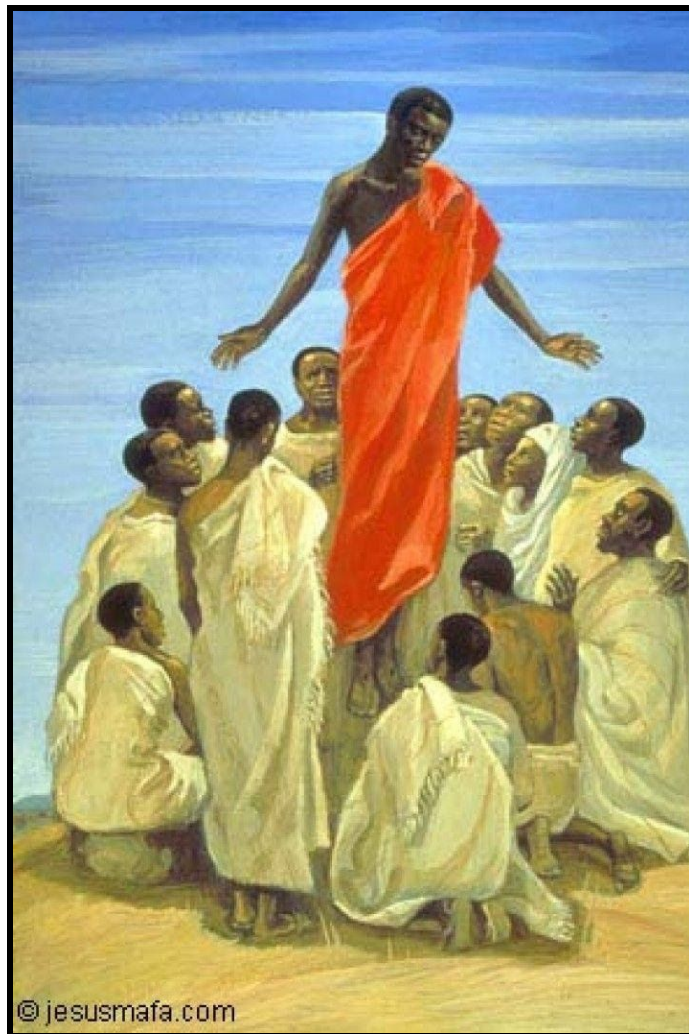


Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 24, 2020

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.

GATHERING

Welcome

Prelude

"Ashokan Farewell"

Jay Unger

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

Call to Worship

From Psalm 68

One: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord.

All: Listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

One: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; and whose power is in the skies.

All: Awesome is God in his sanctuary, the God of Israel; he gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

Hymn

"Hail the Day That Sees Christ Rise"

Blk#260

Tune: LLANFAIR

Verse 1

**Hail the day that sees Christ rise, Alleluia!
To a throne in paradise; Alleluia!
Christ the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!
Enters now the highest heaven, Alleluia!**

Verse 2

**Christ for you high triumph waits, Alleluia!
Lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!
You have conquered death and sin; Alleluia!
You, our Sovereign, enter in! Alleluia!**

Gathering Prayer

One: We come together on this final Sunday of the Easter Season to be strengthened for the work of our common ministry, to be reminded of the hope within us, and to listen for the voice of the One who guides us into the pathways of peace. With grateful hearts, let us lift our voices in prayer, saying:

All: Holy One, you keep calling through the voice of prophets for us to be a people who step out in faith to live courageously, to speak boldly a word of truth, to take risks on behalf of those whose well-being is at risk, to offer a word of kindness to a

stranger, and yet we so often hesitate. Renew us with your grace and fill us with fresh visions of your kingdom's Way. For we ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Silence for Personal Reflection

God's Promise of New Life

One: Beloved, do not be surprised. Our God is gracious to all, restoring us to new life.

All: This is the good news which is for us, and for everyone we will meet in the days to come. Thanks be to God.

Response

"I Greet You, Sure Redeemer"

Blk#251

Verse 4

**You have the true and perfect gentleness,
no harshness have you and no bitterness;
Grant us the grace that flows in you so free
that we may dwell in perfect unity.**

Children's Message

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Reading Acts 1:6-17, 21-26

One: Here ends the reading from our tradition. May God grant us strength and courage to live our faith with Easter joy.

All: Amen.

Message

"A Promise Made"

Hymn

"Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire"

Blk#508

Verse 1

**Prayer is the soul's sincere desire,
unuttered or expressed;
The motion of a hidden fire
that trembles in the breast.**

Verse 4

**No prayers do humans make alone;
the Holy Spirit pleads,
And Jesus on the eternal throne
for sinners intercedes.**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

You will be invited to offer your personal prayers from the silence of your heart.

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

"I'll Fly Away"

Albert Brumley

We invite you to remember your support for the ministry of PCUCC.

Offertory Prayer

All: O God, through the offering of our gifts we become more open people – open-minded in hearing your word and wisdom, open-hearted in healing a broken world, open-handed in heading your call to generosity and enacted love. May all our giving be a part of your transforming work in the lives of your children everywhere. Amen.

SENDING

Hymn

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

Red#202

Verse 1

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Doth his successive journeys run;
His Kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

Verse 4

**Blessings abound where'er He reigns:
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.**

Benediction

Postlude

"America, the Beautiful"

Samuel Ward

Keeping in Prayer

Dick Brace	Jesse Armstrong	Cassie & Kevin
Sheri Stanley	Barbara	Vickie Flener
Mary	P.V. George	June Thomas
John Smathers	Patti Dyszinsky	Maroni Family
	Elaine Boniface	

Prayers for Our Nation and for the World!

Bob Feeny as he explores his Call to ordained ministry

Sam Lovett, Member-in-discernment in the Merrimack Association

*If you have a prayer request you'd like Pastor Mike to include in Sunday worship,
please email him at pastor@uccplymouth.org.*

UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL GATHERINGS

During this time when we are continuing to “physical distance” in order to keep everyone safe and well, we still can “meet” together via **Zoom**. So far, we have had a number of fellowship gatherings using this platform, and it has been wonderful to see and hear one another. Knowing how successful these gatherings have been, the Church Council has decided to move forward with one fellowship event on **Sunday, June 7th** to be followed by our **Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, June 14th**. Below are the details.

Gathering One

Coffee Hour! On **Sunday, June 7th**, we will have a **Zoom Coffee Hour at 10:30 am** following the morning Worship Service on Facebook live. An invitation to join this Zoom gathering will come from the Church Office via email.

Gathering Two

Annual Congregational Meeting - The Council has set the Annual Meeting for **Sunday, June 14th, at 10:30 am** following the morning Worship Service on Facebook live) Once again, an email will come to you from the Church Office inviting you to this **Zoom** meeting.

Practice Zoom Gatherings - If you are unfamiliar with Zoom and would like to have a practice run prior to these planned meetings, please email the Church Office at office@uccplymouth.org or Pastor Mike at pastor@uccplymouth.org so that you can be included in one of these practice opportunities.

Additionally, please feel free to contact Pastor Mike at 603-960-0196 or our Director of Music, David Williams 603-960-2578 if you would like help in any way.

Below are helpful links that can introduce you to Zoom:

How do I download Zoom to my computer or other device?

- <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/categories/200101697>
- <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206175806>

How do I connect to a Zoom meeting?

- https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206175806#h_bd83fa44-e32f-47b6-8fd6-0e2d1eb6077b

This Week and More at PCUCC

Today - Worship, Facebook Live 9:30 AM
Monday - Happy Memorial Day!
Tuesday - Confirmation 3:00 PM
Tuesday - Search Committee 7:00 PM
Wednesday - Midweek Devotional, Facebook Live 12:00 PM
May 26th - Annual Reports Due
June 7th - Zoom Coffee 10:30 AM
June 14th - Zoom Annual Meeting 10:30 AM

Announcement

Annual Reports - Please submit your Annual Reports by **Tuesday, May 26th**, to the Church Office at office@uccplymouth.org.

Finance Committee - CHOOSE OUR CHURCH as your favorite charity on AMAZON SMILE and support our ministries and mission. Yes, HANNAFORD prepaid grocery cards are available during this "stay-at-home" time of practicing safe distancing. Denominations of \$100, \$250 and \$500 are available. Finance orders cards regularly. Please let Linda or Larry know via phone or email what you would like to purchase. We'll let you know when to mail your check to the church. If you shop at HANNAFORD for your essentials, please purchase a prepaid card. The church receives 5% of each card purchased. Thank you for your continued support!

Stewardship Team - It's stewardship time and this year, we are asking for \$200,000 in pledges to support the mission and ministry of our congregation. Your contributions are invaluable to the life of this church. We are very much aware that we're going through a period of economic uncertainty that could make pledging challenging, to say the least. In the face of this turbulent time, we ask you to prayerfully consider what you feel you can give to support the life and work of PCUCC. Once we are through this crisis and the future looks clearer, you can always adjust your pledge. If you did not receive a pledge card please contact the church office office@uccplymouth.org. Please return your pledge with the pledge card by regular mail or e-mail to the Treasurer at: treasurer@uccplymouth.org by as soon as possible. Thank you, PCUCC Finance Stewardship Team

HOPE Fund - The need for assistance through our HOPE Fund will increase as families at risk need assistance paying for rent, heating, electricity and medications. Please consider giving to the HOPE Fund. You can send your check to PCUCC and write HOPE Fund in the memo. Send to Plymouth Congregational UCC, P.O. Box 86, Plymouth, NH 03264.

Pledges and Contributions - Our 2020-21 pledge goal is \$200,000. As of this week, we have received 44 pledges totaling \$110,260. Thank you to all who have pledged in the support of the church missions and ministries. If you haven't pledged and are able to do so, please prayerfully consider sending your pledge by either emailing a note to the Treasurer at treasurer@uccplymouth.org or mailing your pledge card to the church office at AttentionTreasurer, P.O. Box 86, Plymouth, NH 03264. Thank you.

Book Group - On Mondays, June 1st and 15th, we will discuss *The Girl with Seven Names*. It is a North Korean Defector's story by Hyeonseo Lee. This will be the final book of our season. Cheers, Peggy Martin

Our church is closed to all events until further announcement.
The Worship Services will be live-streamed on our Facebook page.
Please check for Constant Contact and the Facebook page
for information about upcoming Worship Services.

Pastor's Office Hours

During this time of "physical distancing" and working remotely,
Pastor Mike will be at the church periodically.
Please feel free to contact him by email at pastor@uccplymouth.org
or his cell phone at 603-960-0196.

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