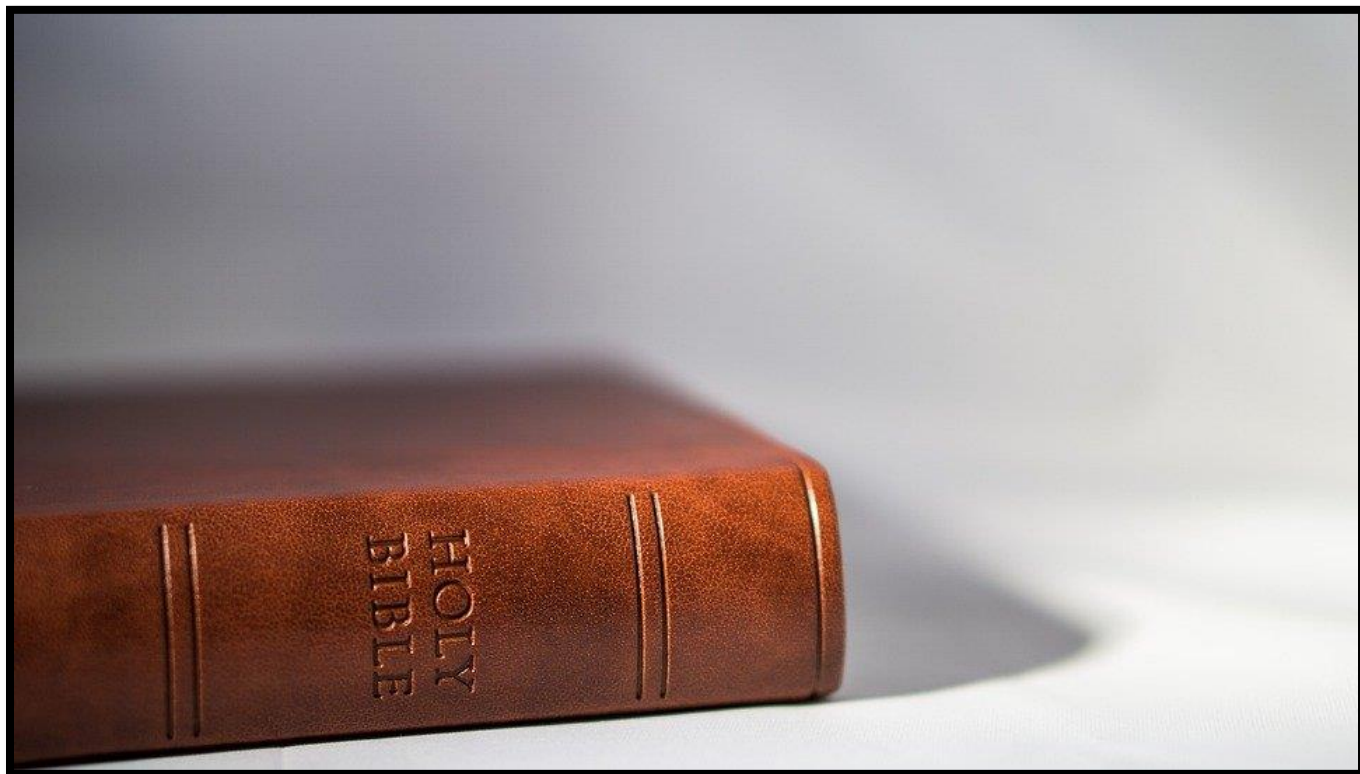


# Plymouth Congregational, United Church of Christ

Second Sunday After Pentecost, Communion Sunday



June 6, 2021

9:30 am

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

\*those who are able and willing may stand

## Welcome & Announcements

### Prelude

O Waly Waly

Christopher Tambling

The prelude is an invitation to personal preparation for worship.

### \*Call to Worship

One: The Creator we come before is holy and has prepared for us; peace and joy beyond understanding awaits us.

**All: Let us come for this joy and let this peace be ours for all time.**

One: God may fill our hearts with a deep faith, one which helps us in caring and trusting.

**All: Let us come for this faith and let this peace be ours.**

One: Because of God, we might be able to give of a divine graciousness, as we will receive.

**All: Let us come for these gifts of the Spirit and take this dream of joy to all the world, to all of creation.**

### \*Hymn

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

NCH (black) #410

*During the final verse of the hymn children and youth are invited to come forward near the lectern so they may be closer for the message for all ages. Pastor Sara will place some spots on the floor so kids know where they may sit.*

1 If you but trust in God to guide you, with hope-ful heart through  
2 On - ly be still, and wait God's plea - sure in cheer-ful hope, with  
3 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv-ing; of - fer your ser - vice

all your ways, you will find strength, with God be - side you,  
heart con - tent, trust-ing that grace which knows no mea - sure  
faith - ful - ly, and trust God's word, though un - de - serv - ing,

to bear the worst of e - vil days; For those who trust God's  
will by un - bound - ed Love be sent; Nor doubt our in - most  
there find the truth to set you free; God will not fail to

change-less love build on the rock that will not move.  
wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways near.  
guide and bless those who em - brace God's faith - ful - ness.

### Message for All Ages

*After the message the congregation will sing for the children as they are dismissed to Sunday School. Middle School and High School may stay in worship or join the younger kids as they wish.*

***You are the seed that will grow a new sprout,  
You're the star that will shine through the day.  
You are the yeast and a small grain of salt, a beacon to glow in the night.  
Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming love to all:  
Messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love.***

### Passing of the Peace

We invite you to text or email someone a note reminding them that God is by their side; we are not alone! A hand-written note will work too. Peace be with you.

### Unison Gathering Prayer

**Holy God, Giver of Joy, You surround us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we may run with patience the race set before us. God, You see our struggles and we know You hold them. Because of this care You give - we say thanks and we turn back to Your word; we praise Your name. The race set before us is long and steady. Help us to take heart God: help us to know that our simple songs and prayers this hour may sustain us. God let our joy never fade and lead us to**

share this with those we encounter. With all of creation and with the saints of the ages, we gather as Your people to praise, to sing, to discover Your love, once again. Amen.

## Silence for Personal Reflection

### God's Promise of New Life

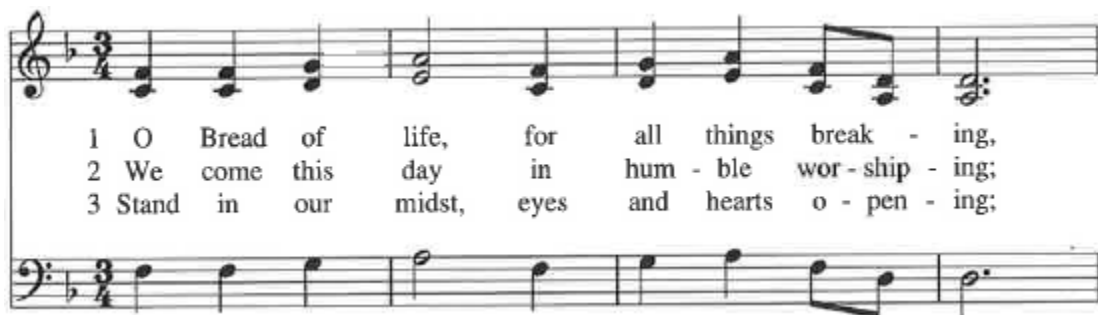
**One:** Sometimes we feel as if we are physically and spiritually disappearing. We seek divinity knowing that God provides a deep comfort and constancy. We believe we might even become a part of this hope, ever connected to our Savior.

**All:** Spirit of Life, we understand that there is more with faith. Let us sense the hope of our faith ancestors as we hear Your word and share of Your table. We do believe and we proclaim: there is nothing – nothing here, nothing anywhere else that will separate us from the love of God in Jesus. It is for this promise and Spirit that we sing.

**Response** Spirit of the Living God NCH (black) #283  
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.

## Hearing the Word

**Scripture** Psalm 130 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1  
**Message** “A Weight of Glory” Rev. Sara M. Holland  
**\*Hymn** O Bread of Life NCH (black) #333



1 O Bread of life, for all things break - ing,  
2 We come this day in hum - ble wor - ship - ing;  
3 Stand in our midst, eyes and hearts o - pen - ing;

the bit - ter cup on Cal - vary drain - ing;  
 our land is scarred, earth's peo - ple suf - fering;  
 your mys - tic self to us re - veal - ing;

Re - deemed by grace, we join in feast - ing,  
 O sa - cred face, blood and tears min - gling,  
 U - nite us in life ev - er - last - ing,

at your com - mand the past re - mem - bering.  
 all hu - man pain you are still bear - ing.  
 Im - man - u - el, bless - ing un - end - ing.

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**Offertory**

Bread of the World

Daniel Burton

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

**\*Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
 Praise God, all creatures here below  
 Praise God above, you heavenly host:  
 Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**All: Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless these gifts and our actions. We give You thanks, gracious God, for the gift of compassion which empowers us to be the**

church of Christ. We give You thanks for the gifts of identity and belonging which enable us to be Christ's disciples. And we give thanks for the teachers and learners in our midst, who show us how to be your new community. Receive these gifts we offer at the table of Christ, that our lives and these gifts may be turned to Your purposes, for the sake of the world You so love. Amen.

## **Gathering at the Table**

For those gathered in the sanctuary, please note there are individually wrapped communion sets in the pews for your convenience. There are also bags with gluten free wafers. If you have trouble finding what you need, please simply find an usher (the ushers will be standing as communion begins). We encourage you to sanitize your hands before taking the communion to lower risk to any and all gathered. And of course, we will only remove our masks when we consume the elements.

### **Invitation to Holy Communion**

**One:** We are scattered God: in apartments, houses, condos; on counters, at dinner tables, on our couch and stretching on the floor; and some of us are here in Church. As we join in this historic ritual, let us know that this holy meal may strengthen us. Let us find renewal in this great Communion.

**All:** We are prepared God. Our tables and makeshift tables may be messy, but they are set. These tables are open: There are no prerequisites for God's love. This table is for those who believe a little or a lot. This table is for those who need community, those who need solace and those who need strength. Let us share in this abundance.

### **Prayers of the People**

You will be invited to offer your silent prayers for others.

### **Breaking of the Bread and the Pouring of the Cup**

### **Sharing of the Bread and the Cup**

### **Closing Prayer**

**All:** Gracious and loving God, You have made us one in the body of Christ, and nourished us at Your table with holy food and drink. Now send us forth to be Your people in the world. Grant us strength to persevere in resisting evil, and to proclaim in all we say and do Your Good News in Jesus – the One, our

Savior, also named as Love. This we pray through Christ our Lord who taught us to pray:

### 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.

## Sending

\*Hymn

Be Now My Vision

NCH (black) # 451

*Unison*

The musical score is written for a unison voice part. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

1 Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart;  
2 Be now my wis - dom, and be my true word;  
3 Rich - es I need not, nor life's emp - ty praise,  
4 Sov - ereign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

noth - ing sur - pass - es the love you im - part—  
ev - er with - in me, my soul is as - sured;  
you, my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

You my best thought, by day or by night,  
Moth - er and Fa - ther, you are both to me,  
You and you on - ly are first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,





## **Prepare Communion before Worship if able**

Today's worship service will include the celebration of the Lord's Supper. We encourage you to participate in the sacrament and to prepare bread and cup before the service begins if you are worshipping from home. Here is a suggested preparation.

Before the time of the service, you will want to prepare some bread, a slice or a small loaf of any kind of bread. In some parts of the world tortilla, rice cake or cassava are used as this element which is defined not as a wheat product, but as the most common food of the people. Let it be something you alone or you with others in your house may break and share. Prepare a cup or cups of juice — perhaps grape or cranberry — or wine, with or without alcohol.

Set these elements in the living room or kitchen where you experience worship electronically with our faith community. Perhaps you want to put them on a lovely cloth or fabric that reminds you of a special time or a person deeply connected with you in the communion of saints. Perhaps you will light a candle, place a flower/plant or the photograph of someone you wish to bring into the circle of faith beside the bread and the cup. We invite you to make your preparation intentional and authentic.

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

Sunday	9:30 AM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Communion Sunday, Sunday School!
	6:30 PM	Worship service airs on PBTv (this week's TV view will be from May 30th, 2021)
Monday	10:00 AM	Book Group
Tuesday	6:00 PM	Parish Relations via zoom
Wednesday	11:30 AM	Staff meeting
June 13 <sup>th</sup>		Music Sunday and annual meeting at 10:45 am ( <b>annual meeting is via zoom</b> )

**We want to encourage all community members (who are able) to get a COVID-19 vaccine.** We hope that this will ensure the health and well-being of our most vulnerable community members.

### **A message from the Finance Committee:**

This is the time we look back at all we've accomplished and look forward at the financial support needed to meet the challenges of our next fiscal year.

We've been blessed with exceptional lay and pastoral leadership and your financial support is needed to keep our programs and mission thriving.

Our TOGETHER FOR JOY stewardship information has been circulated. We ask that you prayerfully consider your financial support.

If you have any questions, please contact the treasurer, Larry Spencer or Linda LaPrad, Finance chair. They'll be happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

**We have returned for some in person worship!** Masks are required and all in attendance will practice care for neighbor by practicing physical distancing. Our registration remains open through June and it is also okay to simply show up for church at this point in time. We hope to see you soon!

**Important note: we will continue to stream our service online via Facebook and also have our service on PBTv.**

**Our Director/s of Faith Formation positions are opening!** We are seeking someone who is interested in faithfully leading our children and youth; we begin our search in house because theological fit is important. If you might be interested in helping us choose curriculum and plan faith formation efforts, especially for Sunday mornings, please reach out to Jan Bass, the chair of Human Resources. This position is critically important to the life and ministry of our entire church, is paid, and is part time. It would pair well with another M-F job. Consider becoming a part of our team! Jan's email is: [jbass8150@gmail.com](mailto:jbass8150@gmail.com)

**Deacon's Corner** – The updates in this area are general so as to protect the privacy of families and individuals.

Prayers & Healing for Ruth Monroe

Mae Larson, Rebecca Larson's Mother-in-law

Continued prayers for Fran Lewis

Robert Heal & family, Brother-in-law of Marlin Collingwood

**Finance Committee** - CHOOSE OUR CHURCH as your favorite charity on AMAZON SMILE and support our ministries and mission. We can be found by entering Plymouth Congregational Church or Plymouth\* under Faith and Spiritual list only.

Once on AmazonSmile click on "Accounts and Lists" under your name, scroll down to "AmazonSmile Charity Lists" select "Faith and Spiritual" then either type Plymouth Congregational Church or Ply\* to find all listings starting with Ply then select our church.

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 will 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 HOPE Fund supports families at risk who 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. If you know of someone who is in need, please put them in touch with the church office or Pastor Sara.

**The members of the Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Plymouth, NH** are called to attend our Annual Meeting (virtually). The Meeting will be held on Sunday, June 13th, at 10:45 am (or as soon as worship ends). Due to our current practices related to the Covid-19 virus, this meeting will be held via Zoom, but can also be accessed over the telephone. (1-929-205-6099)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/98222844472?pwd=dFl5VVo4OTQ4NzFpd0tpQzhTVXIYUT09>

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An agenda for the meeting, will be sent out the week prior to the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

**Racial Justice Exploration:** We are continuing these explorations this spring and summer. We welcome new attendees and we pray you'll reach out to Pastor Sara if you are considering ways to get involved in these important efforts.

This group will soon embark on examining Layla Saad's *Me and White Supremacy*.

**Book Group** - Here is our intended order of Book Group readings so that you can purchase or otherwise obtain them in advance: Our next selections will be:

*Leading from the Outside* by Stacey Abrams (discussed on June 7<sup>th</sup>)

Consider attending the UCC national gathering this year! General Synod will take place between July 11 & 18 and will explore the theme Rooted in Love. We encourage attendance, especially because it is virtual this year. You are able to attend just a day or two if you like! Visit [generalsynod.org](http://generalsynod.org) for more information.

Our church is now meeting in person and digitally; we will continue to offer both options indefinitely. The Worship Services will continue to be live streamed on our Facebook page and are available on Sunday nights on PBTv at 6:30 pm. (Local channel 1302.)

Please check for Constant Contact and the Facebook page for information about upcoming Worship Services.

**Small, in person meetings are allowed as long as all people in groups agree to such a format. Zoom, google meet, Skype, phone, etc. may still be used! Please consider care for creation and reducing greenhouse emissions when scheduling in person meetings.**

**Office Hours**

Tuesday - 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
Wednesday - 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
Thursday - 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
Friday - 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

**Pastor’s Office Hours**

Pastor Sara will be at the church for office hours Monday 10:00 AM-3:00 PM (and also in pastoral visits at this time),  
Tuesday 9:00 AM-3:00 PM, Wednesday 9:00 AM-3:00 PM  
and Thursday by appointment. Keep in mind all church doors are locked.  
Please feel free to contact her by email at [plymouthpastor@uccplymouth.org](mailto:plymouthpastor@uccplymouth.org)  
or on her work cell phone number at 336-485-5618 to set up a meeting.

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**Celebrating Birthdays in June and July in our Community:**

- June 6 Anna Boyer
- June 8 Alice Avery
- June 10 Kimberly Berman
- June 22 Murray Swindell
- June 23 Jay Buckley
- June 25 Mary Bohn Reynolds
- June 25 David Castor
- June 29 Mona Hoefs
- June 30 Rebecca Larson

\*\*If you have a birthday or anniversary in either of these two months that you would like listed please email us at [office@uccplymouth.org](mailto:office@uccplymouth.org)\*\*