

# **Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ**

## *Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

**August 9, 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

"Melody"

Frank Schubert

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

### Call to Worship

One: Here, in this place, God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters:

**All: here, the worriers and wanderers can call on God by name.**

One: Here, in this time, we can remember all the ways God has graced us:

**All: here, in these moments, we are reminded that God is with us, always!**

One: Here are gathered those daring enough to step out of comfort into the unknown:

**All: here, in this faith space, we will find the courage to ride out the storms of life together.**

### Hymn

"God, Composer and Conductor "

Jocelyn Marshall

Tune: Regent Square

Verse 1

**God, composer and conductor  
of earth's matchless symphony,  
makes from silence glorious music,  
from discordance, harmony;  
brings forth joy from deepest sorrow,  
ecstasy from agony.**

Verse 2

**God, the architect and artist  
of earth's colours, textures, forms,  
gives new wonder to our vision,  
light in even darkest storms,  
teaches that with understanding,  
faith redeems and love reforms.**

## **Gathering Prayer**

One: In truth, we are more adept at making waves than calming storms. Our lives are such a whirlwind of activity, that we do not notice God's presence or hear the sounds of shalom carried on the wind. In this time together let us gratefully watch and listen as we pray with one heart and voice:

**All: Lord of wind and waves, creation and creatures, your power is at work everywhere, stilling the storms, offering peace, lifting us up from the depths of our greatest fears. You come to us to strengthen our faith, to reveal your will and Way to us. Help us to keep our eyes focused on you amid all the distractions that seek to derail us from loving and caring for our neighbors. By your Spirit reform us into a faithful people called to be a blessing to your children everywhere. Amen.**

## **Silence for Personal Reflection**

### **God's Promise of New Life**

One: The First Letter of Peter calls us to have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart and a humble mind. "Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing."

**All: God's mercy and grace continually transform our lives to make us a blessing to others. Thanks be to God for this Good News! Amen.**

### **Response**

"Spirit of the Living God"

Blk#283

Verse 1

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me**

**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me**

## **Children's Message**



## Offertory

"Imagine"

John Lennon

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

## Offertory Prayer

**All: O God, we are grateful that you come to us when we need you most. In gratitude we now offer ourselves in moments when you need us most: to lend a hand, support a good cause, rescue a struggling life, reach out to a soul in trouble. Strengthen us for the trials and tempests, the challenges and blessings that come our way. Amen.**

# SENDING

## Hymn

"Born of God, Eternal Savior"

Blk#542

Verse 1

**Born of God, Eternal Savior,  
source of life, of truth and grace,  
Human One, whose birth incarnate  
hallows all our human race,  
Come again, in all your glory;  
Come to us, inspire and lead;  
Fill us with your loving kindness;  
Heal our wrongs, and help our need.**

Verse 4

**See the Christ-like host advancing,  
High and lowly, great and small,  
Linked in bonds of common service,  
Answering the Savior's call.  
Jesus Christ, we hear your pleading  
That your people should be one.  
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition;  
Here on earth, your will be done.**

## Benediction

## Postlude

"Praise to the Almighty"

Joachim Neander

## **Keeping in Prayer**

Dick Brace      Patti Dyszinsky      Annie Rice

Our prayers and sympathy to the family of Joe Oustecky  
In loving memory and sympathy to the family of Archie Messenger  
Our prayers and sympathy to the family of Charles Durgin  
Prayers for Our Nation and for the World!

Bob Feeny as he prepares for his ordination

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](mailto:pastor@uccplymouth.org).*

## **This Week and More at PCUCC**

Today - Worship, Facebook Live 9:30 AM

ZOOM Horton Center Summer Sunday 11:30 AM

Monday – Building & Grounds Meeting 9:00 AM

Search Committee 7:00 PM

Tuesday - Staff Meeting 9:30 AM

Wednesday - Midweek Devotional, Facebook Live 12:00 PM

Sunday, August 16th - Ordination of Robert Feeny 3:00 PM

## **Announcements**

### **Faith Formation**

This Sunday, **August 9<sup>th</sup>**, is Horton Center Summer Sunday!  
The Horton Center had a great online summer camp program this year in lieu of  
in person camp! You are invited to view the recorded service via this YouTube.  
link <https://youtu.be/WHc7mg78420>.

Please wait to watch the video until Sunday morning!  
Think of it as a fun mid-summer "Don't open 'til Christmas" surprise!  
They will also be hosting a Zoom Coffee Hour at 11:30 AM.  
Enjoy the magic of Horton Center in your home!

### **Invitation to HC Summer Sunday**

Please click below to join the meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89267091565>

If you prefer to call into the meeting, please refer to the following information:

Meeting ID: 892 6709 1565

Telephone Number: 1-646-558-8656

**Bob Feeny Ordination** – Bob Feeny's Ordination is scheduled for **Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup>** at 3:00 PM. For those who would like to send a card or letter, Bob's address is 5 Laurel Road, Weston, MA 02493. We're anticipating everyone will be able to watch the Ordination Service on Facebook Live.

**Stewardship Team** - Our 2020-21 pledge goal is \$200,000. As of this week, we have received 58 pledges totaling \$181,950. 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](mailto:treasurer@uccplymouth.org) or mailing your pledge card to the church office, Attention Treasurer. Please be sure to note in the check memo line if you want pledges received in July to be credited towards the 2019-20 fiscal year. If there is no notation, money received will be applied to the current 2020-21 fiscal year. Thank you, PCUCC Finance Stewardship Team

**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 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** - PCUCC's Hope Fund has generously received two donations in the memory of Jean Kempton and Archie Messenger.

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.

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  
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