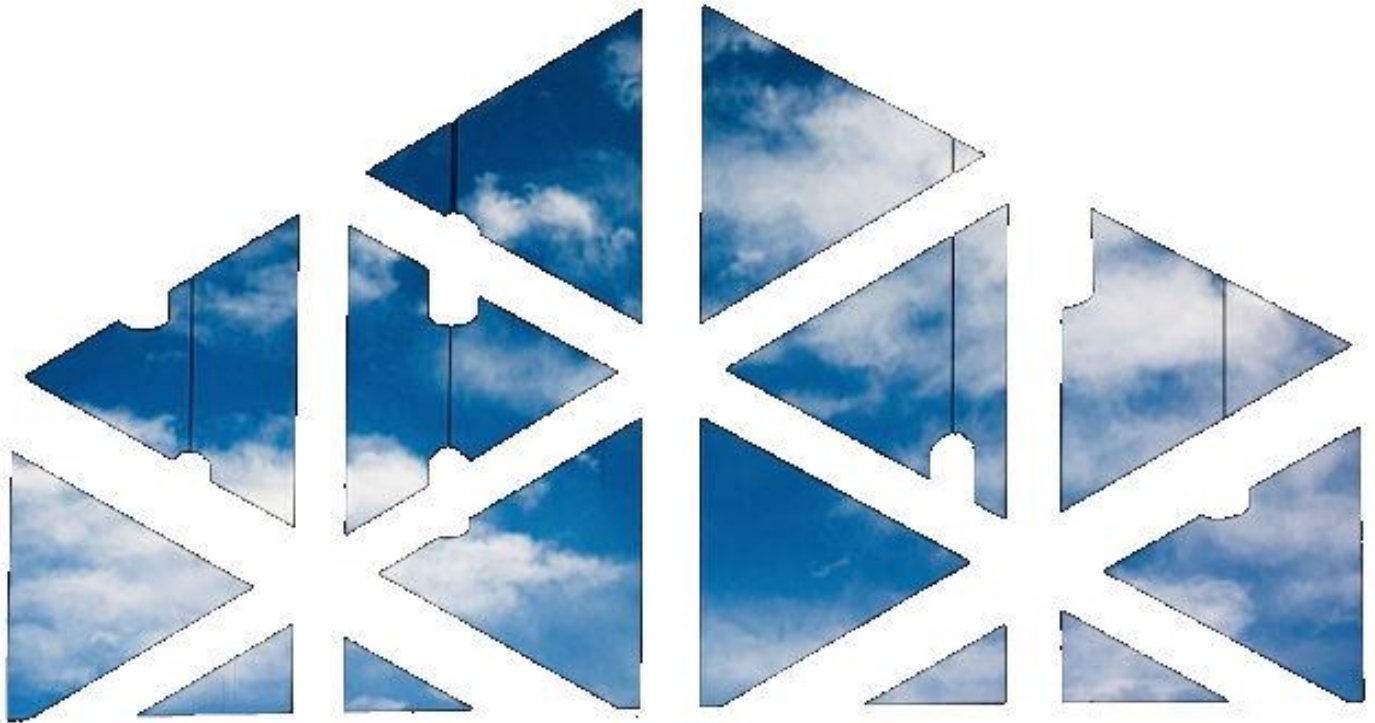


**Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 30, 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

Ancient of Days

R.J. Hughes

*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

In Thy Temple Lord

***Call to Worship**

**Indicates congregation standing*

One: We come from near and far to worship God.

All: Wrap us in the shawl of your love, O God.

One: We gather to praise God, the Sacred Breath of all creation.

All: Wrap us round with your holy care, O God.

One: We welcome one another in love to this gathering of faith.

All: We open our hearts to God and one another.

***Hymn**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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Prayer of the Day

One: May these words printed in the bulletin be also our prayer as we join our voices together, saying:

All: God of reconciling love, we give thanks for this community of faith that gathers to remember Christ's words and to re-tell his teachings faithfully and appropriately in our time. May we turn to each other with openness to celebrate our differences and courage to reach boldly for deeper love and friendship. We know we cannot be Christians in isolation, O God, so we are grateful for those in this church whose faith inspire us, whose laughter makes our hearts lighter, whose touch brings peace, whose wisdom enlarges our understanding and whose love reflects your love for all humanity. In our words and in our silence, Holy One, hear our prayer.

Silence for Personal Reflection

God's Promise of New Life

One: God loves us so much as to give us this gathering where we meet strangers, make new friends, and worship with our family of faith. People of God, believe the Good News!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God and one another. Alleluia!

Prayer Response

"O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer.
Or The Lord is my song; the Lord is my praise:

When I call, an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer. O
all my hope comes from God. The Lord is my song; the

Lord, hear my prayer. Come and lis - ten to me.
Lord is my praise: God, the well-spring of life.

This chant from the Taizé Community in France is provided with two sets of words, either of which can be used as best suits the occasion. The first text is based on Psalm 102:1-2, and the second is an amalgam of phrases drawn from Psalms 118:14, 25:5, 36:9, and John 4:14.

TEXT: Taizé Community, 1982, 1991
MUSIC: Jacques Berthier, 1982
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HEAR MY PRAYER
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*Sign of Peace

One: Friends, Christ is our peace! He has shown us how to love one another.

All: We are all peace-lovers, followers of Christ – the Peace-Maker.
One: Let us stand and greet one another with the sign of peace.

Minute for Mission, Plymouth State University-Student Support Foundation

Children's Message

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Lessons

One: Listen for the Word of God

New Testament Lesson James 5:13-20

NT p.1056

Gospel lesson Mark 9:38-50

NT p. 877

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

All: Amen

Sermon "Prayers, Songs, Confession, A Glass of Water
and A Salted Faith"

***Hymn** "You Are Salt for the Earth, O People"

Blk#181

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

Grant Us Thy Peace

David N. Johnson

***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: Covenant God, whose mission is to reconcile and whose gift is love, bless us as we seek to love and serve our neighbors. Use our lives and our offering to bring some understanding and gentleness to our community, our state and our nation. In Christ, we make this prayer. Amen.

SENDING

*Hymn

"The Church of Christ, in Every Age"

Blk#306

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction

Go in Peace

Postlude

Offertoire

G. Mac-Master

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

Keeping in Prayer

Pat Andrews	Bethany	Paulo & Erik
Matthew Sanchez	Christine Waite	Jesse Armstrong
Sara Willingham	Doug Paul	Dave Talbot
Steven French	Sam Allen	Julien "Shoe" Shoemaker
Sheri Stanley	Bill Borden	Malcolm Eaton
Dick Brace	Arline Bownes	Rob Coonan
Colin Robinson	Judith & Larry Gooch	

Robbin Adams and family, sympathy on death of her father, Robert Keith

Liz Peoples and her children Sidney & Graham Pogue,
sympathy on the death of her mother, Erika Schenkel Peoples.

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

Today – Fifth Sunday Potluck Following Worship
October 10th – Open House in Honor of Pastor Paulo @ PCUCC, 6:00-8:00 PM
October 28th – Paulo's Last Sunday Worship with Reception to Follow

Announcements

Coffee Hour – On, **October 7th**, we will resume Coffee Hour with snacks and goodies in the Fellowship Hall following Service. Please sign up on the bulletin board under the flowers or Will-U-Tree posters. If you have questions, please contact Chris Pollock at rpollock@metrocast.net. Thank you from the Hospitality Committee!

Faith Formation - Today, we'll be learning about Joseph and his brothers and his cool multi-colored coat and more! Also, Rev. Mary Jane Barber will be joining us to teach us some new songs!

Kids with a Mission will be working on their projects for this fall and helping with the little kids. The nursery will be available for the little ones.

If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Bjerklie at faithformation@uccplymouth.org.

Support Our Church - If you shop at any Hannafords, please purchase pre-paid grocery cards from our Finance Committee. The church receives 5% of each card purchased through the church. Cards are available Sundays after the service and come in denominations of \$50 and \$100. **This is a great way to support the ministries and mission of the church every time you shop at Hannafords!**

We are elated to share that PCUCC has been chosen by the Plymouth, NH Hannaford as the latest beneficiary of the Hannaford Helps Reusable Bag Program! Every time the reusable Community Bag is purchased at the Plymouth, NH Hannaford during the month of September, we receive \$1. This is truly a great opportunity for us! Please visit the store, find the reusable bag rack and buy the Community Bag!

Neighbors in Need Offering – Neighbors in Need is the UCC's annual offering to support ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Some of these include Council for American Indian Ministries, justice and advocacy efforts and direct service projects funded by the UCC's Justice and Ministries. The annual offering is Sunday, **October 7th**.

Church Open House – PCUCC will be hosting an open house in honor of Pastor Paulo. Please join us with other church pastors on Wednesday, **October 10th**, between 6:00-8:00 PM.

The Stained-glass Windows for our Chapel are being created by local artist Judy Detzel who is an accomplished stained glass artisan. She is creating 4 exquisite window panels of nature scenes. Our deep appreciation to Wayne Martin who will be making cherry wood frames for the windows. Judy will have the windows ready before the end of the year. The \$4000 cost of these windows is being sponsored by a generous, anonymous donor to whom we are most grateful!

More Good News!! We also have a donor for a meditation altar and more. We have an anonymous donor to cover the cost of buying 20 chapel chairs!! We are most grateful for these generous gifts.

We still need donors to sponsor other items like a bench or small storage cupboard or lighting to complete the chapel. If you would like to be a donor please write a check to PCUCC and mark your checks in memo line: "Chapel" and mail to the church office or put in the Sunday offering. If you have questions or comments, please contact Eileen Torrey at 968-6348 or eileen@weisshouse.net.

TIGER (Tiger Integrating Guidance Education and Responsibility) would like to thank all our friends at Plymouth Congregational Church for allowing us to rehearse for our upcoming New England School Tour. We would like to invite any church members to come and see a FREE performance in the Sanctuary on Monday, **September 30th**, at 11:00 AM. TIGER will also be at PSU's Silver Center in the Recital Hall on Tuesday, **October 2nd**, at 9:30 AM, 11:00 AM or 2:00 PM. This performance is also free, but **please RSVP to Pam Irish at pmirish@plymouth.edu**. We'd love to see you there!

The Reverend Paulo G. França, Minister
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