

GATHERING

Welcome & Announcements

Please, if you are new to our community and want to be more involved, leave your email address in the attendance pad or email us at office@ucplymouth.org. Sunday School will resume on September 11. Feel free to gather toys and books, which can be found in the narthex, for your children to enjoy during worship today.

You may contact office@ucplymouth.org to get more information about programming for any age.

Prelude “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty” arr. Timothy Shaw

*Those who are able may stand.

***Call to Worship** Liturgist – Wayne Martin

One: We seek healing this morning, hear our prayers, Holy One;

All: We come with our trauma, seeking your love; let us be released.

One: It is easy for us to forget the call to your gospel love and grace.

All: We come with our struggles, seeking peace; let us be released.

One: Too often we forget our connections to each and every neighbor in your glorious creation.

All: Remind us of our belovedness in this hour; we seek release into the divine love of Christ.

***Hymn** God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale NCH (black) #32
Verses 1 & 3-5

1 God of the spar - row God of the whale
2 God of the earth-quake God of the storm
3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross
4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick
5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe

G7 C FM7 E7 Am Em
 God of the swirl - ing stars How does the crea-ture say
 God of the trum - pet blast How does the crea-ture cry
 God of the emp - ty grave How does the crea-ture say
 God of the prod - i - gal How does the crea-ture say
 God of the prun - ing hook How does the crea-ture say

FM7 Em7 Am Dm Gsus4 G C
 Awe How does the crea-ture say Praise
 Woe How does the crea-ture cry Save
 Grace How does the crea-ture say Thanks
 Care How does the crea-ture say Life
 Love How does the crea-ture say Peace

Passing of the Peace

If you are at home we invite you to send someone a note of peace today.

One: God be with you

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Unison Gathering Prayer

God of hope, we are too often afraid of silence and afraid of what we do not know; we present these fears to you, Holy God. Join us this hour and hear our aim to move into the deep call to your Love, to Jesus. Your scripture reminds us to build and to plant, though we often become captured by our own selfishness. Let us move towards release in this time; grant us the ability to be patient with ourselves and with others. We seek to move with your transformative love each day so let us be empowered by worship – through prayer, song, word and reflection. We pray all this for Love’s sake and in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Moments for Confession

Confession by Austin D. Hill – *silence* – Franciscan blessing
Our community continues to work to be anti-racist.

Silence for Personal Reflection

God's Promise of New Life

One: Prince of peace, let our hearts be moved by the call to wait on your Spirit and let us seek healing together, in community, so that all may be truly free.

All: Deliver us from the power and principalities of this earth, once again, that we may rest in your call to bring your release to all. Let us become your hope as we sing:

Response Let Justice Flow like Streams NCH (black) #588

**So may God's plumbline, straight, define our measure true,
And justice, right, and peace pervade this world our whole life through.**

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!

NCH (black) #528:

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

Jeremiah 1:4-10

Luke 13: 10-17

One: Sustainer of all, we pray that the meditations of our hearts and minds be acceptable to you, for you are our rock and redeemer. Move in the space between words and hearing that we may be released from fear and found in grace.

All: Amen

Message

“Released: Free to Build & to Plant”

Rev. Sara M. Holland

*Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory

NCH (black) #436

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
 2 From the e - vils that sur - round us and as - sail the
 3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
 4 Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; gird our lives that
 5 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your power; crown your an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
 Sav - ior's ways, from the fears that long have bound us—
 your con - trol. Shame our reck - less, self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be ar - mored with all Christ - like grac - es,
 we de - plore; let the search for your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 free our hearts for faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 in the fight to set us free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 make our bro - ken spir - its whole, make our bro - ken spir - its whole.
 in the quest for lib - er - ty, in the quest for lib - er - ty.
 serv - ing you whom we a - dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

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

Response: 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.

**We believe that God is revealed in persons of all genders and sorts; we also honor tradition.

Offertory

“Peace Like a River, Kum Ba Yah”

Traditional Spirituals arr. Jean Anne Shafferman

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

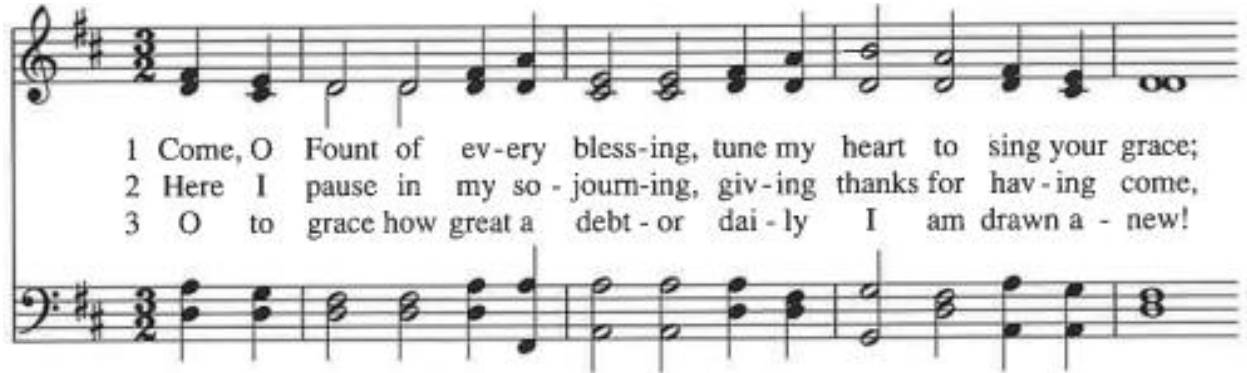
Gracious and loving God, you have given us space where we may worship, hope for tomorrow and a sense of belonging. Receive our humble gifts this day and let them be multiplied. We pray that these will be carried to those most in need. We pray that these humble offerings will serve the poor, the widows, children who are alone and those who feel destitute so that Christ's realm will further be realized. Let these offerings promote peace, love and justice. Amen.

SENDING

*Hymn

Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

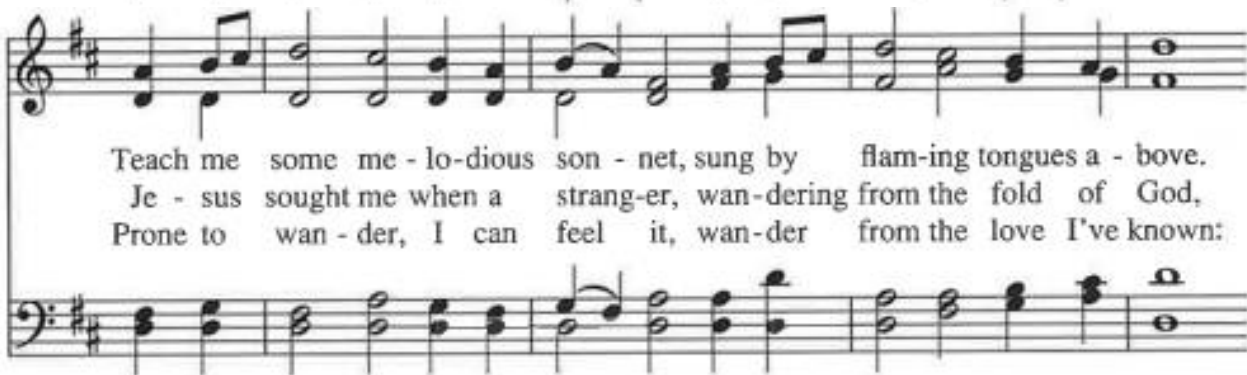
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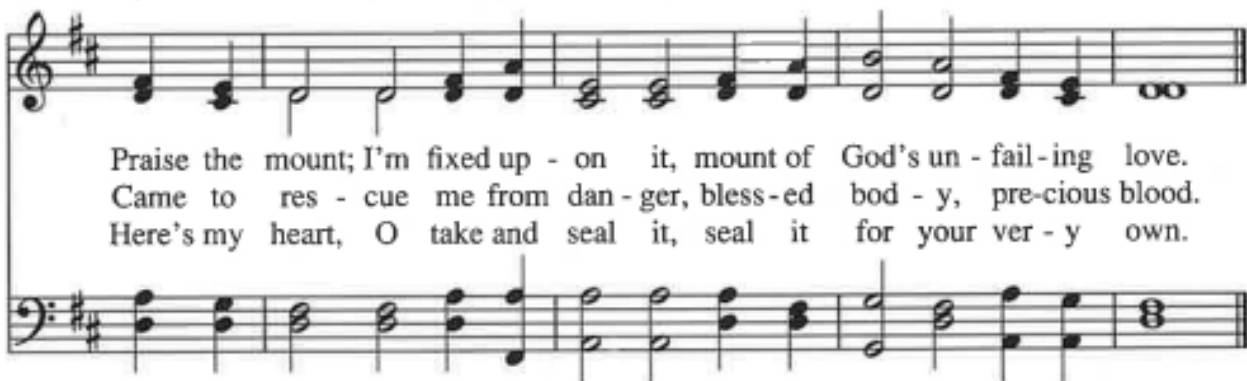
1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
2 Here I pause in my so - journ-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come,
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!



streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas - ing, call for songs of end-less praise.
come to trust, at ev-ery turn - ing, God will guide me safe-ly home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,
Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:



Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail-ing love.
Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless-ed bod - y, pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

***Pastoral Benediction**

Postlude

“Ain’t No Grave”

Claude Ely

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

Keeping in Prayer:

Prayers for Peter Jack’s wife Evangeline, in Zimbabwe,
who has a painful leg infection

Condolences and prayers for Al Mather whose daughter-in-law,
wife of his son Jeff, recently passed away

Condolences and prayers for Sally Jensen whose brother, Herb Jensen,
recently passed away

Condolences and prayers for the family and friends of Julian “Shoe” Shoemaker,
who recently passed away

Prayers for Jaime Armstrong, niece of Marlin Collingwood,
who will be undergoing surgery for breast cancer

Prayers for Sarah, wife of John Anderson, who is recovering from surgery

Prayers for Ellen who struggles with cancer,
family member of Ruth & Dale Mosher

Prayers of healing for Sue Switaj

Prayers for Alice Avery

Prayers for Sage Pirnie and her family,
granddaughter of Diane Arsenault and Pete Pirnie

Prayers for Polly Bartlett, who struggles with cancer

Prayers for healing for Andrew Munroe

Prayers for Mae Larson, Rebecca Larson’s mother-in-law

Prayers for an end to gun violence, in the spirit of Isaiah 2:4

Prayers for communities affected by war and for all immigrants

Prayers for the Masvingo UCCZ, our partner church in Zimbabwe

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

Aug 25	5:00 Meals for Many
Aug 26	8:00 AA Meeting
Aug 28	Hymn Sing
Sep 11	Rally Sunday!
Oct 15	NH Conference UCC Annual Meeting

Vegetables and Fruit Harvest Sharing and Caring: Do you have an abundance of vegetables and/or fruit in your garden that you would like to share with your church friends? Please bring your extra veggies and fruit to church on Sundays and place on the shelves in the Fellowship Hall. Members and friends will be encouraged to pick them up and then leave a money donation in the jar to help stock our food pantries for our Plymouth area neighbors in need. This will run through August and September until the harvest is over for this year. Many thanks!!!

Food Pantry: Our pantry needs restocking. Please bring donations of food and place in basket at sanctuary door. Needed: Meals in a can like beef stew, tuna fish, canned fruit, cereal, snack bars. Cans with snap up tops preferred. Many thanks!

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. Sunday School will resume on Rally Sunday, September 11th. Please contact Jennifer Byam or Julie Kelsey 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 Thurston, Linda LaPrad 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 Thurston or Linda LaPrad 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. We have recently supported a number of people who were in need of housing support or assistance with utility bills. This is a part of our Christian witness; we have deep gratitude for all of those who have contributed money and time related to the Hope Fund.

Book Group: The book group will resume on September 12th and will continue to meet every second and fourth Monday at 10:00am. The group will begin by reading The One-In-A Million Boy by Monica Wood. Any questions please contact Peggy Martin at pmartin03223@yahoo.com or Kathy Henning at henkat52@gmail.com.

Racial Justice Exploration: 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.

Please continue to be aware of COVID-related concerns when on site. We want to encourage all community members (who are able) to get a COVID-19 vaccine and boosters. 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. You may also catch our services (one week delayed) on Sunday nights on PBTv at 7:00 pm. (Local channel 1302.) Please check Constant Contact and the Facebook page for ongoing updates.

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 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 August in our Community

Jan Bass	August 1 st
Arline Bownes	August 11 th
Dick Brace	August 15 th
Angi Francesco	August 15 th
Georgia Merrithew-Stone	August 17 th
Natalie Amtmann	August 21 st
Colton Hyde	August 22 nd
Maeghan Warburton	August 24 th
Marti Shoemaker	August 29 th

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

