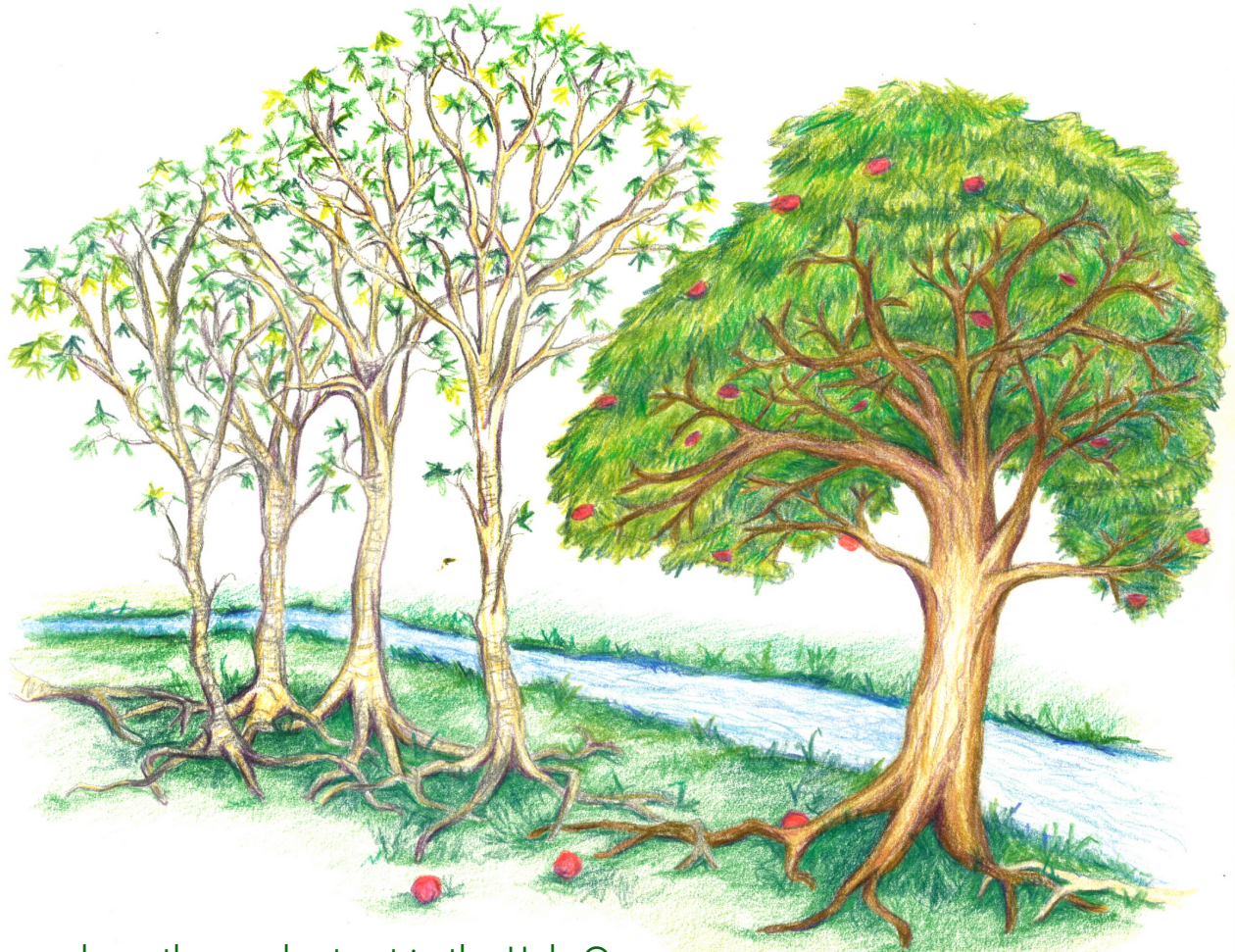


SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 2, 2022



Blessed are those who trust in the Holy One,
whose trust is the Most High.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;
in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Sunday, October 2, 2022
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday

Tolling of the Bell

Prelude *Arioso* *Bach realized Thygerson*

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn *As We Gather At Your Table*

Welcome and Announcements

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of the ancient prophets, and of this congregation, be with us this morning. We confess that we have not done what we should; and what we should have done we ignored. Render your loving judgment that we might move from word to deed, and from ambition to action. Strengthen our faith to believe. Steady our love as we become. Journey with us as we follow your Word. In the name of Jesus, our Messiah and our Teacher.

Assurance of Grace

Passing of the Peace

Exodus 3:1-12

Blessing

Sermon

Choir Anthem *Gift of Grace* *Organ*

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, Amen.

Transformation Moment

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song* *Cutts*

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

Closing Hymn

Take My Life, God, Let It Be

Benediction

Postlude

Fanfare and March

Purcell

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

Take My Life, God, Let It Be

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Frances R. Havergal, 1874; alt.

Rom. 12:1

1 Take my life, God, let it be con - se - crat - ed faith - ful - ly.
2 Take my spir - it, let it move at the im - pulse of your love.
3 Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.
4 Take my love and help it grow; let my lov - ing ov - er - flow.

Take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my in - tel - lect and use all its pow - ers as you choose.
Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwell - ing place.
Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's com - mu - ni - ty.

Frances R. Havergal wrote her hymn following a visit to Areley House in Worcestershire, England. Among the ten persons at the house were "some unconverted . . . some converted but not rejoicing." Before she left, "everyone had got a blessing."

Tune: VIENNA 7.7.7.7.
Justin H. Knecht, 1797
Alternate tune: HENDON

Communion Liturgy

Responsive Consecration

Pastor: Jesus said: "I am the bread of life. All who come to me shall not hunger, and all who believe in me shall never be thirsty."

People: We are hungry and thirsty. O Lamb of God, we come!

Pastor: We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion and on the day of joy and resurrection, Jesus took his authority as the Christ and offered the bread in thanksgiving, saying...

People: "Take, eat. This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Pastor: In the same way, and by the same authority, Jesus offered the cup in thanksgiving and said,

People: "Take, drink. This is the cup of the new covenant which is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins and the healing of the nations. Do this often and remember me."

Pastor: Come, Holy Spirit. Come. Open our hearts to the mystery of Christ's presence in these ordinary things, in our ordinary lives. May they be for us the very essence of the living Christ in our midst. Amen.

Through the broken bread...

People: We participate in the Body of Christ

Pastor: Through the cup of blessing...

People: We participate in the new life Christ gives.

Pastor: These are the gifts of God, prepared for all people. Come for all things are now ready.

Closing Prayer

People: Precious Lord, for all that you give us and all that you beckon us toward, we give you thanks. Patient Jesus, for the daily bread that you offer us, and for sustaining us on the journey, we give you praise. Powerful Spirit, for the unity that you create, we lift up your name: Jesus Christ our Head, Amen.



Today's Chancel Flowers are given by Sandy Clarke, in honor of *ALL* the Fair workers.

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

Bulletin Reminders for October 2, 2022

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP & MASKS

Thank you to all of you who completed our most recent COVID survey. Church Council has decided to end mandatory masking for Sunday worship. Whenever you are at church, and wherever you are in the building, masks are now "optional."

TRANSFORMATION CORNER

Focus groups are coming! We'll continue to explore Core Values from a different perspective in groups of 10-12 people. Sign-up sheets will be available at church *TODAY, October 2*. Please sign up to participate in these important conversations as we journey ahead to a future of new possibilities.

COMMUNITY NIGHT OUT MOVIES

Space Jam: A New Legacy Space Jam

Saturday, October 8, 5:30 p.m.

Main Library, Learning Yard

Join us for this "Stop the Hate" event where we all come together as a community for food, games, music, and, of course, a movie! Seating provided or BYO comfy chair or blanket. In partnership with Community Vibes Framingham.

ONE NIGHT SHOWING: VOICES CARRY

Saturday, October 15

Edwards Church, 39 Edwards Street

On Saturday, October 15, Southborough Safe Spaces and All Things Sparkley Photography bring their Voices Carry photography exhibit to Edwards Church in Framingham for a One Night Special Showing. This is a family-friendly event, and everyone's invited! Tickets may be purchased in advance. For more information, see your *Wednesday Email*.

DIAPER DRIVE TO BENEFIT A PLACE TO TURN

Plymouth Church and the Social Action Committee are hosting a Diaper Drive to benefit *A Place to Turn* food pantry. One in three U.S. families struggles to provide enough diapers to keep a baby or toddler clean, dry, and healthy. If you would like to help, please purchase diapers - preferably in sizes 4,5,6 (but any size will do) and leave them in the appropriately marked bin in the church foyer. If you would like to order diapers online they can be delivered to: The Diaper Project, c/o Eva Benda, 11 Clemmons St. Southborough, MA. 01772. Please indicate you are with Plymouth Church. Finally, you can make a financial contribution on the *A Place To Turn* website and note in the comment section of the donation page "Restricted to The Diaper Project" and the name of the church. The drive will run through **October 2**. Please contact Robyne Jerome with any questions you may have, 508.877.3502

FRAMINGHAM REPAIR CAFE



Do you have something that needs fixing or mending? Bring it to *The Repair Cafe* on Saturday, **October 8**, from 2:00-5:00 p.m., at Open Spirit. Volunteers can help fix clothing, lamps, small appliances, computers/other electronics, bikes, toys, jewelry, and sewing machines. PLUS, there will be a station for sharpening knives, scissors and garden tools. Remember: "the fix is free at *The Repair Cafe!*"