Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 14, 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 "I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked"

Geoffrey O'Hara

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

Call to Worship

One: We come to worship our God, who has done wonders in our lives.

All: God anoints us with joy and light, gifts from the treasures of God's heart.

One: We come to follow Jesus, who bears our lives with grace and hope.

All: Jesus would send us into the brokenness of the world to bring healing.

One: We come to be touched by the Spirit, who brings gentleness and peace for all.

All: The Spirit would enable us to offer reconciliation and justice to everyone we meet.

Hymn

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Red#64

Verse 1

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia!

Verse 2

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise him, alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice, O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gathering Prayer

One: We come searching for life and hope. Here God meets us, freely and faithfully, offering us access to the grace we need. Let us join our voices in praying together, saying:

All: Holy One, who we so often don't recognize, come into our midst and make your presence known! Renew our strength, refresh our imaginations, retool our weary efforts to carry your Peace into the world. Amaze us with your power to make all things new and let us face your world with curiosity and hope. In the name of the One who leads us on the Way, Jesus, the Christ.

Amen.

Silence for Personal Reflection

God's Promise of New Life

One: Be glad and rejoice! Give thanks with shouts of joy! Grace abounds for everyone.

All: With the faithful who have gone before us, with companions through this journey today, we celebrate God's grace which keeps making all things new.

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 Readings Romans 5:1-5 Matthew 9:35-10:1, 7-8

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

All: Amen.

Message "A Mirror Image. Really?"

Blk#532

Come, labor on.

Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain while all around us waves the golden grain? And to each servant does the Savior say, "Go work today."

Verse 2

Come, labor on.

Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!

No one so weak but may do service here;

Though feeble agents, may we all fulfill

God's righteous will.

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

"Consolation"

Felix Mendelssohn

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

Offertory Prayer

All: Generous God, we could be the healing for those who suffer; we could be the strength for those who long to endure; we could be the hope for those buffeted by the world, and so, we offer ourselves, as well as our gifts, in the hope that your children will be blessed. Amen.

SENDING

Hymn "Community of Christ"

Blk#314

Verse 1

Community of Christ,
who make the cross your own,
live out your creed and risk your life
for God alone:
the God who wears your face,
to whom all worlds belong,
whose children are of every race
and every song.

Verse 3

Community of Christ,
through whom the word must sound -cry out for justice and for peace
the whole world round:
disarm the powers that war
and all that can destroy,
turn bombs to bread, and tears of anguish
into joy.

Benediction

Postlude

"Be Joyful Ye Lands"

Ludwig van Beethoven

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 Annie Rice

Rob Stewart's Sister-in-law'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.

Annual Congregational Meeting

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

An email containing a Zoom invitation was be forwarded to everyone from the church office on **Friday**, **June 12th**.

This Week and More at PCUCC

Today - Worship, Facebook Live 9:30 AM
Today - Zoom Annual Congregational Meeting 10:30 AM
Tuesday - Staff Meeting 8:30 AM
Tuesday - Search Committee 7:00 PM
Wednesday - Midweek Devotional, Facebook Live 12:00 PM

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!

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 Monday, June 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

Email Scam Alert - Several congregational members and staff have received emails stating they are from Rev. Mike Carrier. The email requests money to purchase gift cards and/or is asking people to be discreet regarding "Mike" contacting them.

Please be aware that this is an email scam which is using Rev. Mike's identity. Rev. Mike's PCUCC email address is pastor@uccplymouth.org. This is the address he uses for church business.

Grace Counseling - The email address for Celia Woolverton at Grace Counseling has changed. Celia's new address is clwlcsw@gmail.com. Please begin using this immediately.

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 Deborah Healey, Office Administrator David Williams, Director of Music Ashley Paine, Organist/Pianist Gale Adams, Co-Director of Faith Formation Julie Kelsey, Co-Director of Faith Formation Larry Spencer, Treasurer Celia Woolverton, Grace Counseling

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