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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

The Plymouth Church
 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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Indigenous People's Weekend

Tolling of the Bell

Prelude *Andante* *Rheinberger*

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Prayer of Invocation *Don Copson, Lay Reader*

One: Give thanks to God with your whole heart, Let the whole congregation express our gratitude.

All: Great are the works of the Most High, to be studied and shared.

One: The Holy One is gracious and merciful, ever mindful of the covenant.

All: God has shown us what is faithful and just, redeeming all people from aimlessness and sin.

One: Awe and respect are the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice humility will come to understand.

All: With our whole heart, we thank you, God. May our gratitude be our first step of our journey.

-Psalm 111

Passing of the Peace

Luke 17:11-19

Blessing

Sermon

Choir Anthem *Somebody's Knockin at Your Door* *Spiritual*

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

Idyll

Marsh

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

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

Benediction

Postlude

Gigue

Young

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



766 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

1 The church of Christ can - not be bound by
 2 True faith will o - pen up the door and
 3 True love will not sit i - dly by when
 4 If what we have we free - ly share to
 5 The church of Christ can - not be bound by

walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and
 step in - to the street. True ser - vice will seek
 jus - tice is de - nied. True mer - cy hears the
 meet our neigh - bor's need, then we ex - tend the
 walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and

love are found, there can the church be known.
 out the poor and ask to wash their feet.
 home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.
 Spir - it's care through ev - ery self - less deed.
 love are found, there can the church be known.

This text was the winning entry in a hymnwriting competition seeking new texts dealing with poverty and homelessness, but as the stanza sung at the beginning and end of the hymn makes clear, such specific ministries grow out of an understanding of the church as love in action.

O Jesus, I Have Promised

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John E. Bode, 1868; alt.

Luke 9:57; John 14:1-4

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
2 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
3 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you

re - main for - ev - er near me, my Sav - ior and my Friend:
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will!
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be, too;

I shall not fear life's strug - gles if you are by my side,
O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol!
And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;

nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
O speak, and make me lis - ten, O guar - dian of my soul!
O give me grace to fol - low my Sav - ior and my Friend!

John Ernest Bode wrote these words when his daughter and two sons were confirmed. Although the Oxford scholar and rector wrote books of hymns, this is the only one to achieve lasting fame.

Tune: ANGEL'S STORY 7.6.7.6.D.

A. H. Mann, 1883

Alternate tune: MUNICH

Bulletin Reminders for October 9, 2022

FALL FAIR 2022...ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS!

Sincere and hearty thanks to all of the Fair Chairs, workers, staff, donors, bakers and makers who pulled together to create another wonderful Fair. Thanks also to all the family and friends of Plymouth Church who supported us in this annual mission to host a successful Community Event.

\$12,000 is the updated estimate of net proceeds, a celebration indeed!

TRANSFORMATION CORNER

Focus groups are here! We'll continue to explore Core Values from a different perspective in groups of 10-12 people. Please see our email of October 4 to sign up to participate in these important conversations as we journey ahead to a future of new possibilities.

CARE COMMITTEE FORMS NEW GROUP

Many of us at church are undergoing a personal transformation, the transformation of aging. And many of us would like to do whatever we can to make this process as healthy, life-giving, and fulfilling as possible. Care Committee is forming a group to get together and talk about our health challenges and strategies. People are invited to bring to the group, and share, anything that is already working for them and to look for any information they can find that will be helpful. Please call Deb Sawyer (508.380.5649) for more information.

VETERANS APPRECIATION DINNER

Sunday, November 13

Plymouth Church Parish Hall

The Veterans Appreciation Dinner is back! As in previous years, we are looking for volunteers to assist with baking, welcoming, serving, and cleaning up. *See your Wednesday Email for complete details and signup links.*

BREAKFAST CHURCH

What could be better than church? Answer: Church with PANCAKES! Come to church on Sunday, **October 23** to break bread (PANCAKES) together and to experience this new, conversational, community worship service! AND if you're a dab hand with a spatula, sign up to be part of the Task Team!

FAITH WORKSHOP TEACHERS

Faith Workshop needs YOU! We are currently seeking teacher teams for: November (1 class session only!), January (Teach with Sandy Clarke!), February, March, and April. To sign up, email Will (revwtanner@gmail.com) or visit the Faith Workshop bulletin board at church..

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Trunk-or-treat is back this year and open to the wider community for the first time! We are so excited to welcome our neighbors to this fun and friendly event and we need you to bring the magic, spook, and treats! We are hoping for 15-20 cars to offer treats, and we need a couple folks to coordinate parking before worship. *See your Wednesday Email for signup links.*

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.*