

Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ

Resurrection Sunday: Easter
From the Tomb



April 17, 2022

9:30 am

We Practice Just Peace: doing justice, seeking peace
We are Open and Affirming: welcoming LGBTQ+ people

☪ We Listen for the Still Speaking God

We are striving to become a racial justice church

Our faith is 2000 years old; our thinking isn't.

*We request that you are respectful when making decisions about masking; for example, **mask while singing and when you are near small children.** If you have a tickle in your throat or you feel a bit under the weather, please wear a mask. Please inquire to people before assuming they are okay with physical contact.*

GATHERING

Prelude

Easter Hymn

Quentin Thomas

Welcome & Announcements

Please, if you are new to our community and want to be more involved, leave your email address or address on an attendance pad or on our sign in sheet in the narthex / entrance of the building. You may also email us at office@uccplymouth.org. We are delighted to get to know you! On 1st – 4th Sundays we have Church School. You may contact faithformation@uccplymouth.org to get more information about programming for children and families.

Introit

Alleluia!

Acolyte – Wesley Ball

Aaron David Miller

We invite young and young at heart to join a few leaders from our choir in the parade of the palms (they will meet in the narthex / front of the church and process in during the first hymn).

*Those who are able may stand.

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist – Bill Torrey

Adapted from St. Catherine of Siena, 1347-1380

One: O immeasurably tender love! Who would not be set afire with such love?

All: What heart could keep from breaking?

One: You, deep well of charity, it seems you are so madly in love with your creatures that you could not live without us!

All: You came to live with us, to offer us a path, praise be! Christ is risen!

One: Christ has risen indeed! God is supreme eternal goodness and so we sing hallelujah!

All: We praise God for the mercy brought to us and the Love risen and rising – hallelujah!

One: Christ *has* risen indeed! Hallelujah!

***Hymn**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today

PH (red) #182

Verses 1 & 3-5

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day,
2 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King,
3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - - le - lu - ia!
4 Soar we now where Christ has led,
5 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!

Sons of men and an - gels say:
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - - le - lu - ia!
Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head,
Praise to thee by both be given,

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high,
Dy - ing once, he all doth save,
Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - - le - lu - ia!
Made like him, like him we rise,
Thee we greet tri - um - phant now,

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply:
Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave?
Christ has o - pened Par - a - dise, Al - - le - lu - ia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,
Hail, the Res - ur - rec - tion thou! A - men.

Passing of the Peace

We invite you to text or email someone a note of peace today. A hand-written note will work too!

Leader: God be with you

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Unison Gathering Prayer

God of many names, Gardener Divine, let us be rooted in your presence and let us flourish in your love. Let new life sprout in each of us as we proclaim, once again, that we are people of resurrection. We are grateful for the journey to this moment and for our faith family. Help us continue our journey well, hear our song, our reading, and be with our minds and we look to new days, beginnings, and revelations for your word. From the tomb, Love springs forth: let us be this Love for all the world. Amen.

Silence for Personal Reflection

God's Promise of New Life

One: Ultimate peace, let us find you this day. Let us be assured of the deep call you have placed in our hearts. Remind us in music and word, that there is an urgency to your call.

All: Let us be transformed to carry your story of new beginnings to the world. Help us think of how we may move closer to your love this day and in our lives. We sing out for your grace and hope today:

Response Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence PH (red) #107

**Rank on rank the host of heaven, spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth from the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish as the darkness clears away.**

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

Psalm 118: 19-24

Luke 24: 1-12

One: Let us find the ways that we may offer your message of new hope and resurrection to a world in need. We pray that the meditations of our hearts and minds will be acceptable to you, for you are our rock and redeemer.

All: Amen

Special Music

Arnold Rose, trumpet

Message

“Level Up”

Rev. Sara M. Holland

*Hymn

I Come to the Garden Alone

NCH (black) #245

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,
the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
the Christ who reigns e - ter - nal in res - ur - rec - tion light;
the whole world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;
From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
We lis - ten for the teach - ings once heard so calm and plain,
Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad-ness blend,



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 Anthem Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord Healey Willan

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: Gracious God, we give you thanks for the springtime of our lives, for the beauty of your mercy, and for the chance to start afresh every day. Receive the gifts we offer as signs of our commitment to become living gifts for the world. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Spirit, our power and possibility is yours, God most holy, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING

*Hymn

The Day of Resurrection

NCH (black) #240

1 Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 To the tomb the wom - en bring, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 There the an - gel clothed in white, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 "Has - ten now to Gal - i - lee," Al - le - lu - ia!
 5 Christ ap - pears in full ar - ray, Al - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Spic - es rich, an of - fer - ing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Tells the news with great de - light, Al - le - lu - ia!
 "Tell the oth - ers what you see!" Al - le - lu - ia!
 Sing with joy this Pas - chal day, Al - le - lu - ia!

Who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ask - ing where might Je - sus be, Al - le - lu - ia!
 This the news the an - gel gives, Al - le - lu - ia!
 With ex - cite - ment trem - bling, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ now from the dead is raised, Al - le - lu - ia!



***Pastoral Benediction**

Postlude **Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring** **J.S. Bach**

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

Keeping in Prayer:

Prayers for friends the family and friends of Luke Bisson, who passed recently
 Condolences to the family & friends of Marine Corps Colonel Robert Thomas Forte, who recently passed

Prayers for the people of Ukraine

Condolences and prayers for family members and friends Fran Lewis

Prayers for healing for Valerie, a dear friend of Sally Jensen

Prayers for Alice Avery

Prayers for Kathy Henning's nephew, Colin Slocomb

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

Prayers for Healing for Brian Paine

Prayers & Healing for Ruth Munroe and her son Andrew

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

Annie Rice, Bev Tedeschi's mother

Prayers for the Masvingo UCCZ, our partner church in Zimbabwe

Prayers for Rev. Sam Lovett

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

- April 24th 9:30 AM Rev. Ruth Martz preaching
- May 15th 9:30 AM Stewardship Sunday
- May 22th 9:30 AM Rev. Renee' Rouse pulpit exchange with Rev. Holland

		Merrimack Association meeting
June 4 th	1:00 PM	Church ‘Spiffy’ Day
June 12 th	10:45 AM	Special musical offering by TJ Wheeler
June 12 th	afternoon	Merrimack Association confirmation ritual

We will have another new member Sunday in May or June – if you are interested in becoming a part of our church family, please email Pastor Sara at plymouthpastor@uccplymouth.org.

Be in touch with Rev Sara if you would want to help with fellowship hour. Many hands make light work!

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, 2nd, 3rd Sundays of the month. Volunteers are always welcome, 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. This winter, we have 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.

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. Next meeting is on April 19th at 7 PM

Book Group: The group is currently reading Music of the Bees! Any questions please contact Peggy Martin at pmartin03223@yahoo.com or Kathy Henning at henkat52@gmail.com. Next meeting is April 18th at 10 AM

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.

Rev. Sara M. Holland, Pastor
Aidan Boisvert, Interim Office Administrator
David A. Williams, Director of Music
Ashley Rose, Organist/Pianist
Jennifer Byam, Director of Faith Formation
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Celebrating Birthdays in March and April in our Community:

Wayne Martin	April 1 st
Sue Switaj	April 5 th
Benjamin Adams	April 12 th
Sabrina Tedeschi	April 17 th
Michael Carrier	April 25 th
Kurt Maiser Anderson	April 28 th

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



Easter Dedications 2022

*The flowers that decorate our Chancel this morning
and the generous donations to the Hope Fund are given by:*

In Memory of

*Gary D. Girton Jr and Robert Heal from Marlin Collingwood
Rick Fabian from Georgene Fabian
Joseph Oustecky from Winnie Oustecky
Ken and Eleanore Ury and Richard and Alta Spencer our parents
from Lary & Eleanor Spencer
Those passed on from Coley-Holland family
from Elizabeth Coley & Sara Holland
Robert W. Pollock Sr, Muriel Pollock, Arthur J. Anderson Jr., and
Caroline Anderson from Bob & Chris Pollock
Mary D. Majeski and Edwiha M. Martz
from Ruth Martz & Steve Majeski
Toni Sweedler beloved mom and grandmother
From Caleb Sweedler & Jenny Thibeault
Douglas Larson from Jerry & Rebecca Larson
Bella LaShier- Linda's mother from Linda Laprad
Elizabeth W. Cheney from Ann Thurston
My mom and dad Madeline and Clifton Newton and brother Eddie
from Bev Newton
Loved ones in the pierson, Hahn, Love & Torres families
from Carol Hahn
Fran Lewis from Eileen & Torrey
Claire Benedix from Eileen Torrey
Sid and Joan Lovett from the Lovett family*

In Celebration of

*Our being back together in person from Ken & Nance Ruhm
Our grandchildren Thea, Andra, Alden, and Reed from Peggy & Wayne
New child Grace Humes, born to friend of Jenny Thibeault
and Caleb Sweedler*

In Thanksgíving for

Our family and our church family from Eileen & Bill Torrey