

Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 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

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

Call to Worship

One: Though we come from different circumstances,

All: the God of all peoples will make us one in worship.

One: Though we have traveled different paths of struggles and successes,

All: the God of tender mercies will make us one in healing.

One: Though each one of us has struggles and strife, as well as joy,

All: the God of peace will make us one in hope.

Hymn

"Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped"

Blk#22

Verse 1

**Sing praise to God, who has shaped
and sustains all creation!**

**Sing praise, my soul, in profound and
complete adoration!**

**Gladsome rejoice-organ and trumpet
and voice-**

joining God's great congregation.

Verse 4

**Sing praise, my soul, the great name of
your high God commending.**

**All that have life and breath join you,
their notes sweetly blending.**

**God is your light! Soul, ever keep
this in sight:**

amen, amen never ending.

Gathering Prayer

One: Here we come together, people searching for healing and hope, and are met by the One who blesses us with abundant life. Let us approach the God whose arms are open to all as we pray together:

All: Lord, the noise all around us is loud and frightening. We find ourselves anxious and distracted, worried about much we cannot control. We long to hear you tell us to not be afraid as

we strive to live into your vision for our life together. You call us to unity, and we struggle to put your call into practice. You command us to care for each other, but we often turn aside from those who need our help. Through your unconditional love, transform us to see ourselves and others as the beloved reflections of the divine that we are and give us the grace to treat each other as such. Amen.

Silence for Personal Reflection

God's Promise of New Life

One: Hear the good news for us: God has provided hope for us, filling us with joy, with mercy, with peace.

All: As mercy leads to mercy, we will take these gifts to share with the world. Thanks be to God. 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

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Matthew 15:21-28

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

"WWTCWD"

Hymn

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Blk#493

Verse 1

**O Jesus, I have promised
to serve you to the end;
remain forever near me,
my Savior and my Friend;
I shall not fear life's struggles
if you are by my side,**

**nor wander from the pathway
if you will be my guide.**

Verse 2

**O let me hear you speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will!
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control!
O speak, and make me listen,
O guardian of my soul!**

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

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

Offertory Prayer

**All: We give thanks, O God, for our privilege and responsibility to
be a beacon of light and hope in our communities and world.
May our giving be a tangible force for good in bringing your
justice and peace to the lives of your children in need. Amen.**

SENDING

Hymn

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

Blk#42

Verse 1

**O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories ever echoing
the triumphs of God's grace!**

Verse 2

**My gracious Savior and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.**

Benediction

Postlude

Keeping in Prayer

Dick Brace

Patti Dyszinsky

Annie Rice

Winnie Oustecky

In loving memory and sympathy to the family of Archie Messenger

Our prayers and sympathy to the family of Charles Durgin

Our prayers and sympathy to the family of Val Raymond

Prayers for Our Nation and for the World!

Congratulations and Prayers for Bob Feeny on his day of ordination!

Prayers for Sam Lovett as he becomes
the Meredith UCC Bridge Interim for the next 3 months

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

This Week and More at PCUCC

Today - Worship, Facebook Live 9:30 AM

Ordination of Robert Feeny, Facebook Live 3:00 PM

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

Announcements

Bob Feeny Ordination – Today's flowers are given in honor of Bob Feeny's Ordination by our Congregation.

Bob Feeny's Ordination is scheduled for **Today** 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. Everyone will be able to watch the Ordination Service on Facebook Live at <https://www.facebook.com/UCCPlymouth>.

Thank you from Winnie – Winnie and her family thank you for all the lovely cards and letters that were received from everyone. ~ Winnie, Kevin, Kim and David

Charles Durgin – Charles Durgin, who passed away this week, was the oldest member of our congregation at 98 years old and had been a member since March of 1937.

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 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 pastor@uccplymouth.org or his cell phone at 603-960-0196.

The Rev. Michael Carrier, Bridge Pastor

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