

Plymouth Congregational, United Church of Christ

3rd Sunday after Pentecost, Music Sunday



June 13, 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

Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana

Mascagni, arr. by Martha Powell Setchell

The prelude is an invitation to personal preparation for worship.

*Call to Worship

One: Praise God! This is a day to let our hearts dance and to know that God hears our prayers, whether sung or silent.

All: We sing new songs together; even the songs of old will become new. Let us be transformed this day.

One: God is good - the piano shows God's beauty and our voices whisper and shout the glorious righteousness. Let the unending love of our God be shown in music this day.

All: We sing new songs together; even the songs of old will become new. Let us be transformed this day.

One: God finds joy in our singing and music, even when out of tune and out of key. Let us too delight in this time of exultation.

All: We sing new songs together; even the songs of old will become new. Let us be transformed this day.

*Hymn

How Firm A Foundation

NCH (black) #407



1 How firm a foun - da - tion for you has been laid,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,
5 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose,

by God in the Word, in the sac - ri - fice paid!
 for I am your God, I will still give you aid;
 the riv - ers of woe shall not o - ver you flow;
 my grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can God say than to you has been said,
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand
 For I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt you; for I have de - signed
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you, who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my gra - cious, om - ni - po - tent hand."
 de - liv - er - ing you from your deep - est dis - tress."
 your soul to make pure just as gold is re - fined."
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

Passing of the Peace

We invite you to text or email someone a note of peace today. A hand-written note will work too.
 (You could place this on someone's car or in their mailbox later today.)

Unison Gathering Prayer

Power of Love, we give You thanks for Your reign as truth and life. Today we sing of this with our voices and hearts; let notes and melodies show Your glory. We come for grace and wholeness; we will sing of these so that they might be ours. We join the choir of crickets and peepers, of robins and blue jays, of chipmunks and farm animals; hear us praise You! In our

worship, we pray that we are granted grace so that we might become compassion in the world. Be known to us here in this hour. Amen.

Silence for Personal Reflection

God's Promise of New Life

One: We come seeking new ways to see divine love, new ways to speak of divine love. We come seeking Christ. In joining the choir of saints, we aim to heal ourselves and the world.

All: **Creator God, our sights of You fade us. We want to see and hear Your love as clearly as possible. Let us be led by faith as 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.

Message for All Ages

Children and youth are welcome to come forward during the message for all ages if they like. The message for all ages will truly be intergenerational this morning so if children want to stay in the pews that is okay too! We invite all ages to stay in worship this morning.

***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.***

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Readings Psalm 149: 1-5 2nd Corinthians 5: 6-9, 16-17

One: Holy One, hear the melodies of our hearts, the songs of our lips and the tunes of our minds. Let the scripture be a song in our step; we pray that Your spirit moves between words and hearing.

All: Amen.

Musical Offering

Message "Music, Movements and New Creation" Rev. Sara M. Holland

*Hymn

I Love To Tell The Story

PH (red) #317

1 I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,
2 I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best

Of Je - sus and his glo - ry, Of Je - sus and his love.
Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it, like the rest.

I love to tell the sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's true;
And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else would do.
'Twill be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

REFRAIN
I love to tell the sto - ry; 'Twill be my theme in glo - ry

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). It consists of six systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

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 Jesus Hold My Hand Performed by Alison Thatcher
We invite you to remember your support for the ministry of PCUCC.

*Doxology

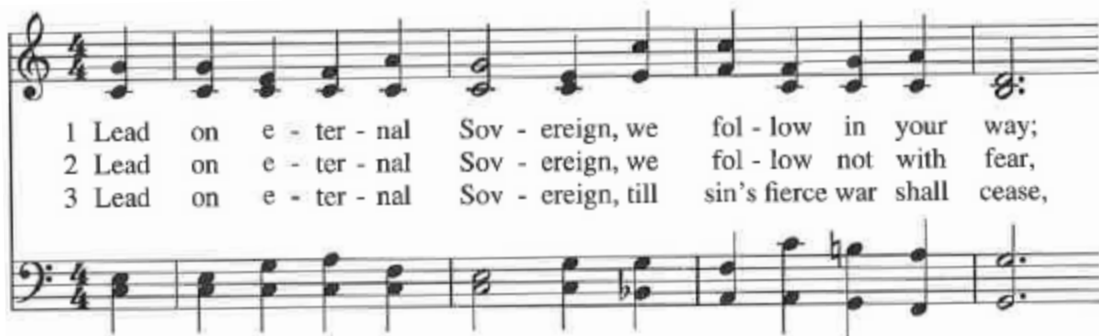
Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Offertory Prayer

All: Gracious God, You nourish us in times of greatest need. You free our hearts and guide us on gnarly paths. We give thanks for the abundance of Your mercy every moment, and for opportunities of new life, of transformation. Receive our gifts as symbols of commitment to Your purpose, that all we have, all we are, and all You call us to become may reveal Your loving presence in the world. Amen.

SENDING

***Hymn** Lead On Eternal Sovereign NCH (black) #573



1 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, we fol - low in your way;
2 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, we fol - low not with fear,
3 Lead on e - ter - nal Sov - ereign, till sin's fierce war shall cease,

loud rings your cry for jus - tice, your call for peace this day:
 for in each hu - man con - flict your words of strength we hear:
 and all your saints to - geth - er will sing a hymn of peace;

Through prayer-ful prep - a - ra - tion, your grace will make us strong,
 That when we serve with glad - ness, you will not let us fall,
 Then all in your do - min - ion will live with hearts set free,

to car - ry on the strug - gle to tri - umph o - ver wrong.
 our trust is in your prom - ise that love will con - quer all.
 to love and serve each oth - er for all e - ter - ni - ty.

***Benediction**

Postlude My Heart Ever Faithful J.S. Bach

The Postlude ends our gathered worship and sends us into the world where our true service begins.

Rev. Sara will be happy to greet you outside the church as you leave

Keeping in Prayer:

Timothy Wei, Susan & Philip Wei's Son
Prayers & Healing for Ruth Monroe
Mae Larson, Rebecca Larson's Mother-in-law
Jim Preston
Robert Heal & family, Brother-in-law of Marlin Collingwood
Sympathy & Prayers for the family of Carol Hahn's Sister
Continued prayers for Masvingo UCCZ in Zimbabwe
Sympathy & Prayers to the family of Jamie McDougall
Bob, Georgine Fabian's brother and his wife, Joan
Prayers for Sam Lovett as Spirit calls him to ministry!
Prayers of joy as Fran Lewis is doing a bit better
Marjorie Glidden and family
Dick & Paulette Brace
Alice & Margaret Avery
Annie Rice, Bev Tedeschi's mother
Sue Switaj
Terry Cote & David Cote, close friends of Alice O'Connor
Jean Nilson, Susan Wei's sister
Judy Detzel, friend of Hanna Starck

Prayers for those administering and receiving the first COVID-19 vaccines.
All those who are sick or have family member/s who have passed during the pandemic.
If you have a prayer request, you would like Rev. Sara to include in Sunday Worship,
please email her at plymouthpastor@uccplymouth.org.

This Week and More at PCUCC

Sunday	9:30 AM	Music Sunday, 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
	10:45 AM	Annual Meeting via zoom
	12:30 PM	Sunday School BBQ
	6:30 PM	Worship service airs on PBTv (this week's TV view will be from June 6th, 2021)
Tuesday	2:00 PM	Human Resources via zoom
	7:00 PM	Finance Committee Meeting via zoom
	7:00 PM	Racial Justice Exploration via zoom
*Reminder		Sam Lovett leads worship and preaches Juneteenth, will be discussed on Sunday June 20 th

Huge thanks to all of our wonderful musicians as well as our music staff and committee! Your skills and gifts are so appreciated.

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.

We are seeking out people to join a technology team which will include a rotation of folks to assist on Sunday mornings! (We hope to avoid the need to hire a tech person for each Sunday morning.) Please let Rev Sara know if you are willing for this summer or fall. Training will be provided!

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

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

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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 is **today** at 10:45 am. 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>

Meeting ID: 982 2284 4472

Passcode: 068476

The agenda for the meeting, the Annual Report and the 2021-2022 Proposed Budget has been posted on the main page of our website at: uccplymouth.org Or pick up a hard copy at church when you come for worship.

Book Group – We are having a luncheon on June 16th and will be planning the books for the fall. Email Peggy at: pmartin03223@yahoo.com for details.

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*.

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 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 or on her work cell phone number at 336-485-5618 to set up a meeting.

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Liturgist: Bev Newton
 Additional pianist: Margot Swift
 Guitarist & soloist: Alison Thatcher
 Many thanks to our musicians this morning!

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Celebrating Birthdays in June 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