following the Closing Hymn, we encourage the congregation to remain risen, in body or in 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. 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.

A word of thanks and gratitude for all the many volunteers who gave their time and resources to the Fair. A very special THANK YOU to Sandy Clarke for her joyful leadership. God is good, all the time!

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Matt. 22:1-10; Luke 14:16-24

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989

1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.

Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

In this hymn, commissioned by an Episcopal parish in Virginia for the celebration of its tricentennial, Carl P. Daw, Jr., utilized a familiar phrase from Isaac Watts' "Joy to the World," which was the motto for the celebration: "Repeat the sounding joy."

Tune: BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7.D.
 The Sacred Harp, 1844
 Harm. The New Century Hymnal, 1992

Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken

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Reginald Heber, 1827; alt.

John 6:35-58

1 Bread of the world, in mer - cy bro - ken, Wine of the soul in
2 Look on the heart by sor - row bro - ken, look on the tears by

mer - cy shed, By whom the words of life were spo - ken,
sin - ners shed, And be your feast to us the to - ken

and in whose death our sins are dead,
that by your grace our lives are fed.

Author of a number of familiar hymns, Reginald Heber published the first modern English hymnal arranged according to the church year. The musical setting for this hymn was written by Episcopal priest and hymnal editor John Sebastian Bach Hodges.

Tune: EUCHARISTIC HYMN 9.8.9.8.
J. S. B. Hodges, 1868
Alternate tune: RENDEZ À DIEU
(sung in one stanza)

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

*Eph. 2:20–22; 1 Pet. 2:4–7**Latin, 6th–8th century
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.
St. 3 adapt. Thomas H. Troeger, 1992*

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and cor - ner - stone,
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O God of Hosts, to - day!
3 Here re - new your ser - vants' vis - ion, that by faith they may at - tain

chos - en of our God and pre - cious, bind - ing all the Church in one;
With your con - stant, lov - ing kind - ness hear your peo - ple as they pray.
peace and hope, re - newed com - pas - sion, strength to com - fort those in pain,

Ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
Give your full - est ben - e - dic - tion: grace to fol - low Christ the Way.
Tears and grief trans - formed to glad - ness in your ev - er - last - ing reign.

The hymn has its origins in an early Latin poem, Urbs beata Jerusalem, based on passages from Ephesians, 1 Peter, and Revelation. "Holy Zion" refers to the church transcendent, built of "living stones"—the saints of God.

Tune: REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7.
Henry T. Smart, 1867
Alternate tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Bulletin Reminders

THE OCTOBER KLATCH

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.

FRAMINGHAM REPAIR CAFÉ

Saturday, October 7, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Scott Hall at 24 Vernon St, Framingham

Our volunteers can help fix many things for FREE !including: clothing, lamps, small appliances, bikes, jewelry and sewing machines. If you know what parts are needed, please acquire them ahead of time.

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. To get involved, contact Greg.

**THE 3RD ANNUAL
INDIGENOUS
PEOPLE'S DAY EVENT**

Sponsored by the City of Framingham & Framingham Public Schools

Food truck, music, dancing
Parking is available at Barbieri Elementary School
In case of inclement weather, the event will be held inside Barbieri Elementary School's gym

Monday, October 9, 2023 • Noon - 3:00 PM
Farm Pond Park on Dudley Road

Framingham State University | MASSBAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE | GREATER FRAMINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

Book Drive

Declan Scamby's Eagle Scout Project

Collection for children's books (ages 2-5)

All donations will go to Plymouth House Nursery School
Donations can be dropped off at the bin in the foyer of the Church
Or email declanscambyeaglescout@gmail.com about a pick-up



any questions can be directed to declanscambyeaglescout@gmail.com

FACING LONELINESS CREATING COMMUNITY

Under the Sukkah

Thursday, October 5 at 6 pm

Temple Beth Shalom
50 Pamela Road

Join us for a simple meal under the Sukkah and a chance to reflect on loneliness and connection in our lives and our city. Registration is required.



FACING LONELINESS CREATING COMMUNITY

Local Leaders Reflect

Thursday, October 19 at 6 pm

Greater Framingham Community Church
44 Franklin Street

Consider the state of loneliness and connection among youth, elders, and people living with mental health challenges. Followed by small group discussions. This program will be available on Zoom for those who register.

