

# Plymouth Congregational, United Church of Christ

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Pride Sunday



June 27, 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

The prelude is an invitation to personal preparation for worship.

### \*Call to Worship

One: I will sing of steadfast love, O God, forever.

**All: With my mouth, I will declare Your faithfulness to this generation and all generations.**

One: Your steadfast love is established forever.

**All: Your faithfulness as firm as the strongest oak, as strong as the heavens themselves.**

One: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, my servant David."

**All: Following You, we have established our own covenant with You and each other, to affirm the lives of our transgender, bisexual, lesbian, gay, and ally siblings, to invite them into the full life and ministry of Your Church, our church.**

One: For You are the glory of their strength, of our strength.

**All: By Your favor, our burdens are lifted. For Your steadfast love endures all things.**

### \*Hymn

#### For Everyone Born

1. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,  
2. For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,  
3. For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,  
4. For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,  
5. For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,

E Asus<sup>2</sup> Bsus<sup>4</sup> B

for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,  
re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,  
to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,  
with wis - dom and grace di - vid - ing the pow - er  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,  
in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,  
to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,

E Bsus<sup>4</sup> E Bsus<sup>4</sup> B

for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,  
for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair.  
for young and for old, the right to be long. And  
for just and un - just, a new way to live.  
for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free.

E E/G# Asus<sup>2</sup> Bsus<sup>4</sup>

God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and

E E/G# Asus<sup>2</sup> Bsus<sup>4</sup> B

joy - - - - - com - pas - sion and peace; yes

C#m<sup>7</sup> B Asus<sup>2</sup> Bsus<sup>4</sup> B E

God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice, jus - tice and joy.

## 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

Lavon Baylor, 2014, edits by Kimi Floyd Reisch, 2020

**God, You were our refuge through all times of change, when the world is harsh and strange. We followed Your lead even when the path was obscured, the way to grace hidden behind our own fear. We have been blessed with gifts so manifold! Heaven and earth, and wonders yet untold. Proclaim Your love divine, O God of Light. May we, Your people, reaffirm our covenant in Your name. Pledging to walk as allies, as disciples, as friends committed to the Way of Your child, Jesus. Amen.**

## Silence for Personal Reflection

### God's Promise of New Life

adapted from the Rev. Mak Kneebone

One: Separated, we are prone to sin and harm one another; together, we shine as bright as stars and hold one another with care. We make violence tremble by being peacemakers. When chaos and trauma cause distress, we counter by reaching for love and remembering joy.

All: **Holy One, when people are angry and hurtful, give us forgiveness to offer. For this is what we have been given. We seek Your strength to be kind and intentional. We proclaim as did our faith ancestors: 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

Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15; 2:23-24

Mark 5:21-43

One: God of healing, hold our brokenness and our struggles. Let us sense the ways that we are beloved. We pray that Your word refreshes our minds, bodies and souls; we pray that Your spirit moves between words and hearing.

All: **Amen.**

Message

“Get Along”

Rev. Sara M. Holland

\*Hymn

We Shall Overcome  
Verses 1-2 & 5-6

NCH (black) #570

1 We shall o - ver - come, we shall o - ver -  
2 We'll go hand in hand, we'll go hand in  
3 We are not a - fraid, we are not a -  
4 Our God will see us through, our God will see us

come, we shall o - ver - come some day;  
hand, we'll go hand in hand some day;  
fraid, we are not a - fraid to - day;  
through, our God will see us through some day;

(1-6) Oh, deep in my heart, I do be - lieve,

we shall o - ver - come some day.  
we'll go hand in hand some day.  
we are not a - fraid to - day.  
our God will see us through some day.

- 5 The truth shall make us free . . . some day.
- 6 We shall live in peace . . . some day.

# 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.

## \*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

Rev. Mak Kneebone

**All: We are all one human family. In Your love You created us. Through Your grace you reach out to us. You are great enough to hold us all in Your arms at the same time. Help us to open our hearts to the world that You love. Teach us to weave our lives together. We yield to Spirit, offering what we have to the greater good. In this way, each day, we begin again in love. Amen.**

# SENDING

\*Hymn

In the Midst of New Dimensions

NCH (black) #391

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G7sus4 G7

1 In the midst of new di-men-sions, in the face of chang-ing ways,  
 2 Through the flood of starv-ing peo - ple, war-ring fac-tions and de - spair,  
 3 As we stand a world di - vid - ed by our own self - seek - ing schemes,  
 4 We are man and we are wom-an, all per-sua-sions, old and young,  
 5 Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions cause us to with - draw in pain,

C C/B F C F Am7 Dm7 G C

Who will lead the pil - grim peo - ples wan-dering in their sep - arate ways?  
 Who will lift the ol - ive branch-es? Who will light the flame of care?  
 Grant that we, your glob - al vil - lage, might en - vi - sion wid - er dreams.  
 Each a gift in your cre - a - tion, each a love song to be sung.  
 May your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir - it res - ur - rect the church a - gain.

*Refrain*  
 Am Em F C F C G7 C Dsus4 D7 G7sus4 G7 Am

God of rain-bow, fier - y pil - lar, lead-ing where the ea-gles soar, We your

Em F C F C/E F C/E F C/E Dm7 G7 C

peo-ple, ours the jour-ney now and ev - er, now and ev - er, now and ev - er - more.

## **\*Benediction**

### **Postlude**

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:**

Rev. Rich Weymouth By Lisa Lovett  
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  
Rob & Monica Heal & family, Marlin Collingwood's brother-in-law  
Sympathy & Prayers for the family of Carol Hahn's Sister  
Continued prayers for Masvingo UCCZ in Zimbabwe  
Bob, Georgene 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](mailto:plymouthpastor@uccplymouth.org).

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

Sunday	9:30 AM	Pride Sunday
	6:30 PM	Worship service airs on PBTv (this week's TV view will be from June 20th, 2021)
Tuesday	7:00 PM	Racial Justice Exploration via zoom
Wednesday	11:30 AM	Staff Meeting



**We are currently collecting shampoo for those utilizing services with Voices Against Violence.** If you are able to drop off a shampoo or two in the next few weeks, please do so. They may be brought on Sunday morning or during regular office hours. Please let us know if there are any questions.

**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](mailto:mommyawei@gmail.com) and I will send it to you! The more the merrier!

**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](mailto:jbass8150@gmail.com)

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

Rev. Rich Weymouth

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

**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.**

**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.

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

**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.

The Rev. Sara M. Holland, Pastor	<a href="mailto:plymouthpastor@uccplymouth.org">plymouthpastor@uccplymouth.org</a>
Courtney Crosato, Office Administrator	<a href="mailto:office@uccplymouth.org">office@uccplymouth.org</a>
David Williams, Director of Music	<a href="mailto:musicdirector@uccplymouth.org">musicdirector@uccplymouth.org</a>
Ashley Rose, Organist/Pianist	<a href="mailto:organist@uccplymouth.org">organist@uccplymouth.org</a>
Gale Adams-Davis, Co-Director of Faith Formation	<a href="mailto:windygla2@yahoo.com">windygla2@yahoo.com</a>
Julie Kelsey, Co-Director of Faith Formation	<a href="mailto:faithformation@uccplymouth.org">faithformation@uccplymouth.org</a>
Larry Spencer, Treasurer	<a href="mailto:treasurer@uccplymouth.org">treasurer@uccplymouth.org</a>
Liturgist: Bill Heron	
Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ 4 Post Office Square, P.O. Box 86 Plymouth, NH 03264 (603) 536-2626 - <a href="mailto:office@uccplymouth.org">office@uccplymouth.org</a> - <a href="http://www.uccplymouth.org">www.uccplymouth.org</a>	

Celebrating Birthdays in June & 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

July 6 Justice Merrithew-Stone  
July 17 Johanna Bentwood  
July 18 Alfie Kerr  
July 24 Rose Shimberg  
July 31 Bill Torrey

\*\*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)\*\*