

# Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost



**July 24, 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. Please inquire to people before assuming they are okay with physical contact.*

# 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](mailto:office@ucplymouth.org). We are delighted to get to know you! We have Sunday School between mid-September & mid-June; this morning we invite children to remain in worship. There are cute bags in the narthex which the kids may enjoy! You may contact [office@ucplymouth.org](mailto:office@ucplymouth.org) to get more information about programming for any age.*

## Prelude

Sweet By and By

Carlos Staszkeski

\*Those who are able may stand.

## \*Call to Worship

Liturgist – Bev Newton

One: Listen for the voice of God –

**All: God will speak peace to God's people.**

One: But do not be surprised if God's peace comes in the form of judgement.

**All: We will listen and take heart in God's presence.**

One: Surely God's salvation is at hand for those who fear God,

**All: That glory may dwell in our land.**

One: God's glory is found in compassion and work of justice.

**All: We will listen and give ourselves anew to God's reign.**

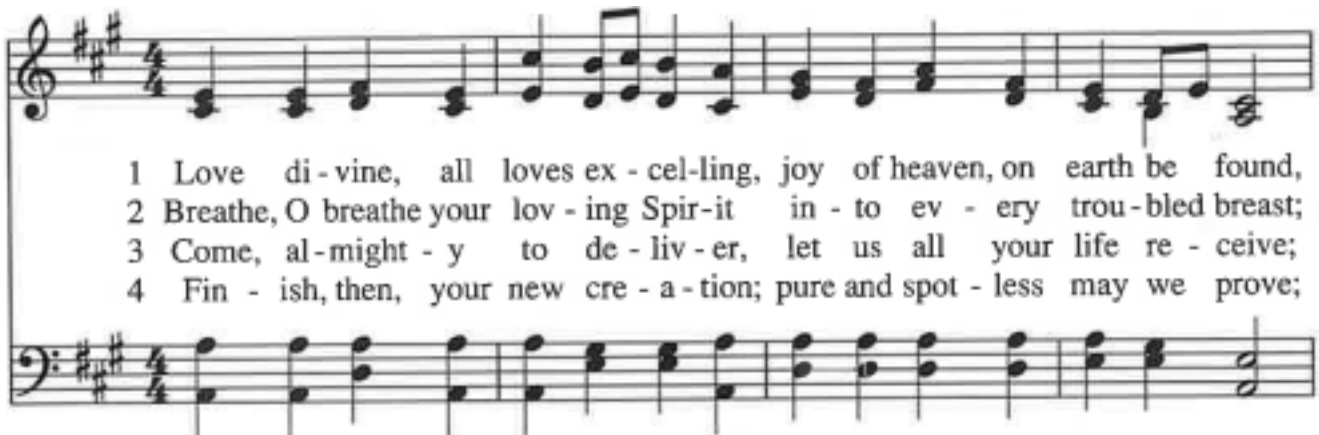
One: Listen for the voice of God –

**All: God will speak peace to God's people.**

## \*Hymn

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

NCH (black) #43



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, joy of heaven, on earth be found,  
2 Breathe, O breathe your lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery trou - bled breast;  
3 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all your life re - ceive;  
4 Fin - ish, then, your new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less may we prove;

Fix in us a hum-ble dwell-ing, all your faith-ful mer-cies crown;  
 Let us all in you in-her-it, let us find your prom-ised rest;  
 Sud-den-ly re-turn, and ne-ver, ne-ver-more your tem-ples leave.  
 Let us see your great sal-va-tion per-fect-ly re-stored in you;

Je-sus, you are all com-pas-sion; pure, un-bound-ed love im-part.  
 Take a-way our love of sin-ning; Al-pha and O-mega be;  
 You we would be al-ways bless-ing, love you as your an-gels love,  
 Changed from glo-ry in-to glo-ry, till in heaven we take our place,

Vis-it us with your sal-va-tion, en-ter ev-ery trem-bling heart.  
 End of faith, as its be-gin-ning, set our hearts at lib-er-ty.  
 Pray and praise for your un-fail-ing, wound-ed arms out-stretched a-bove.  
 Crowned as saints, we ev-er shall be lost in won-der, love, and praise.

## Passing of the Peace

*If you are at home, we invite you to text or email someone a note of peace today.  
 A hand-written note will work too!*

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

Gathered in your name, O God, we ask you to bless our worship. May this be an occasion in which kindness and truth shall meet, justice and peace shall kiss. Through the communion of the Holy Spirit, give us new life that we may rejoice in your goodness. Embolden us to make real in daily living what we experience within this fellowship of your love. Amen.

## Moments for Confession

### *Silence for Personal Reflection*

## God's Promise of New Life

One: Rejoice that in the eyes of God we are forgiven through Jesus Christ. Leave your past. Close the door. And turn with hope to the future. Let Christ have rule of your life.

**All:** In the name of Christ, we are a forgiven people.

## 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

Psalm 85

Luke 11:1-13

One: Blessed Redeemer, 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 your love might be made known to those most in need.

All: Amen

Message

Asking, Asking, Asking

Rev. Lynn Morrison

\*Hymn

Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire

1. Prayer is the soul's sin - cere de - sire, Ut - tered or  
2. Prayer is the bur - den of a sigh, The fall - ing  
3. Prayer is the con - trite sin - ner's voice, Re - turn - ing  
4. Prayer is the Chris - tian's vi - tal breath, The Chris - tian's  
5. O Thou, by whom we come to God, The Life, the

un - ex - pressed, The mo - tion of a hid - den  
of a tear; The up - ward glanc - ing of an  
from his ways, While an - gels in their songs re -  
na - tive atr; His watch - word at the gate of  
Truth, the Way! The path of prayer Thy - self hast

fire, That trem - bles in the breast.  
eye, When none but God is near.  
joice, And cry, "Be - hold, he prays."  
death: He en - ters heaven with prayer.  
trod: Lord, teach us how to pray! A - MEN.

# 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

A Living Prayer

Ron Block

*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

**With many voices we praise you, O God; in different ways we serve you.  
Take our diversity and mold it into a common theme of thanksgiving.  
Weave these gifts that we bring into a whole cloth of service that will**

blanket the world with your love. Take these gifts, and us, for use in renewing your world. Amen.

Hymn

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

PH (red) #243

1 Ho - ly Spir - it, Truth di - vine, Dawn up - on this soul of mine;  
2 Ho - ly Spir - it, Love di - vine, Glow with - in this heart of mine;  
3 Ho - ly Spir - it, Power di - vine, Fill and nerve this will of mine;  
4 Ho - ly Spir - it, Right di - vine, King with - in my con - science reign;

Word of God, and in - ward light, Wake my spir - it, clear my sight.  
Kin - dle ev - ery high de - sire; Per - ish self in thy pure fire.  
By thee may I strong - ly live, Brave - ly bear, and no - bly strive.  
Be my law, and I shall be Firm - ly bound, for - ev - er free. A - men.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff of each system. The first system contains four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains four lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style.

# SENDING

## \*Pastoral Benediction

### Postlude

### Peace in the Valley

Thomas A. Dorsey

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

## **Keeping in Prayer:**

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

Condolences and prayers for the family and friends of David Huff, who recently passed away

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 continued healing for Valerie, a dear friend of Sally Jensen

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 that you would like Rev. Sara to include in Sunday Worship, please email her at [plymouthpastor@uccplymouth.org](mailto:plymouthpastor@uccplymouth.org) or fill out a yellow prayer card, which can be found in the pews, and place it in the offering plate.

## **This Week and More at PCUCC**

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| July 24 | 5:00 Organ Recital   |
| July 26 | 7:30 New Hampshire Music Festival Chamber Concert              |
| July 28 | 5:00-6:00 Meals for Many                                       |
| July 29 | 7:30 AA Meeting  |
| July 22 | 7:00 Sunday Niters on Saturday for Racial Justice Zoom Meeting |



## Summer Organ Recital Series

July 2022

Sundays at 5:00 PM

### July 24 Laura Belanger

Organist, Sanbornton Congregational Church

Collaborative Pianist, Pemigewasset Choral Society

### July 31 Bruce Adami

Organist, Christ Episcopal Church, Exeter, New Hampshire

**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.*

**Our HOPE Fund 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!

**Stewardship Update:** As we look to A Future with Hope, we are pleased to update that we are almost to our 2022-23 Stewardship Campaign goal of \$180,000. As of July 19<sup>th</sup>, we have received 49 pledges totaling \$166,892. Thank you to all who have pledged their financial support.

If you have not yet pledged, please prayerfully consider doing so by returning a pledge card to PCUCC at PO Box 86, Plymouth, dropping it in the collection plate on Sunday, or emailing your commitment to the treasurer

at [treasurer@uccplymouth.org](mailto:treasurer@uccplymouth.org). **Please indicate in the memo of your check**

**whether it is for the 2021-2022 or 2022-2023 fiscal year. If you do not indicate, it will go towards the 2022-2023 fiscal year.** If you have any questions, please contact Linda LaPrad or Ann Thurston. **THANK YOU!**

**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 in September. Please contact Jennifer Byam or Julie Kelsey 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 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!

**Racial Justice Exploration:** 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.

**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](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 July and August in our Community

Justice Merrithew-Stone	July 6 <sup>th</sup>	Jan Bass	August 1 <sup>st</sup>
Marilyn Wixson	July 6 <sup>th</sup>	Arline Bownes	August 11 <sup>th</sup>
Tammy Lawler	July 7 <sup>th</sup>	Dick Brace	August 15 <sup>th</sup>
Sally Jean Jensen	July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Angi Francesco	August 15 <sup>th</sup>
Lorelei Paine	July 8 <sup>th</sup>	Georgia Merrithew-Stone	August 17 <sup>th</sup>
Johanna Bentwood	July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Natalie Amtmann	August 21 <sup>st</sup>
Alfie Kerr	July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Colton Hyde	August 22 <sup>nd</sup>
John Anderson	July 21 <sup>st</sup>	Maeghan Warburton	August 24 <sup>th</sup>
Rose Shimberg	July 24 <sup>th</sup>	Marti Shoemaker	August 29 <sup>th</sup>
Bev Newton	July 26 <sup>th</sup>		
Bill Torrey	July 31 <sup>st</sup>		

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

