

# Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, Ordinary Time



October 24, 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.

*Masks are REQUIRED in our community at this time. Masks should be worn for the entirety of the service over both mouth and nose. If you need a mask break, please take a step outside of the building.*

# GATHERING

## Prelude

The prelude is an invitation to personal preparation for worship.

## Welcome & Announcements

*Please, if you are new to our community and want to be involved, share your email address or phone with a greeter in the narthex. We are delighted to get to know you! There is a nursery space on the lower level if it is needed and activity bags in the narthex; on first and third Sundays we have Church School and please know we welcome wiggling worshippers.*

## Introit

## Moment of Silence and Lighting of Candles

\*Please note, those who are able and willing may stand.

### \*Call to Worship

One: O Holy God, praises raised for You have sustained us in the past -

**All: Let it be so today!**

One: We have read that You come to free us and to restore sight to the blind -

**All: Let us believe and proclaim.**

One: We look for Your hope in this hour – give our hearts vision -

**All: Let us find the comfort of Your word, the challenge of Your call and the echoes of Your Love.**

### \*Hymn

There Is a Name I Love to Hear

NCH (black) #52

1 There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;  
2 It tells my Sav - ior's love for all; Christ died to set us free;  
3 It bids me serve a - mid the wrath God's peo - ple face each day,

It sounds like mu - sic to my ear, the sweet - est name on earth.  
What - ev - er prob - lems may be - fall, we'll live in dig - ni - ty.  
And sheds a - long life's trou - bled path bright sun - shine on my way.

O how I love Je - sus, O how I love Je - sus,  
 O how I love Je - sus, whose love has first found me.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four staves. The first two staves are for the first line of lyrics, and the last two staves are for the second line. Each staff has a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady rhythm.

## 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

**All: Saving Grace, Your presence has been enduring and strong in the midst of confusion and fear. We thank You for eternal peace and for the simple gifts of life: crunching leaves, reminding us of the frailty of life; sweet apple cider, awakening us to sweetness and joy; sunlight, offering us simple and sure hope. Join us this hour and grant us the ability to call out to You, even more loudly. Move us to see ourselves as those in need that we may more fully receive and give love. We pray all this for Love's sake. Amen.**

## Silence for Personal Reflection

### God's Promise of New Life

**One:** Holy One, there are many voices telling us we are not enough; let us be assured of Your call on our hearts. We forget the depth of the love You have for us; let us be reminded through song and word today.

**All:** Grant us promise in Your divine covenant and let us call out when we are in need. Let us remember the ways you hear our pleas for mercy: 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.**

*On first and third Sundays we have a message for all ages during this time. We invite children and youth to remain in worship this Sunday if they like. There are also available 'wiggle' spaces on the sanctuary floor near the restrooms as well as on the lowest floor of the church building. We hope that families will make themselves comfortable and know that giggling kiddos are more than welcome throughout the entirety of our service!*

## HEARING THE WORD

**Scripture Readings** Psalm 34: 1-6 Mark 10: 46 - 52

One: Creator God, may the meditations our hearts and minds be acceptable to You on this day. Let Your Spirit speak comfort and challenge to us. We pray that You move between words and hearing.

**All: Amen.**

**Message** "Even More Loudly" Rev. Sara M. Holland

**\*Hymn** Let Us Hope when Hope Seems Hopeless NCH (black) #461

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three staves of music in 3/4 time, with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff has three lines of lyrics. The second staff has three lines of lyrics. The third staff has three lines of lyrics.

1 Let us hope when hope seems hope - less, when the  
 2 Faith and hope in love's com - pas - sion will sur -  
 3 Like a child out - grow - ing child - hood, set - ting

dreams we dreamed have died. When the morn - ing  
 vive though knowl - edge cease, though the tongues of  
 child - hood things a - way, we will learn to

breaks in bright - ness, hun - ger shall be sat - is - fied.  
 joy fall si - lent, dull the words of proph - e - cies.  
 live in free - dom, in the life of God's new day.

One who sows the fields with weep - ing shall re - trace the  
 Faith shall see and trust its ob - ject; hope shall set its  
 Now we see as in a mir - ror. Then we shall see  
 sor - row - ing way and re - joice in har - vest  
 an - chor sure; love shall bloom in Love e -  
 face to face, un - der - stand how love's com -  
 boun - ty at the break - ing of the day.  
 ter - nal. Faith and hope and love en - dure.  
 pas - sion blos - soms through a - maz - ing Grace.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### Prayers of the People

#### Joys and concerns

Pastor: O God, in Your grace and mercy . . .

All: Hear Your people at prayer

You will also be invited to offer your personal prayers from the silence of your heart.

#### Pastoral Prayer

#### 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 Anthem

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. Accept these offerings; we pray that these gifts will be carried to those who are hungry, hurting and crying. God we pray that we will see the bounty of Your love each day and share this with the people we encounter. Let faith, hope and compassion move in these gifts as quickly as the autumn air. Many in the world are crying out all the more loudly – let us hear these, Your children. Let us join our neighbors, each day, with awareness of our human kinship. We pray all this in Jesus' name, the Creator, Redeemer, the Sustainer of us all; amen.

# SENDING

**\*Hymn**

Lift Up Your Hearts, Ye People

PH (red) #189

1 Lift up your hearts, ye peo - ple, In songs of glad ac - cord,  
2 Now let the earth be joy - ful In spring-time's bright ar - ray,

And in your ad - o - ra - tion Praise Christ, your ris - en Lord.  
Let hearts down-cast and lone - ly Re - joice this East - er day;

The musical score is written in 2/2 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems, each with a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment line in the bass clef. The lyrics are placed between the vocal and piano lines.

For he hath won the vic - tory O'er sin and death's dark night,  
 The grave has lost its tri - umph, And death has lost its sting,

And filled the gloom and dark - ness With res - ur - rec - tion light.  
 O, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion To Christ, your ris - en King! A-men.

**\*Pastoral Benediction**

**Choral Benediction**

Let Us Go Forth Gladly

Hal Hopson

**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:**

Bill Larsen's recovery and for his family  
Prayers for Tommy Hadley and Family  
Dianne Anderson, sister of Donna Castor  
Love and sympathy for the family of Sid Lovett  
Prayers for Sage Pirnie and her family  
Sharon Wall, a friend of Donna Castor  
Lynda & Len Swenson, parents of Megan Magrauth  
Aaron, Jess and all who struggle with addiction  
Charlie & Wendy Scouras  
Prayers for Healing for Valerie, a dear friend of Sally Jensen  
Prayers for Healing for Brian Paine  
Thoughts & Prayers for Terry Cote  
Timothy Wei & Jean Nilson, family of Susan & Philip Wei  
Prayers & Healing for Ruth Monroe  
Mae Larson, Rebecca Larson's mother-in-law  
Bob, Georgene Fabian's brother and his wife, Joan  
Marjorie Glidden and family  
Dick & Paulette Brace  
Alice & Margaret Avery  
Annie Rice, Bev Tedeschi's mother  
Sue Switaj

Prayers for those administering and receiving 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**

Today	9:30 AM	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Ordinary Time
	1:30 PM	Corn Maze trip!
	5:00 PM	Sunday Niters at Tink & Fran Taylors house
	7:00 PM	Worship service airs on PBTv
Oct. 25 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 AM	Book Group
	4:00 PM	Music Committee
Oct. 26 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 PM	U.S. Air Force Heritage Winds Free Concert
Oct 27 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 AM	Lectio Divina Bible Study
	11:30 AM	Staff Meeting
	7:00 PM	Council Meeting
Oct. 31 <sup>st</sup>		All Saints Day
Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00 PM	Racial Justice Exploration
Nov. 7 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 AM	Installation of Rev. Sara M. Holland as our Pastor and Teacher, and thanksgiving for her leadership.
Nov. 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 AM	New Member Sunday

**All Saints Day is October 31<sup>st</sup>** – Please email Rev. Sara and/or Courtney the names of your loved ones who have passed in the last calendar year. We will be honoring the saints of our lives in Worship and are privileged to pray and hold vigil for church members, friends of the church or even your close relatives or friends who have passed. Any such name may be emailed to [office@uccplymouth.org](mailto:office@uccplymouth.org) or [plymouthpastor@uccplymouth.org](mailto:plymouthpastor@uccplymouth.org)

**Come join us for a free concert provided by the United States Air Force Heritage of America Band on Tuesday, October 26th at 7pm!** Heritage Winds is the wind quintet component of the United States Air Force Heritage of America Band. As professional Airmen, the musicians of Heritage Winds are dedicated to using the power of music to honor our veterans, inspire patriotism, communicate the Air Force story, and recruit those who are interested in serving our nation.

**Good News From Mission & Social Outreach:** We are happy to report that everything is going well for the refugee family Gale Adams-Davis is hosting. Six-year-old Kimberly is doing great in school, acclimating well and making lots of friends. She has an hour each day of ESL at school giving her some extra help. Mateo will begin Head Start in January when he turns three. And Chris begins her once-a-week ESL classes in Plymouth on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in helping there are several ways including transportation, babysitting, and providing friendship and activities. Let Linda LaPrad know if you can help.

**Welcome to church families!** Activity bags are hanging in the Narthex and toys are made available, please ask an usher if you cannot find them. If your child needs more space during worship, please feel free to use the parlor on the sanctuary level or downstairs in our nursery and fellowship area. We have Sunday school in person, with masks on, the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. Volunteers are always welcome, please contact Jennifer or Julie for more information at [faithformation@uccplymouth.org](mailto:faithformation@uccplymouth.org).

**AmazonSMILE** - By choosing our church as your favorite charity, Amazon will make a donation to the charity you designate at no cost to you. Please let Ann, Linda or the office know if you need help setting PCUCC up as your favorite charity on AmazonSMILE.

**PREPAID HANNAFORD CARDS** - For every card purchased from the Finance Committee, the church receives 5% without any additional cost to you. Denominations of \$100, \$250 and \$500 are available by contacting Ann or Linda after services on Sunday, by phone or email. 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. If you know of someone who is in need, please put them in touch with the church office or Pastor Sara. *The Hope Fund of our church continues to touch the lives of people in the Lakes Region. This summer we purchased food for people, assisted families who needed back to school supplies, assisted folks with rental expenses as well as utilities. When we assisted families in preparation for school, we actually were able to meet a few of the children impacted; they were immensely grateful. We have deep gratitude for all of those who have contributed money and time related to the Hope Fund.*

**Racial Justice Exploration:** We are continuing these explorations this fall. We welcome new attendees and we pray you'll reach out to Alison Thatcher at [Baker.AlisonT@gmail.com](mailto:Baker.AlisonT@gmail.com) or Pastor Sara if you are considering ways to get involved in these important efforts. This group is currently involved in taking Harvard University's Implicit Bias test online; we encourage you to consider doing so!

**Book Group:** The next book group will be on October 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. All are welcome! Any questions please contact Peggy Martin at [pmartin03223@yahoo.com](mailto:pmartin03223@yahoo.com) or Kathy Henning at [henkat52@gmail.com](mailto:henkat52@gmail.com)

**Please continue to be aware of COVID-related concerns when on site. Please do not assume old friends are okay with physical contact - always ask out of respect for the other person and be empathetic to anxieties anyone might have on the basis of the pandemic (or otherwise).**

**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 will offer the option of meeting digitally indefinitely (Facebook).** You may also catch our services (one week delayed) on Sunday nights on PBTv at 7:00 pm. (Local channel 1302.) Please check for Constant Contact and the Facebook page for ongoing updates. **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 - 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Wednesday - 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
Thursday - 8:00 AM – 3:30 PM  
Friday - 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM

## **Pastor's Office Hours**

Pastor Sara is generally at the church for office hours Monday – Wednesday 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM; please reach out to make an appointment. She keeps sabbath on Friday. 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 October in our Community:

October 1 Paul Mason  
October 2 Paulette Brace  
October 5 John Fallon  
October 15 Larry Spencer  
October 15 Debbie Engelhardt  
October 16 Liam Kane  
October 17 Donna Castor  
October 20 Alice O'Connor  
October 28 Carol Stewart  
October 30 Chase Woods

\*\*If you have a birthday or anniversary this month or next month that you would like listed, please email us at [office@uccplymouth.org](mailto:office@uccplymouth.org)

