

**Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ
Third Sunday after Pentecost
Music Sunday**

June 10, 2018

9:30 a.m.



A Just Peace Church
An Open and Affirming Congregation
A God is Still Speaking Congregation

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

Welcome to Worship!

We are grateful for your presence this morning. If you are new to Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, the following information may be helpful.

- We are an Open & Affirming congregation where all people are valued and accepted regardless of sexual identity or orientation.
- We are a Just Peace church that affirms that peace is possible in human history and prays ceaselessly that peace may prevail on Earth.
- We celebrate our Christian heritage and seek to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ.

A Special Word to our Visitors

- Please fill out the fellowship pads the ushers will hand out at the beginning of the worship service. We would love to get to know you better and keep you up-to-date on all the programs, events and activities offered throughout the year.
- Families with infants and children are especially welcome to our worship service. Childcare is available during the worship service in the nursery. Please speak with an usher if you need assistance to find our nursery.
- Children's bulletins, activity bags (to be returned after worship) and toys are available in the Narthex. To find out more about our Sunday school program, you may talk to our Faith Formation Director Cindy Bjerklie or visit our website.
- Our worship service can be heard in the parlor, chapel and nursery.
- Our sanctuary is equipped with the Telecoil Loop System for the hard of hearing. For assistance on how to connect to the Telecoil, please speak to one of our ushers.
- Our building is fully accessible to all people. A small parking lot on the south side of the church is available only to persons with limited mobility or physical disability. The entrance to the parking lot is located immediately behind the Post Office, off Highland Street. An elevator connects all three levels.
- Join us for Coffee Hour in the fellowship hall downstairs immediately after the worship service.

Help us to protect the environment by dropping your bulletin in one of the recycling baskets at the two main entrances to the sanctuary. You may also download your bulletin from our website and follow the service on your own mobile device.

Large print bulletins are also available.

Transcripts of our Sunday Sermons and videos of the worship services are available on our website, www.uccplymouth.org.

Our worship service is live-streamed on our Facebook page every Sunday.

GATHERING

Prelude

The beginning of the prelude is an invitation to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

Welcome and Life of the Church

Centering Song We Come to Sing Praise

*Call to Worship

**Indicates congregation standing*

One: On this day we come together to celebrate the joy of music. For as we sing and as we listen we come together as one voice, one sound and one church.

All: Almighty God, giver of every good and perfect gift, teach us to share all that we have and all that we are, that we may praise you this day and every day through the gift of music whether played or sung. As the glorious strains of music surround us, may we also be surrounded by your love and grace.

*Hymn Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above Red #20

Anthem I Will Sing With the Spirit John Rutter (1945-)

Prayer of the Day A Litany of Psalms

(based on verses from Psalms 30, 89, 92, 95, 96 and 100)

One: Come, let us sing for joy to the LORD;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before God with thanksgiving—
with music and song!

**All: It is good to sing praise to You,
and make music to Your name, O Most High;
to proclaim Your love in the morning
and Your faithfulness at night.
For You make us glad by Your deeds, O God;
we sing for joy at the work of Your hands.**

One: Worship God with gladness;
come into God's presence with joyful songs—
with thanksgiving and praise!

For God has taken away our garments of sadness,
and clothed us with joy,
that we might sing praise, and not be silent!

All: We will sing of God's love forever!

Young and old will hear, and rejoice.

For Your unfailing love lasts forever;

Your faithfulness is as enduring as the heavens above.

One: Sing new songs to God! Praise God's name!

Each day proclaim the good news of God's salvation.

Tell everyone about the amazing things God has done.

All: May Your ways be known throughout the earth, O God;

Your saving power among people everywhere.

May the nations praise You and sing for joy,

for You govern them with justice,

and guide the actions of the whole world.

Silence for Personal Reflection

God's Promise of New Life

One: Let us now come together with one voice and pray:

All: God of sounds, rhythms and music, give us ears to hear your melodies of mercy, grace, forgiveness and peace. Your mercy, sung soprano, carrying us from one stanza of life to the next. Your grace, sung alto, giving beauty to the dissonance in our lives. Your peace, sung baritone, creating harmonies that resonate deep within our souls. Give us ears to hear your crescendos, until your song interrupts our comfortable lives and bursts into a symphony of transformation and renewal. Amen.

Prayer Response Be Still and Know That I Am God

Blk #743

Anthem Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr: James Hopkins

***Sign of Peace**

One: Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you. A peace the world cannot give." May peace be with you always.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another with the sign of peace.

Anthem

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

Prayers of the People

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.**

Offertory

Gift of Music

Glory To God In The Highest

Robert C. Dickau

***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.**

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**All: God, You are the light of the world. You chose to become like us,
to walk with us and be the hope for all who stumble through the
terror of life's trials. How can we thank you for such a gift? How
can we possibly sing a song worthy enough and beautiful enough
to honor your glory? All we can do is seek you with all our heart
and trust in your redemptive love. May the music of our life be
loud and joyful as we praise your name, now and forever.**

SENDING

***Hymn**

All Creatures of Our God and King

Red #64

***Benediction**

Benediction Response

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Lutkin

Postlude

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

Keeping in Prayer

Jack & Vicky Meyers	Eilene Greenwood	The Jaeubowski Family
Lynn Anderson	Nancy Pirnie	Ginny Arsenault
Pat Andrews	Bethany	Penny Colgan-Davis
Ana Cristina França	Matthew Sanchez	Christine Waite
Family of Eric Chapman	Jesse Armstrong	Sara Willingham
	Kyle Avery	

Bob Feeny & Sam Lovett, members-in-discernment in the Merrimack Association

If you have any prayer requests, please fill out a prayer card located in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate.

Save these dates

June 10th – Sunday Niters at Bob and Carole Curry
July 23rd – Chanticleer

Announcements

Welcome our New Director of Music

The Human Resources Committee is pleased to announce that David Williams has been hired as our Music Director.

David joined us this past March as our Interim Director and since that time, he has invigorated our choir and our congregation with his talents, his energy, and his positive focus. He has expressed a deep commitment to worship through music, as we have seen through our own short acquaintance with him at PCUCC. David's previous positions include music director of the First Congregational Church in Swanzey NH, Founder and Director of the Monadnock Youth Orchestra, Music Director of the Eastport United Methodist Church Annapolis MD, and Music Director of the Hanover Chorus in Hanover MA.

In addition to his career as a musician, David and his husband Trevin own and operate the Colonel Spencer Inn in Campton.

David officially begins in August but we will see him over the summer. Please take a moment to introduce yourself and welcome him to our congregation!

Sunday Niters – June 10th at 6:00 PM, Bob and Carole Curry will be hosting at the home in New Hampton. The theme is "Stones, Steps and Stories." Do you have a favorite stone you found on a journey? If so, bring it and share your story.

Chanticleer – July 23rd at 8:30 PM, The World's Reigning Male Chorus presented by Great Waters Music Festival & New Hampshire Music Festival

Staff News – Rev. Paulo will be on vacation from **June 14th to June 19th**. Ruth Mosher will be available for pastoral emergencies. Ruth's number is 603-315-3368.

2018 College Graduates – Sabrina Tedeschi: Sophie Adams, daughter Gale Adams-Davis

2018 PRHS Graduates – Troy Tedeschi, son of Beverly & Frank Tedeschi: Lydia Mardin, Troy's friend who has attended church quite often: Kurt Maiser Anderson, son of John Anderson: Georgia Merrithew Stone, daughter of Rebecca & Heather Adey-Merrithew: Rosa Bailey, daughter of Amey & Scott Bailey: Abigail Sutcliffe, daughter of Cardella & Burt Sutcliffe

Faith Formation

We enjoyed a wonderful service last week during Children's Sunday! Thanks to everyone who helped make it a success, especially our fantastic kids!

Although Sunday School has concluded for the summer, we have some fun activities planned. Mark your calendars and join us for:

- Kids with a Mission: Church Clean-up Day, June 16th at 10:00 AM
- Kids & Families Fisher Cats Game: Saturday, August 25th at 6:30 PM
- Kids & Families Visit to Half-Pint Farm: date and time to be announced.

Please watch PCUCC's Constant Contact for more information!

The Reverend Paulo G. França, Minister
Deborah Healey, Church Office Administrator
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