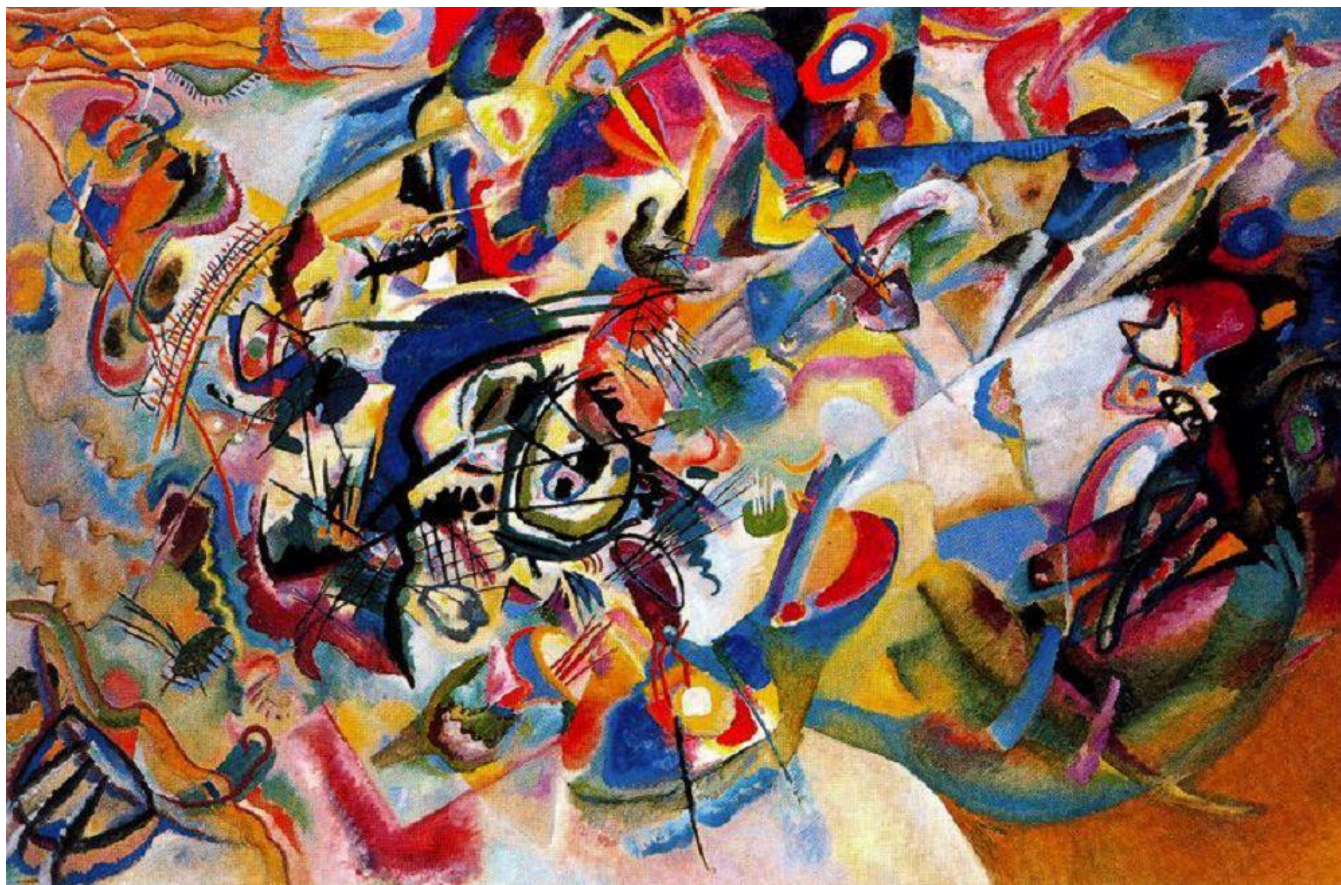


Plymouth Congregational, United Church of Christ

Juneteenth, Fathers Day



June 20, 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

Slane

Quentin Thomas

The prelude is an invitation to personal preparation for worship.

*Call to Worship

One: Friends: like the winds moving through a pine stand, or a breeze dancing circles along the water top, come, let us sing a song to the Lord.

All: Let us shout gladly to God who is our rootedness. God is the source and nourishment of our hope! Let us move upon the waters like a birdsong of gladness.

One: Friends: let us come into God's presence, like skipping stones that send out a hundred ripples. With God's help we can do amazing things: the rock walks on water; the child is our teacher; the old becomes new; the lost is found; the end is not the end.

All: Let us make a joyful noise. Let us make a glorious splash. Let us make music and songs of praise together!

*Hymn

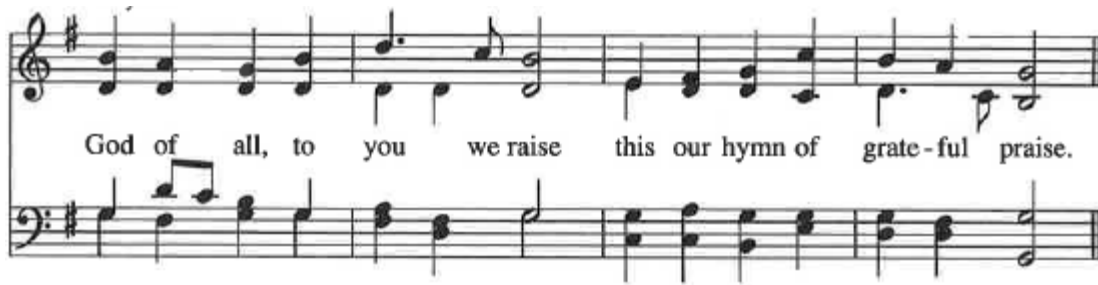
For the Beauty of the Earth

NCH (black) #28

1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,
2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
4 For the good that love in-spires, for a world where none ex-clude,

For the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,
For a faith that nev-er tires, and for ev-ery heart re-newed,

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line. The first system contains four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains four lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, accessible style.



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

One: We are God's own creation with voices that join together in prayer, saying,
All: Creator God, each hour is beautiful, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light. God, you built the earth, and set history into motion. The earth is your sanctuary and we are your stewards. We gather in your presence with praise and thanks for your gifts of life and light. Fill us with your many gifts which give meaning to our work, and our days. Strengthen us to be bearers of your goodness in the world, building communities of hope with tools of love. Amen.

Silence for Personal Reflection

God's Promise of New Life

One: We come seeking new ways to see God's grace, new ways to speak of grace and the gifts of life we receive. We come seeking the sower of seeds, the giver of gifts. In joining the choir of saints, we aim to heal ourselves and the world.

All: Creator God, we want to see and hear Your grace and gifts 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!

***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 9:9-20 Luke 8:5-8

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.

Message “Octavia Butler: The Only Lasting Truth is Change” Sam Lovett

***Hymn** Creating God, Creating Still NCH (black) #278

1 Cre - a - tor God, cre - at - ing still, by will and word and deed,
2 Re - deem-er God, re - deem-ing still, with o - ver-flow-ing grace,
3 Sus - tain - er God, sus - tain - ing still, with strength for ev - ery day,
4 Great Tri - une God, for this new day we need your pres-ence still.



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

Happy the Home When God is There

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

Creator of all that has been and will be, thank you for the act giving to others. May these gifts change the world in your ways. We ask you to bless these gifts for the transformation of lives and communities so that what we have may be responsive to the needs of the world. Amen.

SENDING

*Hymn

Lift Every Voice and Sing

NCH (black) #593

1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en ring, ring with the
2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit-ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, God who has

har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty; Let our re - joic - ing
days when hope un - born had died; Yet with a stead - y
brought us thus far on the way; God, who by your

rise, high as the lis - tening skies, let it re - sound loud as the
beat, have not our wea - ry feet, come to the place for which our
might, led us in - to the light, keep us for - ev - er in the

roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the
peo - ple sighed? We have come o - ver a
path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the

faith that the harsh past has taught us, Sing a song full of the
 way that with tears has been wa - tered, We have come, tread - ing our
 plac - es, our God, where we met you, Lest our hearts, drunk with the

hope that the pres - ent has brought us; Fac - ing the
 path through the blood of the slaugh - tered, Out from the
 wine of the world, for - get you; Shad - owed be -

ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun, let us march
 gloom - y past, till now we stand at last where the white
 neath your hand, may we for - ev - er stand, true to our

on till vic - to - ry is won.
 gleam of our bright star is cast.
 God, true to our na - tive land.

***Benediction**

Postlude

The Real Thing

arr. by Marilyn Ham

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

Keeping in Prayer:

Prayers for the family of Mac Andrews, husband of Pat Andrews
 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
 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
 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	Juneteenth, Fathers Day
	6:30 PM	Worship service airs on PBTv (this week's TV view will be from June 13th, 2021)
Wednesday	11:30 AM	Staff Meeting
*Reminder		Pride Sunday is on June 27 th

A note from Susan Wei: I would like to invite anyone who wants to come to a Friday night potluck dinner at our condo in Thornton on Orris Road building I apartment 5 B (every Friday in June and July). Bring a chair, a dish to pass, and we will have a grill going if you want that. It will be from 5 to 8 PM. If it is raining do not come as it will be outside. Need directions? Email me at: mommyawei@gmail.com and I will send it to you! The more the merrier!

If you are no longer a chair of a committee and you have a key fob to the Church, please return it to the office.

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.

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.

Prayers for the family of Mac Andrews, husband of Pat Andrews

Timothy Wei, Susan & Philip Wei's Son

Prayers & Healing for Ruth Monroe

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

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.

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.

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*.

**We would like to invite anyone that has testimonials about our Church for our website to please email them to: office@uccplymouth.org
It's always nice to hear and read something nice!**

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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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