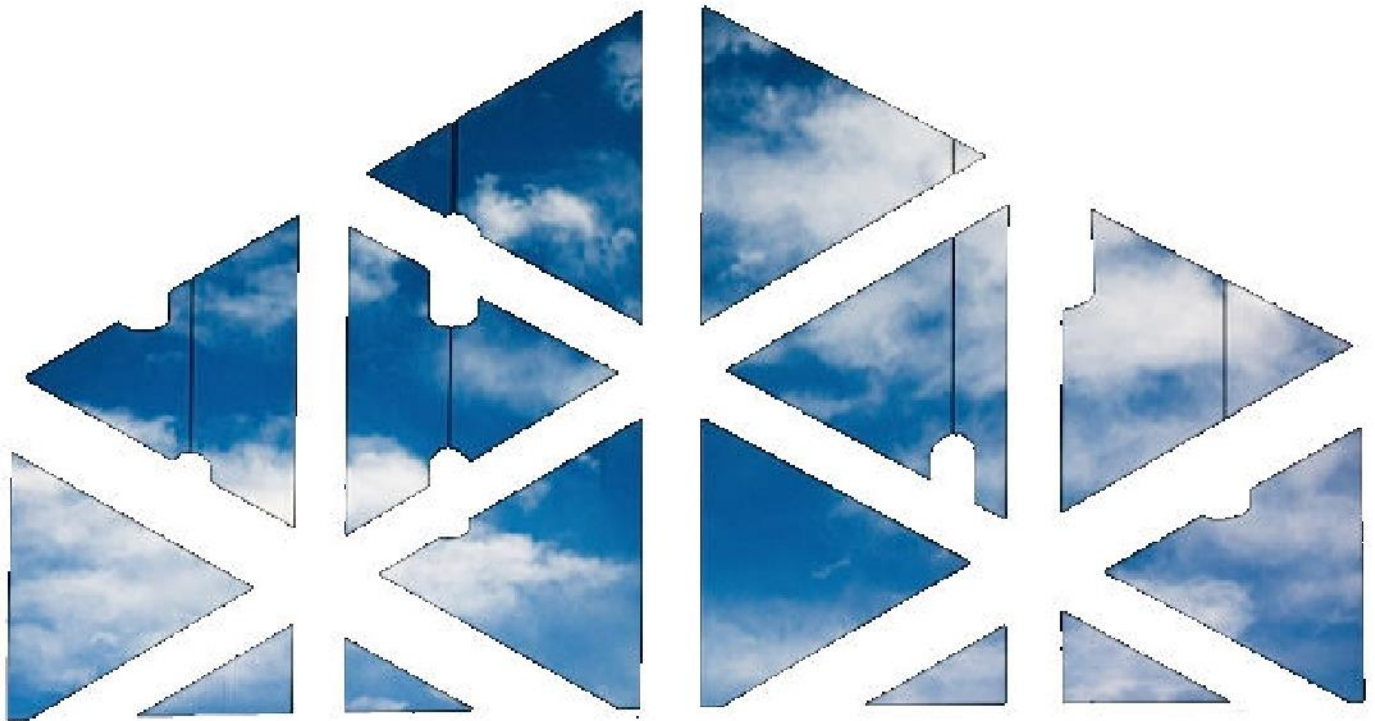


**Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost**

**July 22, 2018**

**9:30 a.m.**



A Just Peace Church  
An Open and Affirming Congregation  
A God is Still Speaking Congregation 9

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](http://www.uccplymouth.org)**.

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

# GATHERING

## Prelude

Fantasia on Come, Thou Font  
*The beginning of the prelude is an invitation to silent,  
personal preparation for the worship of God.*

John Purifoy

## Welcome and Life of the Church

### Centering Song

Meditation

Cecile Chaminade

### \*Call to Worship

*\*Indicates congregation standing*

One: This is the day that God has made.

**All: We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

One: How good it is, how wonderful, to gather to praise God.

**All: Open our lips, O God, and our mouths shall proclaim your praise!**

### \*Hymn

"God of the Sparrow God of the Whale"

Blk#32

## Prayer of the Day

One: In the peace of this sacred place, dare to open your heart and mind to God as we pray in one voice, saying:

**All: Eternal Giver of life, we give thanks for central New Hampshire - the corner of the world we call home. We thank you for the White Mountains and for all the lakes. We thank you for the shops on Main Street, for Pease Library, for Speare Memorial Hospital, for the public schools, and for Plymouth State University. We thank you for this church, our church, where you equip us with various gifts to build up our community. Enable us to be a sign of Christ's love in Plymouth. Help us to work for justice and peace in this town and in this region where you call us to be the Church. Amen.**

## Silence for Personal Reflection

### God's Promise of New Life

One: Friends, let us join our voices together one more time to proclaim the Good News of the Gospel!

**All: In Jesus Christ, God inspires us to be instruments of hope, kindness and reconciliation in the world. Thanks be to God!**

### Prayer Response

"Spirit of the Living God"

Blk#283

## **\*Sign of Peace**

One: May the peace of Christ be among us.

**All: The peace of Christ removes from us the fear that keeps us closed to new and life-transforming encounters.**

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

# **HEARING THE WORD**

## **Scripture Lessons**

One: Listen for the Word of God

Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 2:11-22

NT p.1018

Gospel Lesson

Mark 6:30-34

NT p.873

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

**All: Amen**

**Sermon**

"When You Are too Tired... Remember This"

**\*Hymn**

"Guide My Feet"

Blk#497

# **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

## **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**

Brother James' Air

Phyllis Tate

**\*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: Generous Giver, we thank you for the blessings of each day. We are grateful to have more than we need to enjoy life. Open our hearts and our eyes to see how and where we can share our gifts with others. Enable us, in the power of your Holy Spirit, to affirm the truth of our faith: "To whom much is given, much is required." Amen.**

# SENDING

**\*Hymn** "Jesus, Jesus, Fill us With Your Love" Blk#498

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude** A Living Prayer Alison Krauss  
*The Postlude ends our gathered worship and sends us into the world where our true service begins.*

**Keeping in Prayer**

Pat Andrews  
Ana Christina Franca  
Jesse Armstrong  
Dave Talbot

Bethany  
Matthew Sanchez  
Sara Willingham  
Steven French

Penny Colgan-Davis  
Christine Waite  
Doug Paul

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 23<sup>rd</sup> – Chanticleer  
July 29<sup>th</sup> – Special Congregational Meeting  
August 11<sup>th</sup> – Sunday School Farm Day  
August 25<sup>th</sup> – Fisher Cats Faith & Family Night  
September 9<sup>th</sup> – Sunday School Resumes

### **Announcements**

**Coffee Hour** – On **July 29<sup>th</sup>**, Coffee Hour will be in Fellowship Hall prior to the 11:00 AM meeting. The summer schedule will be followed on **July 22<sup>nd</sup>** and **August 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>**. We are looking for volunteers to host Coffee Hour during this time. If there aren't volunteers for a particular Sunday, Coffee Hour will be cancelled. Please let Chris or Georgene know if you can help. Chris can be contacted at 603-674-8590 or [rpollock@metrocast.net](mailto:rpollock@metrocast.net). Thank you from the Hospitality Committee.

### **Faith Formation**

We all had a wonderful time at the Kelsey's BBQ last Sunday!  
Thank you, Kelsey Family, for hosting such a fun event at your home!

Coming up...

- Sunday School Farm Day at the Bjerklie's on Saturday, **August 11<sup>th</sup>**, at 2:00. Come and see our goats, rabbits, chickens, ducks and more!
- Fisher Cats Faith and Family Night on Saturday, **August 25<sup>th</sup>**, at 6:30 PM. Tickets are still available!
- This Fall a new Junior Choir will be formed at PCUCC. Watch for more information coming soon!

Please contact Cindy Bjerklie at [faithformation@uccplymouth.org](mailto:faithformation@uccplymouth.org) if you have any questions.

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

**Fifth Sunday** – The mission project scheduled on **July 29<sup>th</sup>** is **cancelled**. The event will be in September.

**Staff News** - Rev. Paulo will be on vacation from **August 12<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>**. For pastoral emergencies, please contact Rev. Ruth Mosher at 603-315-3368.

**A Sanctuary Note** – During the Summer season the air conditioner may be on. Please bring a lite sweater or jacket if needed.

