

Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ

Reign of Christ: A Wise Reign Collective Thanks-Giving



November 21, 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.

who shields the in - fant small up - on its moth - er's breast:
 have lived in moth - ers' hearts, have bloomed from moth - ers' tears.
 a fa - ther mourns his child, a moth - er's strength is shown.
 that love may be in - creased and none may be a - lone;

Em - brace us, too, O God, our God, and hold us in your
 So Sar - ah laughed, and Han - nah wept, and sing - ing Mar - y
 Let par - ents' faith - ful lives un - bind your love that through them
 That moth - er's love and fa - ther's care and chil - dren's joy we

lov - ing arms, and hold us in your lov - ing arms.
 se - crets kept, and sing - ing Mar - y se - crets kept.
 we might find Christ's deep - er love for hu - man - kind.
 all may share, and chil - dren's joy we all may share.

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: God on high, You are also among us; for this, and so much more, we return thanks. We understand that deep truth and wisdom will come from faithful questions – let us imagine, in this hour, the ways You move in our relationships and the way that we fit into Your divine path. Let us remember the ways that we are connected to one another in faith; let us recall that collectively and individually we may work to carry Your word of Love to all the world. Let us decide on and commit to Your path, once again. We pray all this for Love's sake. Amen.

Silence for Personal Reflection

God's Promise of New Life

One: Too often we show people we encounter that they do not belong – through our actions and words. We confess, God, that we even sometimes push aside those who love us in the deepest ways. Today, let us all know that we fit in God's realm and let us reconcile ourselves to the Holy Way and to each other.

All: In naming our faults, we actively seek out God's grace. No mistake we have made will separate us from God. Our sacred texts show us: 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.

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.***

Children and youth may be dismissed to church school at this time. If families, children and/or youth are new to our community and want to stay in worship, that is absolutely okay. 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

John 18: 33-37 1st Corinthians 12: 12-27

One: Prince of Peace, Spirit of Truth, let the meditations of our hearts and minds be acceptable to You on this day. We pray that Your Spirit moves between words and hearing.

All: Amen.

Message

“Decisions: Family & Truth”

Rev. Sara M. Holland

*Hymn

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
verses 1-4

PH (red) #80

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, Whose
2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, My
3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, But
4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, With

good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
ran - somed soul he lead - eth, And where the ver - dant
yet in love he sought me, And on his shoul - der
thee, dear Lord, be - side me: Thy rod and staff my

I am his, And he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, With food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
gen - tly laid, And home re - joic - ing brought me.
com - fort still, Thy cross be - fore to guide me. A - men.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

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.

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

Glory to the Lamb

David Blackwell

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: **Almighty God, the waters of Your love quench our thirst and we are grateful. Aware of how our needs have been met, we return thanks through our financial means. Come, Holy Spirit, come – bless these gifts as well as our paths with You. Let us know that in the simple act of providing an offering, Your love moves and may grow. We pray that these gifts will be carried to the farthest corners of the earth – to those living outside, to those who feel unsafe and those we feel they do not fit in any community. We pray all this in Jesus' name, the Creator, Redeemer, the Sustainer of us all; Amen.**

SENDING

*Hymn

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

PH (red) #16

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, To his feet thy
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor To our fa - thers
3 Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; Well our fee - ble
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him, Ye be - hold him

trib - ute bring; Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress; Praise him, still the same for - ev - er,
frame he knows; In his hands he gen - tly bears us,
face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore him;

Who, like me, his praise should sing? Praise him! praise him!
Slow to chide, and swift to bless. Praise him! praise him!
Res - cues us from all our foes. Praise him! praise him!
Dwell - ers all in time and space, Praise him! praise him!

Praise him! praise him! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!
Praise him! praise him! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!
Praise him! praise him! Wide - ly as his mer - cy flows!
Praise him! praise him! Praise with us the God of grace! A - men.

***Pastoral Benediction**

Choral Benediction Let us Go Forth Gladly

Postlude Just A Closer Walk With Thee

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 as you leave the building

Keeping in Prayer:

Prayers for Georgene Fabian as she is recovering

McPhee

Love and Sympathy to Alice Avery and the family of Margaret Avery

Prayers for Kathy Henning's nephew, Colin Slocomb

Susan Wei

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

Lynda & Len Swenson, parents of Megan Magrath

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 Munroe

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

Bob, Georgene Fabian's brother and his wife, Joan

Marjorie Glidden and family

Dick & Paulette Brace

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.

This Week and More at PCUCC

Today	9:30 AM	25 th Sunday after Pentecost, Reign of Christ
	7:00 PM	Worship service airs on PBTv
Nov. 21 st	5:30 PM	The Sacred Veil Concert By Master Chorale
Nov. 22 nd	10:00 AM	Book Group
Nov. 23 rd	7:00 PM	Thanksgiving Service
Nov. 24 th	11:30 AM	Staff Meeting
Nov. 25 th	7:00 PM	Thanksgiving Day – Church Office is Closed
Nov. 28 th		First Sunday in Advent, Ukama Sunday
	11:00 AM	Decorating of the Star Child Tree and more!
Dec. 9 th	7:00 PM	Vivaldi Concert
Dec. 12 th	3:00 PM	All Church Caroling
Dec. 19 th	7:00 PM	‘Blue’ Christmas Service, making space for grief
Dec. 24 th	7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service

Due to the rising numbers in Covid & it being so close to the holidays, the Celebration of Life for Sid Lovett on Sunday, November 21st at the Barn on the Pemi has been postponed until 2022.

Decorating of the Star Child Tree – Please join us for decorating the Star Child Christmas Tree in the Sanctuary on November 28th at 11:00 AM, right after Worship ends. The Star Child Tree is for children in Head Start & High School students that need a little extra help during the holidays. Look for the stars on the tree in the Narthex. Contributions can be made to Missions & Outreach. See Rebecca Larson for further details.

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 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 4th. 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.

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 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 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 22nd at 10 AM. All are welcome! Any questions please contact Peggy Martin at pmartin03223@yahoo.com or Kathy Henning at 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 if 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 - 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Wednesday - 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Thursday – Office is Closed for Thanksgiving
Friday - 8:30 AM – 2:30 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 or on her work cell phone number at 336-485-5618 to set up a meeting.

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Celebrating Birthdays in November in our Community:

November 1 Ivan Bass

November 2 Leif Magrauth

November 5 Nick Zwald

November 11 Michael Conklin

November 13 John Shaw

November 18 Georgene Fabian

November 21 Cameron Brand

**If you have a birthday or anniversary this month or next month that you would like listed, please email us at office@uccplymouth.org

Poinsettia Order Form

is due Tuesday, December 14th



Please print this order form and forward to the Church Office.



Poinsettias Order Form

Poinsettias will again grace our sanctuary for Christmas.

This is also the time that we replenish the Hope Fund.

The Hope Fund is used by our pastor to help those in need. The Hope Fund is a separate account from the Flower Fund, so please circle if you want to donate to that fund.

Thank you for contributing to this effort!

CIRCLE YOUR CHOICE

Single Stem \$15.00

Double Stem \$25
minimum

HOPE Fund \$15

If you would like to support the HOPE Fund, please write a separate check to the Plymouth Congregational UCC with HOPE Fund in memo line.

In Loving Memory of: _____

In Thanksgiving for: _____

In Celebration of: _____

Submitted by: _____

Please print all names.

Make check payable to Plymouth Congregational UCC and return form to church office or place in offering plate. In order for dedication to appear in the bulletin, please **place your order before December 14th**. Print this form and send with donation.