

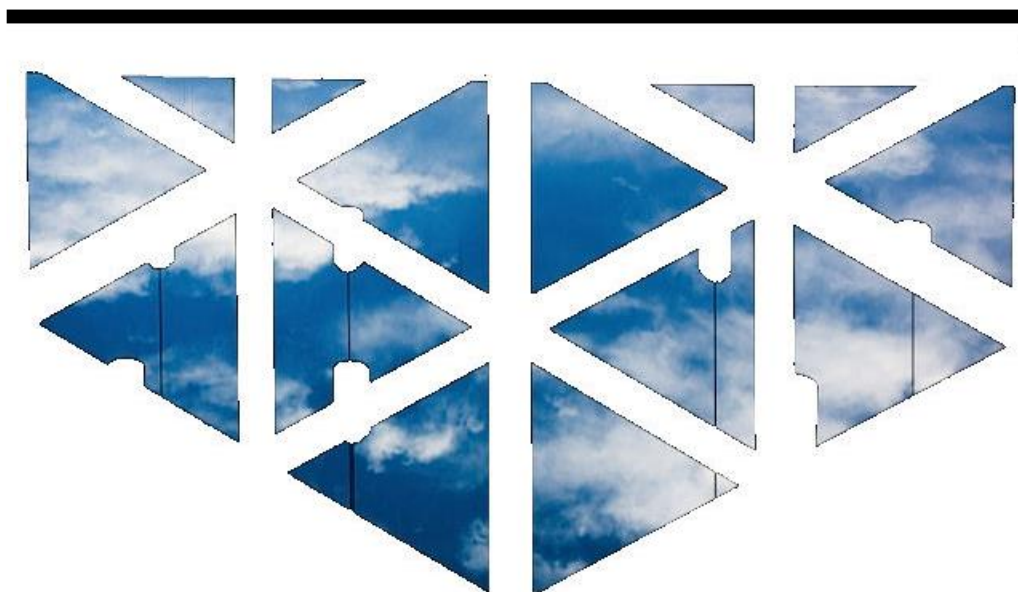
Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ
Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

June 17, 2018

9:30 a.m.

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

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



A compassionate community, intentionally inclusive, openly searching, joyfully serving in the way of Christ

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 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 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, we may talk to our Faith Formation Director Cindy Bjerklie or visit our website.
- Our service can be heard in the parlor, library 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 immediately after the 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

Variations I

*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

***Call to Worship**

**Indicates congregation standing*

One: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name;

All: **to declare your love in the morning and your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.**

One: For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;

All: **at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

One: The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

All: **They are planted in the house of the LORD;
they flourish in the courts of our God.**

Choral Response

"Enter, Rejoice and Come In"

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Prayer of the Day

One: Let us join in prayer that we will know God's presence in whatever the coming days may bring.

All: **God of all our possibilities, shape our view of who and what is before us. We pray that we will always find you near. May we know your presence in all people, and may they know that we seek and find you in them. We give thanks for the many ways you reveal yourself in, through and around us and in all of creation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Silence for Personal Reflection

God's Promise of New Life

One: God loved us each into life and into holy visions of what we each can be.

All: God's love always reaches out to show us why we were created!

Prayer Response

*Sign of Peace

One: Showing that we can live with other people everywhere is the challenge of our times and our worldwide challenges.

All: As we greet one another here and now with peace, may we pledge to offer peace to everyone everywhere.

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

Children's Message

Commissioning of Greece Mission

Kendra Boyd, Richard Caron, Audrey Hall, Jillian Hester, Rose Shimberg, Samuel Untersee, Sophie Untersee, Dawn Shimberg and Jim Shimberg

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Lessons

One: Listen for the Word of God

Hebrew Scripture Lesson

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

OT p.246

Gospel Lesson

Mark 4:26-34

NT p.870

One: May God bless our reading, hearing, and doing of God's holy word.

All: Amen.

Sermon

...the Lord looks on the Heart

*Hymn

"God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian"

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

Keeping in Prayer

Jack & Vicky Meyers
Lynn Anderson
Pat Andrews
Ana Christina Franca
Jesse Armstrong

Eilene Greenwood
Nancy Pirnie
Bethany
Matthew Sanchez
Sara Willingham

The Jaeubowski Family
Ginny Arsenault
Penny Colgan-Davis
Christine Waite
Kyle Greenwood

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

July 1st – NH Friendship Chorus & Kids4Peace in worship

July 23rd - Chanticleer

Announcements

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.

Clean-up Day – Many thanks to all those who helped with so many little chores to have our church looking sharp! We appreciate all who came! – Carole & Butch

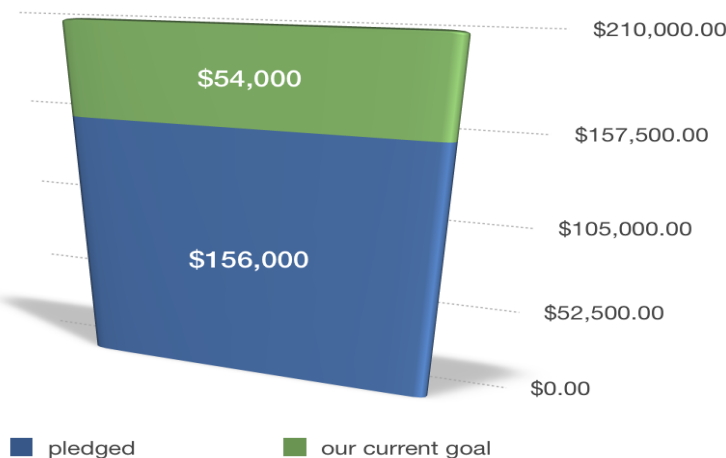
Faith Formation – Please plan to join the kids and families at PCUCC for some fun summer activities. Mark your calendars so you don't miss these events:

- Kids & Families Fisher Cats Game, Saturday August 25th, 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.

Stewardship – Thank you for your pledges. To date, we have received \$156,000 out of \$210,000. If you have not pledged yet, please do so online or pick up a pledge card at the church and return as soon as possible. Also, we are at the end of the 17/18 fiscal year. Please catch up on your pledges and note in the memo line on your checks if you are completing 17/18 pledge or prepaying your 18/19 pledge. We are grateful for your steadfast support! - The Finance Committee

Stewardship Season - 2018/19



Pemi-Valley Habitat for Humanity

Informational Session for Volunteers

Who is welcome? ANYONE who is interested in volunteering with Pemi-Valley Habitat for Humanity

When? June 25th, 2018 at 5pm

Where? ReStore, [583 Tenney Mountain Hwy, Plymouth, NH 03264](#)

Why? With several projects in the pipeline and a very large service area, we are looking to grow and expand our volunteer pool while maintaining a safe, fun and fulfilling volunteer experience!

During this informational session we will be discussing the several ways you can volunteer with us a PVHFH. For example, we are always on the lookout for dedicated volunteers who can serve on the Board of Directors, Governing Committees (i.e. Church Relations, Family Selection, PR and Marketing, Community Engagement, Fundraising, and much more!), folks who are looking to help with Critical Home Repairs, Ground Up Home Builds, and ReStore Volunteers.

For a calendar of volunteer opportunities, please [click here](#) to become a fan and get our most up to date volunteer opportunities!

[Click Here for Volunteer Opportunities!](#)

We are excited to announce expanding our ReStore in the same building we're currently in!!!

We are looking for some folks to volunteer Wednesday-Friday between 9 AM and 5 PM to help with the remodeling of our new space! Right now we're waiting on a building permit, once we have that we will be moving forward with the renovations!

If you are interested, please call the ReStore at 603-536-1333 or stop in for more information!

The Reverend Paulo G. Franca, Pastor
Deborah Healey, Church Office Administrator
Cindy Bjerklie, Director of Christian Education
David Williams, Interim Director of Music
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Rev. Andy Jepson, guest preacher
Enid Reed, liturgist

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