

# **Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ**

## **All Saints/Remembrance Sunday**

**November 3, 2019**

**9:30 AM**



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

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

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"An inclusive spiritual family shaping a better you for creating a better world.  
A place to make a difference."

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**Sacred Fellowship 9:30 AM**

We are delighted that you are here today! We hope you will find us an affirming, uplifting, and committed family of faith. Here we work to make everyone, without any exceptions, to feel accepted, inspired, and encouraged in their spiritual journey. In dialogue, we seek to understand. In encouragement, we seek to heal. In all things we yearn to live by love, for peace, with joy. This is a place where your intellect will be challenged, your heart will be nurtured, and your spirit refreshed. Varying beliefs are expressed openly and freely, and your doubts will not be suppressed. We trust that we are all, every person and part of creation, continuing to be blessed by God's grace; and that in community we can help each other to see this grace alive in our lives and relationships. We hope to share our gifts with you, even as we pray that you will want to share your gifts with us. Whoever you are and wherever you may be in your life's journey, we invite you to be a part of our lives and our spiritual home. Welcome!

## **CALLED TOGETHER AS SPIRITUAL FAMILY**

### **Gathering Music**

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

Please sign the registration pads when they are handed out  
by the ushers and pass to your neighbor in the pew.

We ask that you please shut off cell phones and practice quietness during the service.  
Please join us for fellowship and refreshments after the worship in the Fellowship Hall.

\* = You are invited to stand as you are able.

### **Prelude**

**Welcoming the Light of Love in Our Midst**      Acolyte lights altar candle.

We prepare ourselves for communing with the sacred as love's light is brought into our awareness. The light of love burns within and among each of us, and we carry that light into our sanctuary; visually reminding us of the image of the divine that lives in our hearts, minds, and souls – and that we nourish through our faith-filled fellowship.

**Choral Introit**      Oh, How Glorious      Healey Willan

**Affirming God's Presence in Us All**      "You Matter!"

## Sharing Christ's Peace

As a sign of our reconciliation with God and one another, greet and welcome those around you and share "the peace of Christ."

### \*Opening Hymn

Congregation's Choice

### \*Hymn of the Saints

"For All the Saints"

#299; vss. 1, 2, 4

### \*Centering Our Souls

O God who has been the source of strength, encouragement, and resolve of the saints of the church who have gone before us, inspire in us the commitment to be the saints of the present age.

**Let us not forget the examples and sacrifices of those who have preceded us, but may we draw from their faithfulness the courage to be the lights of love and peace in a world where too much darkness abides.**

We honor the memory of the saints and of the faithful on this day, not as a means of indulging our sorrow but as an impetus to carry on what they have begun.

**May your Holy Spirit come and fill us so that where they failed, we may succeed; and where they succeeded, we may bring their successes to their proper fulfillment.**

Let us be witnesses not only by our memories of the past, but witnesses by the deeds we carry out in the present age.

**Connect our spirits to the future, even as we feel our souls connected to the past. May your mission march on through our actions and practices so that we will be participants in that eternal legacy of the faithful who have striven to create a more just, peaceful, compassionate, and harmonious world. May it be so, now and always.**

### Remembrance of Church Members and Those Recently Passed

(In remembrance of the lives of members of Plymouth Congregational UCC who have passed on in the last year, we ask a family member/relative/friend of each of the following persons to come forward and light a candle on the altar table as their name is called and a bell is rung.)

**Elizabeth Cheney**

December 7, 1946

November 3, 2018

**Harriet Sargeant**

April 11, 1923

January 1, 2019

**Paul C. Leavitt**

June 1, 1935

May 6, 2019

(Others who have lost loved ones in the past year are now welcome to come forward to announce their name and light a candle in their remembrance.)

Let us pray:

O Sacred One from whom we all come, and to whom we all return: You have been a blessing to those of every time and culture, to those of every religious tradition that has inspired the saints of the world, and to those we have loved who have passed on into life eternal.

**Bless the memory of these persons who have gone to be with you in this past year. May we claim their virtues as our own, and may we by learning from their mistakes improve upon their example as we carry on the prayer of peace...the flame of faithfulness...the candle of compassion...the light of love from one generation to the next. May it be so.**

**\*Hymn of Gratitude**

"God, We Thank You for Our People  
#376; vss. 1, 2, 4

## **WE LISTEN FOR THE SACRED IN THE MIDST OF OUR LIVES**

### **Prayers**

**Sharing Our Joys and Concerns, and Acts of Compassion or Kindness**

**Silent Meditation: The Prayers of the People**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Unison Prayer: "Poetic Prayer in the Spirit of Christ"**

**Loving Spirit, who is here and there,  
we're grateful for your tender care.**

**Your virtues rise, your values prized;  
near and far, and everywhere.**

**Feed our bodies, and feed our souls.**

**And by forgiveness make us whole.**

**And may we all evils deplore,  
as we search and sail for mercy's shore.**

**May peace and love within us rule,  
and justice be your Spirit's tool;**

**Now and always, for us and others,  
and for all creation.**

**May we make it so, all as one,  
by your inspiration.**

**\*Hymn of Aspiration**

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

#295

## Scripture Lessons

Luke 19.1-9

## Message

"Transformed Life"

## \*Hymn for Living as Saints

"Live Life in Peace"

Tune: "Go Now In Peace" by Don Besig & Nancy Price;

Words: Rev. Bret S. Myers, 11/1/2017

**Live life in peace...kind and gentle be.  
Say no to vengeance so soul and mind are free.**

**Do what is just; help the weak and poor.  
Caring for others opens their door.**

**Love from your heart with joy and with grace.  
All are your neighbors no matter tribe or place.**

**Siblings we are all around this earth.  
Live life so that compassion is birthed.**

## **WE AFFIRM & CELEBRATE OUR UNITY AS GOD'S CREATION**

### **The Sacrament of Holy Communion**

(As God calls all people to the table of forgiveness, peace, and loving fellowship, Plymouth Congregational UCC affirms an inclusive and open Communion Table. All persons (all ages, ethnicities, sexual orientations/identities, dis/abilities, religious affiliations, and other distinguishing features) are welcome to partake of this sacrament which affirms that we are all part of God's family and are to commune together in sacred relationship. Love and peace are the uniting virtues of this spiritual meeting place. Therefore, all who wish to join in this ritual of unity are invited to do so providing that you do so in the spirit of peace and mutual love for one another.)

### **The Purpose of Holy Communion**

**God seeks to be in communion with us, and wills that we be in communion with one another. Through the Christ in Jesus, God drew closer to us by living among us with all the desires and temptations of being human, and showed us that we each have the power to overcome wrongdoing by the inspiration of our spiritual lives and the discipline of our physical lives; thereby effecting the Christ in us. Jesus represented the individual model of how we each can do this; and in calling to his side the disciples and followers in his way of love and peace, many of whom were ostracized by the wider society, he revealed how to model this in our community here on Earth.**

Reminding us symbolically of this union of body and spirit, Jesus took a loaf of bread, broke it like we are often broken in our relationships with one another, and showed us the way to reconciliation by asking us to share our bread with one another in remembrance of his own example. Through the broken bread, we participate in and become the body of Christ in the world.

In like manner, Jesus took the cup filled with the fruit of the vine, the vine that sustains us and links us to one another, and the fruit that nourishes the spirit of virtue that abides within and between each of us, and asked us to drink of that same spirit of loving-kindness and uniting harmony that was in him. Through the cup of blessing, we participate in and become the new life of Christ in the world.

**The bread and fruit we partake nourishes us that we may nourish others. Through this sacrament of Holy Communion, we affirm that we are committed to Christ's way of love and peace by our motives, thoughts, actions, and practices in this world. We acknowledge that we are one community made by God, and that we must consciously choose, day by day, to be in right relationship with God, each other, and our sacred values. We therefore dedicate ourselves, individually and collectively, to make the Body and Spirit of Christ real in this world, here and now, and throughout our life as a community of the faithful. What we symbolize here in this holy space, we make real by our service when we go forth from this place.**

## **Invitation**

### **Partaking of the Bread and Juice**

(Please come forward by rows down the center aisles, taking a piece of bread, dipping it in the cup, eating, and returning to your seats by the side aisles. You may take additional elements with you to bring to those in your row unable to come forward, or we will have a server to bring the elements to any who cannot come forward. Grape juice and gluten free bread is used.)

## **Commissioning**

### **WE DEDICATE OURSELVES TO GOD'S SERVICE THROUGH FAITHFULNESS**

### **Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Gift of Music: Choral Anthem**

As This Broken Bread

Wayne L. Wold

## **\*Song of Dedication**

Tune: Old Hundredth; p. 7

**When we give thanks, then go to sow; Our blessings are assured to grow.**

**We are not known by what we keep; We're known by deeds that others reap.**

## **\*Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**O God who prods us to be earnest in caring, dutiful in sharing, joyful in giving, and abundant in gratitude: We pray that these tithes of our income, and offerings of our spirit, will be blessed for your purposes near and far. We are doubly blessed in our giving – being able to, and doing so freely from our hearts. Remind us not to be prideful in giving, nor ashamed in receiving; for we are here for each other – sowing seeds of compassion that will feed the world, and together reaping a harvest of peace. May it be so.**

## **Choral Benediction**

May This Benediction Give Us Peace

## **Encouragement for the Journey**

## **Postlude**

## **The Light of Love Goes into the World**

Love's light is not extinguished from our worship, but is transferred from the flame of the candles to the passion in our hearts that we may go forth to let the light of love shine through us as we go to serve in the world.

## **WE GO FORTH AS PEACEMAKERS TO CREATE JUSTICE FOR ALL**

Our worship is fulfilled, and our purpose is confirmed,  
through our service as God's stewards to the world and all creation.

Use the blessings God has given you as you share  
the joy in your heart, the wisdom in your mind,  
the love in your spirit, and the peace in your soul.

Thank you for sharing sacred fellowship with us.

Plymouth Congregational UCC is an open and affirming church, embracing diversity in our congregation and community, and affirming the dignity and worth of every person. We are an inclusive community of faith that celebrates God's presence through shared stories and experiences of sacred meaning on Sundays, and through the nurturing of divine values and virtues manifested in active practices in our daily lives. We welcome all persons into the full life and ministry of the church, regardless of race, ethnic background, gender/sexual identity, sexual orientation, physical or cognitive capabilities, nationality/citizenship, or circumstance of life. We are also a Just Peace church,

emphasizing peace and nonviolence in all our relationships, personally and collectively, because we see the sacred worth of every person throughout this good earth. We are a Progressive Christian family of faith. We invite you to hear our experiences of the divine even as we are curious in learning about your own spiritual journey. We hope our values may intersect as together we strive to make our corner of the world a better place. Get to know us! We'd like to get to know you!

### **Keeping in Prayer**

Ralph Reynold      Mike & Michele Ettelston      Dave Talbot  
Dick Brace              Eric Wahlstedt              Kyle Greenwood  
Family of Robert Slagle      Jesse Armstrong              Janet Taylor  
Pastor Bret's Mom, Ruth Ann Myers  
P.V. George

Bob Feeny and 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**

November 10<sup>th</sup> – Finalize Vision & Mission Meeting  
November 10<sup>th</sup> - Organist Kristjon Imperio at 3:00 PM  
November 19<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Clean-Up Day in Kitchen  
November 22<sup>nd</sup> – Coffee House at 6:15 PM

### **Announcements**

**Director of Christian Education Opening** – Position open, part-time, at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ. Estimated 13 hour per week, includes Sundays, 10-month period. Minimum education required: Associates Degree. Salary commensurate with experience. Send letter of interest to: Human Resources, PCUCC, P.O. Box 86, Plymouth, NH 03264.

**Coffee Hour – Today**, everyone is invited to Coffee Hour in the Fellowship Hall following the Service. Come and enjoy good conversation and a bit of a snack with your PCC friends.

We are continuing to accept surplus garden produce and other items to share. Please leave a cash donation which will go to "Voices against Violence".

Tuesday, **November 19<sup>th</sup>** will be Holiday Clean-up Day in the kitchen from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. Come and help get the kitchen ready for everyone to use during a busy time of year. Mark your calendars and sign up on the bulletin board. Please note that the day of the week will be on a rotating schedule to allow more helpers to attend.

There are many opportunities to help in the kitchen by setting up prior to the service, cleaning up afterwards or bringing in snacks. You may sign-up on the bulletin board near the pass-through window to help or use one of the dated tags on the Will-U poster at the entrance to Fellowship Hall if you are bringing a snack. Please contact



Chris Pollock at 603-674-8590 or e-mail at rpollock@metrocast.net to sign up or if you have any questions. Thank you from the Hospitality Committee!

**Book Group** – The Book Group will be meet on Mondays, **November 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**. We will discuss *My Stroke of Insight* by Jill Bolte Taylor, and on, *Gilead* by Marilyn Robinson.

**Service Exchange Fundraiser News** – If you like homemade bread, pies or cakes, be sure to check out our offers. Today, all services available will be displayed in the Narthex. Please sign-up after Service or by phoning Peggy Martin at 726-3033.

If you are interested, contact the volunteer directly. All donations must be received by **December 8<sup>th</sup>**. Make check available to PCUCC with Service Fundraiser and the volunteer's name on the envelope. Payment can be dropped in Sunday's collection plate or mailed to the church office to Finance's attention. Thank you for participating!

**Mission Committee** - The Mission Committee and "Feeding Our Children" packers would like to thank our PSU student, Garrett Pelletier, for his assistance the past months. Garrett was involved in packing for the needy on Tuesday mornings for his college class. Hanna Starck, Mission Chair

**Greetings members of Plymouth Congregational UCC!** We will be having a meeting to finalize our vision and mission statements of our church as we prepare for a new era of ministry in a changing world. The meeting will be after worship on Sunday, **November 10<sup>th</sup>**. To assist us in creating an accurate, meaningful and inspiring statements, please review the following documents. It includes the Core Values of our Church as determined on September 8<sup>th</sup>, the vision and mission statements created by the small group envisioning our future meetings and alternative set of statements for your consideration. These will be used as a basis of inspiration for the final statements we adopt. Please take time to study these statements carefully and prayerfully, letting the Spirit speak to you as to who God is calling us to be into the future. We will collectively decide what statements we affirm as we listen to God's still-speaking voice. May God's wisdom and blessings abide with us in our discernment.

**Plymouth Congregational UCC is forming three new task forces** with the intent of them becoming standing committees or ministries teams in accordance with a revised Constitution and By-Laws. We are looking for enthusiastic and passionate people to be founding members of the following task forces:

**Social and Environmental Justice:** This task force will include keen observers of our society and environment and the laws, regulations, policies, and practices that affect our wider world. Members will discern together how to promote and advocate for positive changes for our church, community, nation, and earth to create equality, freedom, justice, peace, nonviolence, and compassion towards all peoples, creatures,

and creation so as to promote healthier and more sustainable human relations and global ecology. Climate change, pollution, organic farming, renewable energies, consumerism, mass transportation and other such issues will be covered, along with a wide assortment of social justice issues present in our nation and world. Collaboration with the wider community is a given. We hope to work toward the UCC designation of being a "Creation Justice Church," and perhaps also an "Economic Justice Church." We already lay claim to being a "Just Peace Church." For more info: [https://www.ucc.org/creation\\_justice\\_churches](https://www.ucc.org/creation_justice_churches), [https://www.ucc.org/justice\\_ejcp\\_ef](https://www.ucc.org/justice_ejcp_ef), [https://www.ucc.org/justice\\_just-peace](https://www.ucc.org/justice_just-peace).

**Racial Justice:** This task force will deal with issues of anti-racism and pro-reconciliation between all peoples of all ethnic, social, cultural, national, and religious backgrounds. Beyond helping our congregational to become more educated with regard to race relations, members will recommend measures that can help our church be more welcoming of diversity, acknowledge white privilege, use our privilege to nurture equality under the law for all, and foment mutual understanding, respect, and caring concern between persons within our wider community and beyond. Special attention will be given to involving the PSU and Grafton County area in programs and events we hope to create. We hope to work toward the UCC designation of being a "Racial Justice Church." For more info: [https://www.ucc.org/justice\\_racism](https://www.ucc.org/justice_racism).

**Immigrant Welcoming/Sanctuary:** This task force is a response to the immigrant and refugee crisis in our nation and world, and to the ethic of Jesus to welcome, affirm, and aid the stranger in our midst. The Biblical mandate to care for the sojourner is relevant for our times as we see asylum seekers and immigrants caged, separated, abused, and deported. Beyond raising our consciousness of these current issues in our country, members will address measures we might be willing to take as a faithful church to our Christian values. Coordination with our wider church, as well as to other non-church entities, working with immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers will turn our ideals into action for the benefit of "the least of these." We hope to work toward the UCC designation of being a "Immigrant Welcoming" and/or "Sanctuary" Church. For more info:

<http://www.uccfiles.com/pdf/Becoming%20an%20immigrant%20welcoming%20congregation%20updated%20Nov%201%202012.pdf>,

[https://www.ucc.org/news\\_central\\_new\\_york\\_church\\_proclaims\\_to\\_be\\_a\\_sanctuary\\_space\\_05202019](https://www.ucc.org/news_central_new_york_church_proclaims_to_be_a_sanctuary_space_05202019).

Please contact Rev. Myers if you are interested in participating in any of these task forces. These are exciting times for Plymouth Congregational UCC!

# Core Values of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ

*Created September 8, 2019*

## Core Values Ranked

- 1) Young families/Youth Outreach
- 2) Warm and Welcoming
- 3) Environmental Justice & Responsibility
- 4) Community Missions/Outreach
- 5) Community Support
- 6) Ecumenical Cooperation
- 7) Connecting with Plymouth State University
- 8) Visionary & Forward-Thinking
- 9) Hospitality (esp. to community groups)
- 10) Loving, Caring, Compassionate, Kind
- 11) Respectful and Non-Judgmental
- 12) Translate Ideals into Action
- 13) Life-long Spiritual Learning
- 14) Dedicated to Peace-Making
- 15) Educational development/formation (for all ages)
- 16) Sensitivity to Scheduling (all ages)
- 17) Adventurous
- 18) Understanding Non-Christian Religions
- 19) Ecumenical Leadership
- 20) Implementing Strategies for Age-Inclusiveness
- 21) Sanctuary/Immigrant-Welcoming
- 22) Covenantal
- 23) Self-Critical
- 24) Bringing Church Outside the Church (meeting people at work, play, etc.)

It was agreed to categorize these core values into smaller groupings as some overlap and may apply to several categories. Below is a suggested grouping of 7 of these collective values (the first being agreed upon by those present as suggested by a new member):

## **7 Collective Core Values**

- I. **Attitude/Spirit/Practice of Being a Place of Sanctuary:** warm & welcoming, immigrant welcoming, respectful/non-judgmental, nonviolent/peaceful, refuge for the oppressed.
- II. **Young Families/Youth Outreach:** attracting, nurturing, and developing a setting that invites and inspires participation by young people – who are the future of the church.
- III. **Inclusivity:** warm & welcoming, hospitable to community, creating sense of belonging for all ages and people, etc.
- IV. **Advocacy and Faith in Practice:** environmental justice & responsibility, ideals to action, visionary/forward-thinking, life-long learning, peace-making, bring church outside of church, etc.

- V. **Community Collaboration:** community missions/outreach/support/cooperation/connection, visionary, hospitable, ideals to action, adventurous, covenantal, outside our own doors, etc.
- VI. **Virtues/Spirit of the Church:** visionary/forward-thinking, hospitality, peace-making, adventurous, covenantal, self-critical.
- VII. **Spiritual Formation:** life-long spiritual learning, peace-making, educational development, activities for all ages, adventurous, learning/understanding non-Christian religions, ecumenism, self-critical.

### **Small Group Envisioning Our Future Workshop #1**

#### **Vision Statement**

We are a welcoming and inclusive community of faith. We acknowledge current issues and understandings to bring our ideas to promote peace, justice, and love to the world.

### **Small Group Envisioning Our Future Workshop #2**

#### **Vision Statement**

We strive to be a place of sanctuary for all.

We warmly welcome those who are seeking acceptance, understanding, and a spiritual home.

We believe God is still speaking; therefore we welcome diversity of faith and self-identity.

We strive to be an active presence in the community  
by engaging in social and environmental justice,  
and providing local and global support.

#### **Mission Statement**

We live out our faith by:

- Providing a diverse and vibrant worship and music program.
  - Engaging in mission and outreach activities for all ages.
- Offering people in the community opportunities to nurture their spiritual journeys.
  - Respecting individuality and creating a sense of belonging for all.
- Engaging and collaboratively working with the town of Plymouth, local agencies, and Plymouth State University.
  - Providing space for various community groups.
- Having members actively engaged in ministry teams of the church.

### **Small Group Envisioning Our Future Workshop #3**

#### **Vision Statement**

We are to be welcoming to **ALL**, as we affirm that **ALL** persons matter.

We open ourselves to a sharing of spiritual and religious experiences and stories.

We seek to take an active role in the betterment of our local, national, and global community.

In accordance with the values of Jesus, we aspire to grow spiritually in improving the world.

## **Mission Statement**

We will prioritize educational and spiritual programs to attract younger families and nourish people of all ages.

We will plan and support local activities and projects within our church, and in collaboration with the wider public, community, and Plymouth State University (e.g., church suppers, music programs, etc.).

We will provide transportation ministry to members and the community (e.g., veterans home, homebound, meals for many, doctor's appointments, etc.).

We will publicize/advertise church events (including enlistment of tech support).

We will enhance environmental sustainability and outreach (including battery supply for solar array).

We will provide opportunities to share our stories.

## **Small Group Envisioning Our Future Workshop #4**

### **Vision Statement**

Our priorities for envisioning our future include:

- Love and model kindness
- Do justice: economic, social, environmental through outreach and service
- Be pioneers of change and activists for meaningful and intentional inclusivity

### **Mission Statement**

Our mission initiatives and priorities are:

- Be sensitive to and advocates for those in need locally
- Provide mission and outreach programs locally and globally (e.g., service, travel)
- Increase opportunities for intergenerational interaction
- Make our facilities accessible to those of differing abilities and ages
- Pastor and congregation actively involved in visiting parishioners in all settings

## **Additional Statements for Consideration inspired by the Collective Core Values of Plymouth Congregational UCC**

### **Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ: Who We Are and Our Purpose**

**Our Identity:** We are a progressive and inclusive spiritual family creatively shaping a better you for creating a better world. We are a place of inspiration designed to make a difference in our community and beyond: opening minds, nurturing hearts, and transforming souls. Together we strive to birth beauty through compassion, peace, and justice – interpersonally, inter-religiously, and internationally. Questions are welcomed, and journeys are shared here!

**Our Vision:** We dream of a church, community, and world where all people are loved and treated with respect and loving-kindness, where peace is the way as well as the goal, and where justice prevails for those whose ethnicity, gender, sexual orientations and identities, dis/abilities, spiritual beliefs, and other distinguishing characteristics are not only affirmed but celebrated. We seek to make these values realized in our daily lives and our social structures. And so we advocate for the disenfranchised and oppressed in accordance with

Christ's own Spirit. We vow to bring about personal, relational, communal, and systemic changes to our world by practicing peaceful ways, engendering justice, and lavishing love on every person and creature, and the earth as a whole, so that God's values and presence are felt both near and far. We are to be one world where compassion reigns in every relationship. We are all siblings who care for one another throughout the journey of life.

**Our Mission:**

We dedicate ourselves to be persons and a community of shared values which provides sanctuary to those seeking spiritual, physical, and emotional refuge.

We commit ourselves to being respectful and non-judgmental towards all persons; not based on their beliefs, but on the sanctity of their souls.

We will promote methods and practices of nonviolence and peace in all our relationships – personal, communal, and global.

We will be inclusive of all persons: affirming the worth and dignity of each and every one – no exceptions.

We will nurture everyone according to where they are at on their own journey of life: affirming goodness, acknowledging loss and failings, offering forgiveness, encouraging improvement, and sustaining the sacredness of mutuality and friendship.

We will find ways to bridge generation gaps and build intergenerational understanding and respect, and especially nourish those of younger years and tender spirits so that they may truly find in us a haven of hospitality and belonging.

We will educate ourselves on how to reach out to those different than ourselves, be advocates for the oppressed, consciences for the privileged, and agents of healing for the afflicted and voiceless.

We will collaborate with others within our wider community to create a better world: enlisting people, assisting programs, participating in activities, and enacting changes that breed positive transformation.

We will be proactive, forward-thinking, and risk-takers in carrying out the ministries of our church; knowing that the divine is with us as we venture towards healing and wholeness in our world.

We will be self-critical; acknowledging our failings without being disempowered, and being willing to change ourselves to be of greater service to the world in which we are called to bless.

We will do this throughout our lives, from birth to death; for this is how we embrace and give grace to life.

**Our Motto:** An 'Open and Affirming' and 'Just Peace' Church embracing diversity and attesting to the worth and dignity of all.

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**WELCOMES**

**Organist Kristjon Imperio**



**Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ  
WILL HOST**

**Organist Kristjon Imperio**

**Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM**

**Doors open at 2:30 PM.**

**The recital is free of charge, and donations  
to support this concert series will be gratefully received.**

Boston-born Organist Kristjon Imperio will present a program of works by  
J.S. Bach, Buxtehude, Franck, Howells and Leighton.

The organ he will be playing, which dominates the church sanctuary,  
is a 1985 Austin Organ Opus #2695 which contains 1247 pipes driven  
from 21 ranks in 3 divisions, 24 stops.

Currently the principle organist at the College Church of Seventh-day Adventists  
in Lancaster, Massachusetts, Mr. Imperio is active throughout New England  
as a soloist, collaborative pianist, and chamber musician.

A highly sought after conductor, he has served in numerous music festivals  
as well as serving on the faculty at Anna Maria College in Paxton.

The Rev. Bret S. Myers, Interim Pastor  
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*Please make an appointment with Rev. Myers if you would like to meet with the pastor.  
You may call the church office at 603-536-2626,  
email him at [revbmyers@yahoo.com](mailto:revbmyers@yahoo.com), or call/text his cell at 608-370-9472.*

*Bret's office hours are Sunday 10:45 AM – 12:00 PM, Tuesday 1:00-7:00 PM,  
Wednesday 1:00 – 8:00 PM, Thursday 2:00-5:00 PM and other hours by appointment.*