

# Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, Ordinary Time  
All Saints Sunday



October 31, 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

Siciliana

by Alan Viner

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: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! As long as we live we may praise God's name.

**All: With our faith, we may praise. With our doubt, we may praise.**

One: Throughout the fear and anxiety of any day, God hears our prayers and songs – let our hope grow even when we are weary.

**All: We place our trust in You, Holy One; grant us peace.**

One: So many parts of life are fleeting – God's grace remains in the midst of constant change.

**All: We sing out to grow our faith and to offer love to the world – hear Your people in active prayer, O God!**

### \*Hymn

Praise to God, Your Praises Bring

NCH (black) #430

Verses 3-6



3 Praise God for the sum-mer rain, feed - ing, day and night, the grain;  
4 Praise God for the gar - den root, mead-ow grass, and or - chard fruit:



Praise God for the ti - ny seed, hold-ing all the world shall need.  
Praise for hills and val - leys broad, each the ta - ble of our God.

5 Praise God for the win-ter's rest,  
snow that falls on na-ture's breast;  
Praise for hap-py dreams of birth,  
brood-ing in the qui-et earth.

6 For God's year of won-der done,  
praise to the all-glo-rious One!  
Hearts bow down and voic-es raise  
songs of thanks for all God's days.

## 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: Creator God, we lift up our voices this day, thinking of those who have done so in ages before our own. As surely as spring and summer have passed, in yet another year, the legacies of our friends and family members remain. Let us be assured of eternal spirits among fleeting days and moments. Grant us the strength to move forward in the midst of struggle. Let us find deep hope in your sacred word and in each other's presence. Your Holy Word reminds us that You move among us in surprising and unexpected ways. Let us know that You are close by. We pray all this for Love's sake. Amen.**

## Silence for Personal Reflection

### God's Promise of New Life

**One:** Gracious Spirit, we often misunderstand Your love and the ways we are called to receive and give this love. Let our minds and hearts be guided by Your word this day and center us around the covenant our faith ancestors showed us.

**All: Give us the new life of Your gospel word this day. Let us sense Your presence among us. We recall: 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 Love

NCH (black) #58

Though we have frayed the fabric of Your making,  
Tearing away from all that You intend,  
Yet, to be whole, humanity is aching –  
Come, work with us, and weave us into one.

*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 146: 5-9

Mark 12: 28-34

One: Holy One, may the meditations of our hearts and minds be acceptable to You on this day. May we be moved with peace and motivation today. We pray that Your Spirit moves between words and hearing.

All: Amen.

### Message

“Close By”

Rev. Sara M. Holland

### \*Hymn

For All the Saints

PH (red) #306

Verses 1-4

*In unison* *R. Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958*

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, Who thee by faith be -  
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might: Thou, Lord, their cap-tain  
3 O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, Fight as the saints who  
4 O blest communion, fellowship divine! We fee-bly struggle,

fore the world con-fessed, Thy name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
in the well-fought fight; Thou, in the dark-ness drear, their one true light.  
no - bly fought of old, And win with them the vic-tor's crown of gold.  
they in glo-ry shine; Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A-men.

# 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 & Remembering All Saints

Dustin Dumas

Dick Hatton

Helen Houran

Sid Lovett

Joe Oustecky

Joe Pedrin

## 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**    Ye watchers and ye holy ones    arr. by Katherine K. Davis

Ye watchers and ye holy ones, Bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones,  
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia! Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,  
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs, Alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest, Ye patriarchs and prophets blest, Alleluia!  
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, All saints triumphant, raise the song, Alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim, More glorious than the seraphim,  
Lead their praises, Alleluya! Thou Bearer of the eternal Word,  
Most gracious, magnify the Lord, Alleluia!

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: God of wind, earth, mountain and beach – accept these offerings. In many times and ways Your hope has been revealed in Christian communities and in the saints of our friends and families – let it be so, again. Let these offerings move with the speed of spirit and of wind. Bless these gifts as well as our bodies, minds and hearts, that Your love might be proclaimed to those who are most in need – the orphan, the desolate, the one who struggles with rent and those who are too commonly forgotten. We pray all this in Jesus’ name, the Creator, Redeemer, the Sustainer of us all; amen.

# SENDING

**\*Hymn**

Blessed Assurance

NCH (black) #473



1 Bless-ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a  
2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light! Vi - sions of  
3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my



fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of  
rap - ture now burst on my sight; An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -  
Sav - ior am hap - py and blessed; Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -



God, born of the Spir - it, washed in Christ's blood.  
bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
bove, filled with God's good - ness, lost in Christ's love.

*Refrain*



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long;



This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

## \*Pastoral Benediction

## Choral Benediction

**Postlude** Epilogue on Lobe den Herren by Lani Smith

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:**

Love and Sympathy for the family of Tommy Hadley who passed away recently, a close friend of the Kelsey's

Love and Sympathy for Janice, Jeff, Christopher and Maresa Nielson, the family of Joe Pedrin who passed away recently  
Bill Larsen's recovery and for his 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

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 and boosters.  
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	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, All Saints Day
	7:00 PM	Worship service airs on PBTv
Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7:00 PM	Racial Justice Exploration
Nov. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:30 AM	Lectio Divina Bible Study
	11:30 AM	Staff Meeting
Nov. 4 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal
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. 8 <sup>th</sup>	10:00 AM	Book Group
Nov. 14 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 AM	New Member Sunday

### **Learn more about our guest preacher for November 7<sup>th</sup> , Daryn Bunce Stylianopoulos**

Rev. Daryn Stylianopoulos is the Senior Pastor at First Baptist Church in Needham. Daryn believes in fostering the welcoming, healing and creative spirit of Jesus's good news wherever her ministry leads. We treasure that ministry here at FBC Needham.

Daryn graduated Summa Cum Laude from Boston University School of Theology with her MDiv, and is ordained through The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts (ABCUSA) and Alliance of Baptists. She is a graduate of Wake Forest University. Originally from Lexington, North Carolina, Daryn now resides in Boston, MA with her husband, Spiro (a former Needham Rocket), their three children, Fayrah, Anna and Theo, their great dane, Deacon, and bearded dragon, Gil.

**Turkey Vouchers** - If you or anyone you may know needs help to purchase a turkey for thanksgiving, we have some \$15 vouchers to give. Please email: [office@uccplymouth.org](mailto:office@uccplymouth.org) or call the office at 603-536-2626. Please leave a voicemail if we do not answer.

**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 November 8<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 – 2:00 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 & November in our Community:

October 1	Paul Mason	November 1	Ivan Bass
October 2	Paulette Brace	November 2	Leif Magrauth
October 5	John Fallon	November 5	Nick Zwald
October 15	Larry Spencer	November 11	Michael Conklin
October 15	Debbie Engelhardt	November 13	John Shaw
October 16	Liam Kane	November 18	Georgene Fabian
October 17	Donna Castor	November 20	Margaret Avery
October 20	Alice O'Connor	November 21	Cameron Brand
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@ucplymouth.org](mailto:office@ucplymouth.org)

