



**Nineteenth
Sunday
after Pentecost**

October 8, 2023



**Indigenous People's
Weekend**



Sunday, October 8, 2023

Tolling of the Bells

Prelude

Andante

Rheinberger

Call to Worship

Emily Lynch

One: God is good:

All: All the time! All the time:

One: God is good!

*Opening Hymn

Creator God, Creating Still

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Prayer of Invocation

Jessica Caruso

One: God, blessed is your name. We pray that through our worship,
Your kingdom come,

All: Your will be done.

One: God, bless our heads. Set our thoughts to your wisdom and our intentions on
your truth. Disrupt our assumptions and correct our prejudice.

Your kingdom come,

All: Your will be done.

One: God, bless our hearts. Mend the ragged seams and bind up our grief. Inspire
us again to love and to be loved, to hope and rejoice.

Your kingdom come,

All: Your will be done.

One: God, bless our shoulders. Remove the heavy burdens we carry. Free us to
come to you, to take your yoke, and choose your love as our purpose.

Your kingdom come,

All: Your will be done.

One: God, bless our hands. Set them to your purposes. We lift them up in praise. We
clap and wave in thanksgiving. We press our palms together in prayer. We offer
them to our neighbor in partnership.

Your kingdom come,

All: Your will be done.

One: Amen, Amen, and Amen!

All: Amen!

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

*Passing of the Peace

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

All: And also with you!

Choir Anthem

Kyrie

Rouse

Matthew 14:13-21

Blessing

Sermon

All the People

*Hymn

Jesus Loves Me

Prayers of the People

Kathy Copson

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

Robert Clark

Offertory

Duet

Handel

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

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude

Divertissement

Young

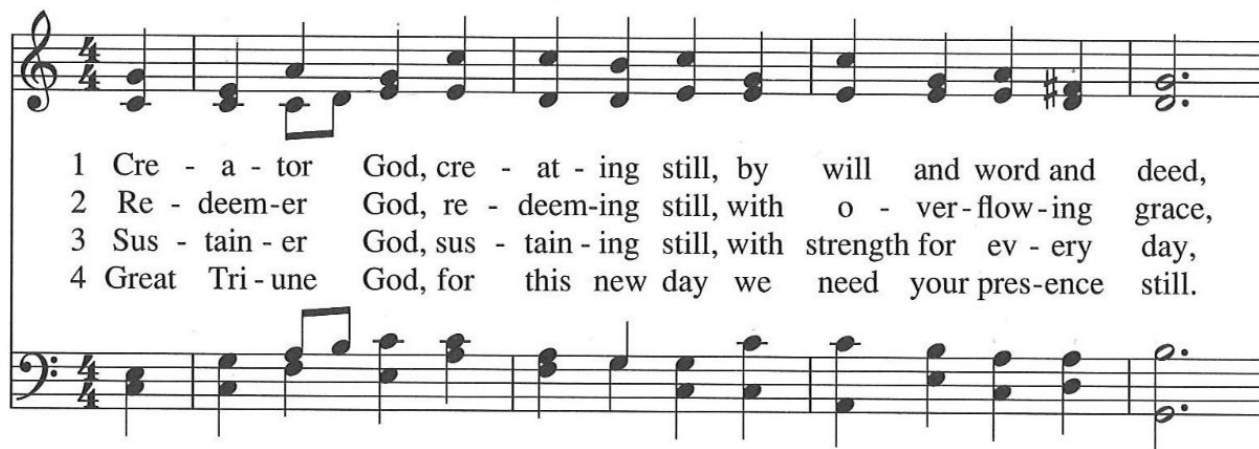
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Creator God, Creating Still


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Jane Parker Huber, 1977; rev. 1993

Rom. 5:1-5



1 Cre - a - tor God, cre - at - ing still, by will and word and deed,
2 Re - deem-er God, re - deem-ing still, with o - ver-flow-ing grace,
3 Sus - tain - er God, sus - tain - ing still, with strength for ev - ery day,
4 Great Tri - une God, for this new day we need your pres-ence still.



Cre - ate a new hu - man - i - ty to meet the pres - ent need.
Pour out your love on us, through us, make this a ho - ly place.
Em - power us now to do your will. Cor - rect us when we stray.
Cre - ate, re - deem, sus - tain us now to do your work and will.

Jane Parker Huber's second hymn was written during a time of particular focus on language. By describing the Triune God in terms of function rather than in terms of persons, she hoped to avoid a tendency to think we know God by knowing formulas.

Tune: ST. ANNE C.M.
William Croft, 1708

Jesus Loves Me

St. 1, Anna B. Warner, 1860

St. 2-3, David Rutherford McGuire, 1971

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
 2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,
 3 Je - sus loves me! Still to - day, walk - ing with me on my way,

Lit - tle ones to him be - long; they are weak, but he is strong.
 Tak - ing chil - dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."
 Want - ing as a friend to give light and love to all who live.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

1 Deer He-soos zis guh see-reh,
 eem soorp keer-kus ice guh-seh,
 Inch koo-tov ink un-toon-etz
 po-ker dug-hak, yev orh-netz.

Vo, guh see-reh ziss!
 Vo, guh see-reh ziss!
 Vo, guh see-reh ziss!

Soorp Kirk-uh ice guh-seh.

(Armenian transliteration Vartan Hartunian)

1 Lo'u A-lii ua faa-fe-tai
 I lou sa-ga a-lo-fa-mai,
 Ua i-lo-a-ti-no ai
 I lou tau-si pe-a mai.

O lou a-lo-fa!
 O lou a-lo-fa!
 O lou a-lo-fa!

E si-li la-va lea.

(Samoan transl. anon.)

Anna B. Warner collaborated with her sister, Susan, on several novels. In one, *Say and Seal*, this hymn was sung to comfort a sick child. Two new stanzas have been provided by Canadian David R. McGuire, an Anglican priest.

Tune: JESUS LOVES ME 7.7.7.7. with refrain
 William B. Bradbury, 1862

Lord, I Want To Be a Christian

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African-American spiritual

Deut. 6:5-6; 10:12-16

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart,
3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

Refrain

In my heart, in my heart,
In my heart, in my heart,

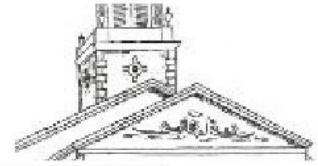
Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

Many of the enslaved of antebellum America did not want to become Christians because they did not want to adopt the religion of their captors. But this spiritual attests that the Christian faith was an internal strength and aim for many.

Tune: I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN
8.6.8.3. with refrain
African-American spiritual
Arr. Joyce Finch Johnson, 1992

The Plymouth Church in Framingham

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MEETING WARRANT

October 15, 2023

TO: All Members of The Plymouth Church in Framingham

You are hereby notified of a Congregational Meeting of The Plymouth Church in Framingham to consider the following business:

- ARTICLE I** **To vote to approve Robert Clark as Treasurer.**

- ARTICLE II** **To receive an update on the installation of roof-top solar panels.**

- ARTICLE III** **To receive an update on the 2024 Pledge Drive.**

- ARTICLE IV** **To receive an update on the Transformation process.**

- ARTICLE V** **To consider any other business that may properly come before the congregation.**

The meeting will be held in the sanctuary at 11:15 A.M. on October 15, 2023.

**Shari Van Hook,
Clerk**

Bulletin Reminders

CARING FOR EACH OTHER

For the past few years, the Coordinating Care Committee has been caring for you by reaching out with cards, emails, and phone calls. This year, we are asking you to join us in reaching out to each other. We would like you to join with a friend to invite three others, who you would like to know better, to gather in fellowship and please include the youth and children! You can get together at a coffee shop, at someone's house or maybe at a park. We recommend some questions for conversation starters, so you can learn about each other. Sample questions include: "What is a book that you read that made you think?" "If you could live anywhere in the world, where would you live?", "What is your favorite comfort food?"

Please be in touch about your time together and share with us any great stories or facts! We will post them on the Coordinating Care Committee bulletin board in the classroom hallway. Have fun!

The Coordinating Care Committee

INSTALLATION OF REV. WILLIAM TANNER

Sunday, October 29

Our former Pastor for Family Life, Rev. Will Tanner, will be installed at his new church, First Church UCC, 190 Court Street, in Middletown, CT, on Sunday, **October 29**, at 3:00 p.m. If you are interested in ride-sharing that day from church, please contact Kathy Copson.

THE OCTOBER KLATCH

The Klatch leaders for October 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.

NEW MEMBER EXPLORATION

Sunday, October 22, after worship

We will be gathering after worship, on Sunday, **October 22**, in the Library, to meet with all who are new to Plymouth Church and who wish to deepen their connection with our community through exploration of Plymouth Church ministries.



Fall Fair

2023 FAIR SALES BY VENUE

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| 1,415.00 | BAKE SHOPPE |
| 460.00 | BOOKS |
| 410.00 | CHILDREN'S BOOKS |
| 585.00 | CHRISTMAS SHOP |
| 1,030.00 | COOKIE WALK |
| 285.00 | COSTUMES |
| 805.00 | CRAFTS & COUNTRY STORE |
| 850.00 | HOT DOGS |
| 1,445.00 | JEWELRY |
| 680.00 | JUNIOR WHITE ELEPHANTS |
| 1,310.00 | LUNCHEONETTE |
| 130.00 | POPCORN |
| 3,620.00 | WHITE ELEPHANTS |
| 155.00 | SUNDAY SALES |
| 13,180.00 | TOTAL SALES |