

Hymns:

428 We Love Your House, O God
373 Jesus Loves Me, This I Know
689 Simply Trusting Every Day
644 May the Mind of Christ my Saviour

Scriptures:

OT: Isaiah 40: 21-31
Epistle: Hebrews 12: 1-3, 12-14
Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-33

Responsive Reading: Psalm 104- Selected Verses

Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, you are very great. You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.

You stretch out the heavens like a tent.

You set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind.

You make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

You set the earth on its foundations, so that it shall never be shaken.

You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, giving drink to every wild animal;

By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches.

You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth,

You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting. You make darkness, and it is night.

Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there, living things both small and great.

May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works.

I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

Sermon: The Race Before Us

A Time of Celebration and Blessing

*Today Saint David's welcomes two former daughters of our Church School;
Stephanie and Jamie Taylor
and their family members.*

*With much happiness we also welcome Madelyn Elizabeth Vallis
born to Jamie Taylor and Jamie Vallis
six months ago in Calgary, Alberta.*

*We mark this joyful occasion as Madelyn's introduction to her church life
and ask for God's blessing upon her and all that she does and becomes
in the years ahead.*

*May she run with perseverance the race that is set before her,
looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of her faith.*

The welcoming elder this morning is Mac Mackay. The reader is Nancy Tindall. The refreshment hosts are David and Nancy Tindall. We invite all to join us in the hall for this time of fellowship.

Once again we welcome to the pulpit Rev. Judithe Adam- Murphy. Next Sunday, Rev. Sydney McDonald will be with us. Kenn will return from Trinidad—where it is hot and a lot of hard work—for August 19th, and then Dr. Laurence DeWolfe will preach on August 26th. to round out the summer slate of guest preachers.

Ruth Minnikin will be performing in the Tunes at Noon concert series in Grand Parade on Friday, August 10 from 12-1pm. Ruth just released a new CD on Friday.

Summer Sounds@Barrington Concert Series 2012:St. Matthew's United Church,
12:15 – 1:00 pm Thursdays:

August 9: Ardyth & Jennifer with Pam Mason, Celtic Harps

Suggested Donation: \$5.00

You are welcome to bring your lunch. Info: 429-1680

Jeannine and Bruce Swaffield are high school sweethearts and were married in 1972. They will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary by renewing their vows in our church on August 7th. Several family members are traveling with them on a Disney cruise to commemorate this special occasion. Jeannine and Bruce, originally from Cleveland, Ohio, now live in Virginia Beach, VA. She is a receptionist and he is a professor. They have been members of the Presbyterian Church USA for the past 30 years. Everyone is invited to come to the ceremony on Tuesday at 2 pm. The Rev. Michael Koslowski will officiate.

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