

Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost: Caring Neighbors



July 10, 2022

9:30 am

We Practice Just Peace: doing justice, seeking peace
We are Open and Affirming: welcoming LGBTQ+ people

☺ We Listen for the Still Speaking God

We are striving to become a racial justice church

Our faith is 2000 years old; our thinking isn't.

*We request that you are respectful when making decisions about masking; **at this time, we strongly encourage masks.** If you have a tickle in your throat or you feel a bit under the weather, please wear a mask. Please inquire to people before assuming they are okay with physical contact.*

GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

Please, if you are new to our community and want to be more involved, leave your email address in the attendance pad or email us at office@uccplymouth.org. We are delighted to get to know you! We have Sunday School between mid-September & June; this morning we invite children to remain in worship. You may contact office@uccplymouth.org to get more information about programming for any age.

Prelude

Varum

Robert Schumann

*Those who are able may stand.

*Call to Worship

Liturgist: Donna Castor

One: Our God is a builder who takes care and time; one with plentiful supplies!

All: Let us look to what you provide this hour.

One: God is setting a plumbline for us; Jesus brings us a Way.

All: Let us seek the Way of Christ together.

One: We may not feel like prophets, but we are surely meant to bring love and peace to those we encounter.

All: Let us consider the ways the gospel word may be written on our hearts; hear our songs, Holy One:

*Hymn

Born of God, Eternal Savior

NCH (black) #542

1 Born of God, E - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life, of truth and grace,
2 Christ, as you have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live;
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, grant - ing love and joy and peace;
4 See the Christ-like host ad - vanc - ing, high and low - ly, great and small,

Hu - man One, whose birth in - car - nate hal - lows all our hu - man race,
 Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed, free - ly may your ser - vants give.
 Hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
 Linked in bonds of com - mon ser - vice, an - swer - ing the Sav - ior's call.

Come a - gain, in all your glo - ry; come to us, in - spire and lead;
 All the wealth that we may gath - er is for use in caus - es just.
 By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
 Je - sus Christ, we hear your plead - ing that your peo - ple should be one.

Fill us with your lov - ing - kind - ness; heal our wrongs, and help our need.
 We are stew - ards of the boun - ty loaned to us in sol - emn trust.
 Quench our fe - vered thirst for plea - sure, shame our self - ish greed for gain.
 Grant, O grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth, your will be done.

Passing of the Peace

We invite you to text or email someone a note of peace today. A hand-written note will work too!

One: God be with you

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Unison Gathering Prayer

True Friend, Spirit of Life: we thank you for the opportunities to pray, to sing and to consider our place in your world. You have offered us a path of love to seek; we aim to come with humility. We seek life to the fullest and so we look for a way to praise you with our actions. Let no stone go unturned as we dig into your word this morning. Comfort our hearts and challenge our minds, that we might be ready for the deepest questions of faith. In this hour, grant us delight, rest, and challenge. Amen.

Moments for Confession

NCH # 835, by Maren Tirabassi

Silence for Personal Reflection

God's Promise of New Life

One: Everchanging God, we have too often pointed to those labeled as evil as the ones who need to change and be redeemed; we have forgotten our own need for redemption and forgiveness. We remember together:

All: You are blessed, and you have turned to your people and set us free; you have raised up for us a strong deliverer, and so you promised: we may be delivered from all evil, into Love. For this promise, for your Love, we sing:

Response

Spirit of the Living God

NCH (black) #283

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.

Message for All Ages

Children and youth are welcome to come forward during the message for all ages if they like. The message for all ages will truly be intergenerational this morning so if children want to stay in the pews that is okay too!

NCH (black) #528:

***You are the seed that will grow a new sprout,
You're the star that will shine through the day.
You are the yeast and a small grain of salt, a beacon to glow in the night.
Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming love to all:
Messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love.***

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Readings

Amos 7: 7-15 Luke 10: 25-37 & Lucas 10: 36-37

One: Creator God, we pray that the meditations of our hearts and minds be acceptable to you, for you are our rock and redeemer. Move in the space between words and hearing that your love might be made known to those most in need.

All: Amen

Message

“Carts Into the Carousel”

Rev. Sara M. Holland

*Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign

NCH (black) #300

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Jesus Shall Reign" in G major and 2/2 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a bass line in the bass clef. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains the first five lines of the hymn. The second system contains the next five lines. The third system contains the final five lines. The music is written in a simple, hymn style with clear note values and rests.

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun
2 Through Christ shall end - less prayer be made,
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue
4 Bless - ings a - bound where - e'er Christ reigns:
5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring

does its suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;
borne by the Spir - it's cease - less aid;
dwell on God's love with sweet - est song,
the pris - oners leap to lose their chains,
trib - utes of praise for all to sing;

God's realm shall stretch from shore to shore
 Like sweet perfume new hymns shall rise
 And infant voices shall proclaim
 The weary find eternal rest,
 Angels descend with songs again,

till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 with every morning sacrifice.
 their ear-liest prayers in Jesus' name,
 and all who suffer want are blessed.
 and earth repeat the loud amen.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

Pastor: O God, in your grace and mercy . . .

Response: Hear your people at prayer.

You will also be invited to offer your personal prayers from the silence of your heart.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.
 And 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, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

**We believe that God is revealed in persons of all genders and sorts; we also honor tradition.

Offertory My Jesus, I Love Thee James Southbridge

We invite you to remember your support for the ministry of PCUCC.

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Offertory Prayer**

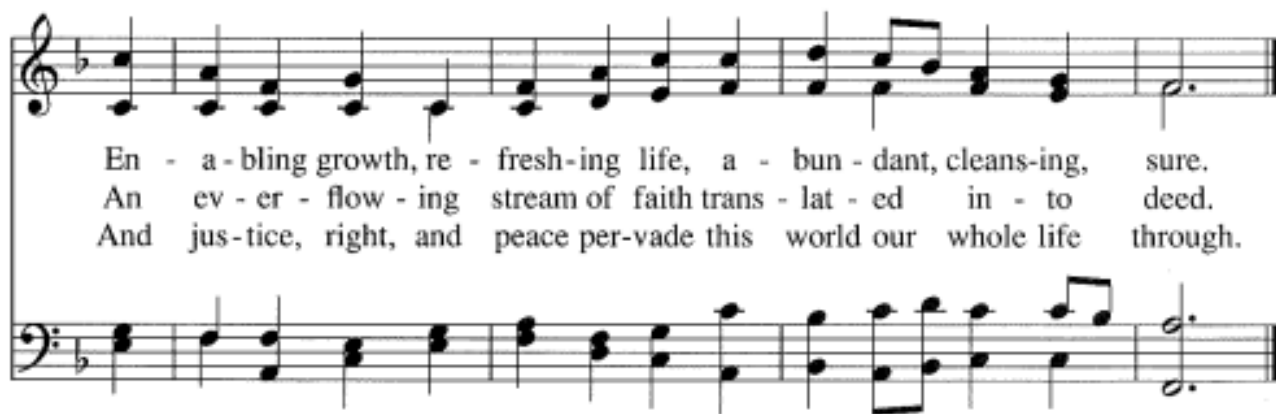
All: Gracious God, you nourish us in times of great need. You free our hearts and light the path we walk. We give thanks for the abundance of your mercy every moment, and for every opportunity for new life. Receive our gifts as symbols of commitment to your purposes, that all we have, all we are, and all you call us to become may reveal your loving presence in the world. Amen.

SENDING

***Hymn** Let Justice Flow like Streams NCH (black) #588

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Let Justice Flow like Streams". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one flat (Bb) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. There are three verses of lyrics written below the treble staff.

1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spark - ling wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



En - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
 An ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
 And jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

*Pastoral Benediction

Postlude

Prelude in Classic Style

arr. Lani Smith

The Postlude ends our gathered worship and sends us into the world where our true service begins.

Keeping in Prayer:

- Condolences and prayers for the family and friends of David Huff,
who recently passed away
- Condolences & prayers for Eileen Lovett and the family of Mary Hart,
who recently passed away
- Condolences and prayers for Al Mather and the family of Dorothy Smith,
who recently passed away
- Prayers for the family of Terri Lessard, who recently passed away
- Prayers for Sarah, wife of John Anderson, who is recovering from surgery
- Prayers for Ellen who struggles with cancer,
family member of Ruth & Dale Mosher
- Prayers of healing for Sue Switaj
- Prayers for continued healing for Valerie, a dear friend of Sally Jensen
- Prayers for Alice Avery
- Prayers for Sage Pirnie and her family,
granddaughter of Diane Arsenault and Pete Pirnie
- Prayers for Polly Bartlett, who struggles with cancer
- Prayers for healing for Andrew Munroe
- Prayers for Mae Larson, Rebecca Larson's mother-in-law
- Prayers for an end to gun violence, in the spirit of Isaiah 2:4
- Prayers for communities affected by war and for all immigrants
- Prayers for the Masvingo UCCZ, our partner church in Zimbabwe

If you have a prayer request, you would like Rev. Sara to include in Sunday Worship, please email her at plymouthpastor@uccplymouth.org

This Week and More at PCUCC

July 10	Organ Recital
July 12	New Hampshire Music Festival Chamber Concert
July 14	5:00-6:00 Meals for Many
July 15	7:30 AA Meeting
July 23	6:00 Sunday Niters on Saturday for Racial Justice at the Martin Residence: 2196 Rte. 3, Campton

Summer Organ Recital Series

July 2022
Sundays at 5:00 PM

July 10 Wesley Hall

Minister of Music and the Arts at the First Baptist Church of Worcester, MA

July 17 Kristjon Imperio

Dir. of Programs & Community Engagement, Pakachoag Music School of Greater Worcester (MA)

Organist and Handbell Director, Wellesley Village Church, Wellesley, MA

July 24 Laura Belanger

Organist, Sanbornton Congregational Church
Collaborative Pianist, Pemigewasset Choral Society

July 31 Bruce Adami

Organist, Christ Episcopal Church, Exeter, New Hampshire

Our Little Food Pantry: Our pantry needs restocking. Please bring donations of food and place in basket at sanctuary door. Needed: Meals in a can like beef stew, tuna fish, canned fruit, cereal, snack bars. Cans with snap up tops preferred. Many thanks!

Stewardship Update: As we look to A Future with Hope, we are pleased to update that we are almost to our 2022-23 Stewardship Campaign goal of \$180,000. As of June 27th, we have received 49 pledges totaling \$166,892. Thank you to all who have pledged their financial support. If you have not yet pledged, please prayerfully consider doing so by returning a pledge card to PCUCC at PO Box 86, Plymouth, dropping it in the collection

plate on Sunday, or emailing your commitment to the treasurer at treasurer@uccplymouth.org. **Please indicate in the memo of your check whether it is for the 2021-2022 or 2022-2023 fiscal year. If you do not indicate, it will go towards the 2022-2023 fiscal year.** If you have any questions, please contact Linda LaPrad or Ann Thurston. THANK YOU!

Welcome to church families! Activity bags are hanging in the Narthex and toys are made available, please ask an usher if you cannot find them. If your child needs more space during worship, please feel free to use the parlor on the sanctuary level or downstairs in our nursery and fellowship area. Sunday School will resume in September. Please contact Jennifer Byam or Julie Kelsey for more information at faithformation@uccplymouth.org.

AmazonSMILE - By choosing our church as your favorite charity, Amazon will make a donation to the charity you designate at no cost to you. Please let Ann Thurston, Linda LaPrad or the office know if you need help setting PCUCC up as your favorite charity on AmazonSMILE.

PREPAID HANNAFORD CARDS - For every card purchased from the Finance Committee, the church receives 5% without any additional cost to you. Denominations of \$100, \$250 and \$500 are available by contacting Ann Thurston or Linda LaPrad after services on Sunday, by phone or email. Thank you for your continued support!

HOPE Fund: The HOPE Fund supports families at risk who need assistance paying for rent, heating, electricity, and medications. Please consider giving to the HOPE Fund. You can send your check to PCUCC and write HOPE Fund in the memo. If you know of someone who is in need, please put them in touch with the church office or Pastor Sara. *The Hope Fund of our church continues to touch the lives of people in the Lakes Region. This winter, we have supported a number of people who were in need of housing support or assistance with utility bills. This is a part of our Christian witness; we have deep gratitude for all of those who have contributed money and time related to the Hope Fund.*

Racial Justice Exploration: We welcome new attendees, and we pray you'll reach out to Alison Thatcher at Baker. AlisonT@gmail.com or Pastor Sara if you are considering ways to get involved in these important efforts.

Please continue to be aware of COVID-related concerns when on site. We want to encourage all community members (who are able) to get a COVID-19 vaccine and boosters. We hope that this will ensure the health and well-being of our most vulnerable community members.

We will offer the option of meeting digitally indefinitely. You may also catch our services (one week delayed) on Sunday nights on PBTv at 7:00 pm. (Local channel 1302.) Please check Constant Contact and the Facebook page for ongoing updates.

Office Hours

Tuesday - 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Wednesday - 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Thursday - 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Friday - 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Pastor's Office Hours

Pastor Sara is generally at the church for office hours Monday – Wednesday 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM; please reach out to make an appointment. She keeps sabbath on Friday. Please feel free to contact her by email at plymouthpastor@uccplymouth.org or on her work cell phone number at 336-485-5618 to set up a meeting.

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Special Music: Margot Swift

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Celebrating Birthdays in June and July in our Community

Justice Merrithew-Stone	July 6 th
Marilyn Wixson	July 6 th
Tammy Lawler	July 7 th
Sally Jean Jensen	July 8 th
Lorelei Paine	July 8 th
Johanna Bentwood	July 17 th
Alfie Kerr	July 18 th
John Anderson	July 21 st
Rose Shimberg	July 24 th
Bev Newton	July 26 th
Bill Torrey	July 31 st

If you have a birthday or anniversary this month or next month that you would like listed, please email to: office@uccplymouth.org

