

Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ

Day of Pentecost

May 31, 2020

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.

GATHERING

Welcome

Prelude

"Shall We Gather at the River" Paul Randall Keith
*The beginning of the prelude is an invitation to silent,
personal preparation for the worship of God.*

Call to Worship

One: Come, Holy Spirit. Inspire our hearts with your fiery presence!

All: Let your flame burn within us, stirring us to action.

One: Come, Holy Spirit. Energize our lives for compassionate service.

**All: Let your wind of hope swirl around us, lifting and moving us
from complacency.**

One: Come, Holy Spirit. Pour your blessing on us.

**All: Let your presence challenge us to proclaim God's presence and
love in everything we say and do.**

Hymn

"On Pentecost They Gathered"

Blk#272

Verse 1

**On Pentecost they gathered quite early in the day,
A band of Christ's disciples to worship, sing, and pray.
A mighty wind came blowing, filled all the swirling air,
And tongues of fire aglowing inspired each person there.**

Verse 3

**God pours Holy Spirit on all who would believe,
On women, men, and children who would God's grace receive.
That Spirit knows no limit, be stowing life and power.
The church, formed and reforming, responds in every hour.**

Gathering Prayer

One: Here in this moment, with people gathered wherever they are, alone or with others, God pours out upon us goodness and grace. With the soft, gentle breeze of love filling our hearts, let us pray together, saying:

All: Almighty God, your Holy Spirit came to Jesus' disciples, hidden in an upper room in Jerusalem. A violent wind and tongues of fire were the symbols of a new thing happening in their lives. May your Holy Spirit burst into our lives today, encouraging and inspiring us to bear witness to our living Lord. Quicken us

this day to a recognition of your presence. Create in us grateful hearts. Challenge our minds with your wisdom. Encourage us with a heightened vision and hope as we follow Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence for Personal Reflection

God's Promise of New Life

One: Listen! It is not an old story, but ours. It may not happen with a mighty wind, but with a soft whisper. But this is our Pentecost. This is our reminder that God fills us with all things new.

All: Thanks be to God! God gives us new hope, new joy, and new life – this day and in all the days to come. Amen.

Response "Holy Spirit, Truth Divine" Blk#63

Verse 2

**Holy Spirit, love divine, glow within this heart of mine.
Kindle every high desire, purify me with your fire.**

Children's Message

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Reading Acts 2:1-21

One: Here ends the reading from our tradition. May God grant us strength and courage to live our faith with the fiery passion of Pentecost.

All: Amen.

Message "A Promise Kept"

Hymn "Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove" Blk#281

Verse 1

**Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
with all your quickening powers;
Kindle a flame of sacred love
in these cold hearts of ours.**

Verse 3

**Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove,
with all your quickening powers;
Come, shed on us the Savior's love,
that it may kindle ours.**

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

"Communion Hymn"

Stuart Townend

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

Offertory Prayer

All: O God, we thank you for calling us into the family of the church. By your grace, we rejoice to share in the church's life of mission and ministry. Help us to serve one another and so reflect your spirit and goodness as we offer our gifts to you. Through all our giving, may we participate in your transforming work of justice and love. Amen.

SENDING

Hymn

"Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds"

Red#294

Verse 1

**Eternal God, whose power upholds
both flower and flaming star,
to whom there is no here nor there,
no time, no near nor far,
no alien race, no foreign shore,
no child unsought, unknown,**

**O send us forth, thy prophets true,
to make all lands Thine own!**

Verse 2

**O God of love, whose Spirit wakes
in ev'ry human breast,
whom love, and love alone, can know,
in whom all hearts find rest:
help us to spread thy gracious reign
till greed and hate shall cease,
and kindness dwell in human hearts,
and all the earth find peace!**

Benediction

Postlude

"Blessed Assurance"

Phoebe Palmer Knapp

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		Rob Stewart's Sister's Family

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 Events

During this time when we are continuing to "physical distance" in order to keep everyone safe and well, we will come together for two upcoming events via Zoom. Below are the details.

Zoom Coffee Hour

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.

Annual Congregational Meeting

The **Annual Congregational Meeting** is scheduled for **Sunday, June 14th**, **at 10:30 AM** following the morning Worship Service on Facebook live.

Practice Zoom Gatherings - If you are unfamiliar with Zoom and would like to have a practice run prior to these planned events, please email the church office at office@uccplymouth.org or Pastor Mike at pastor@uccplymouth.org.

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.

Please note: The invitation is available in the weekly newsletter thru Constant Contact or email the church office at office@uccplymouth.org.

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 - Staff Meeting 3:00 PM

Tuesday - Confirmation 3:00 PM

Tuesday - Search Committee 7:00 PM

Wednesday - Midweek Devotional, Facebook Live 12:00 PM

June 7th - Zoom Coffee 10:30 AM

June 14th - Zoom Annual Meeting 10:30 AM

Announcement

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 - Our 2020-21 pledge goal is \$200,000. As of this week, we have received 47 pledges totaling \$147,860. 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 emailing a note to the Treasurer at treasurer@uccplymouth.org or mailing your pledge card to the church office, Attention Treasurer. 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.

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.

The Rev. Michael Carrier, Bridge Pastor
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