

# Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost:  
Communion Sunday – Interdependence & Unity



July 3, 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. **At this time, we strongly encourage masks.** 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

## 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 & June; this morning we invite children to remain in worship. You may contact [office@ucplymouth.org](mailto:office@ucplymouth.org) to get more information about programming for any age.*

## Prelude

Materna

Robin Dinda

*With great thanks this morning for flautist, Peggy Martin.*

\*Those who are able may stand.

## \*Call to Worship

Liturgist – Rebecca Larson

One: We come seeking divine wisdom, longing for connection, and looking for God.

**All: May we be granted peace, may we be delivered; may we be found in Love.**

One: We come with humble prayers. We want to draw close to the Spirit of Christ. We tend to scatter but we want to unite.

**All: May our souls be uplifted by unity. May we be granted peace.**

One: Holy One, let us settle into your love in this hour; we seek you.

**All: May we be granted peace, may we be delivered. Hear the whispers of people in need and the songs of those who believe and doubt!**

## \*Hymn

Faith of Our Fathers

PH (red) #365

*Congregants are welcome to sing "mothers" as well as "fathers" throughout the hymn.*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Faith of Our Fathers". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. Below the treble staff, there are four lines of lyrics, each corresponding to a different verse of the hymn. The lyrics are: 1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still In spite of dun - geon, 2 Our fa - thers, chained in pris - ons dark, Were still in heart and 3 Faith of our fa - thers, God's great power Shall win all na - tions 4 Faith of our fa - thers, we will love Both friend and foe in

fire, and sword. O how our hearts beat high with joy  
 con-science free, And blest would be their chil - dren's fate,  
 un - to thee, And through the truth that comes from God,  
 all our strife, And preach thee, too, as love knows how,

When-e'er we hear that glo - rious word! Faith of our fa - thers,  
 If they, like them, should die for thee. Faith of our fa - thers,  
 Man-kind shall then in - deed be free. Faith of our fa - thers,  
 By kind - ly words and vir - tuous life. Faith of our fa - thers,

ho - ly faith, We will be true to thee till death. 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!*

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

Creator on high, we have found that you are in our midst, too. For this and so much more we come with gratitude. We are grateful for the ways that

we are free and we are happy to sing our praise this hour. And yet, we understand that Your liberation still needs to be carried forward; we come today: we seek Your divine guidance. We seek hope and we want to be hope to the world. At Your table we will join the historic communion which reminds us of our path and one that we might share with others. Let us find strength, even in our weakness. For as much as we are independent, we are interdependent too. Amen.

## Moments for Confession

### *Silence for Personal Reflection*

### **God's Promise of New Life**

One: Holy Spirit, you promise to always be present for us, even when we do not realize you are around. Let us find your presence in scripture, song and your sacred meal today.

**All: God, let us be sure that your Spirit is moving in our church and in our lives. Let us know that the Spirit is moving in our midst and that we may name this each day. As we sing, we seek your wisdom:**

**Response**                      Spirit of the Living God                      NCH (black) #283

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.

## HEARING THE WORD

**Scripture Readings**                      Galatians 6:1-10                      Luke 10: 1-11

One: Almighty God, let us feel your Spirit during this time and let us be moved to love one another. We pray that your voice moves between words and hearing.

**All: Amen**

**Message**                      "Remain in That Same House"                      Rev. Sara M. Holland

**\*Hymn**

**Bring Many Names**

NCH (black) #11

*Verses 1-2 & 5-6*

*Unison*

1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good, cel - e - brate, in  
2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day, plan - ning all the

par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God.  
won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e - qua - tion, gen - i - us at play:

Hail and Ho - san - na! bring man - y names! great, liv - ing God!  
Hail and Ho - san - na, strong moth - er God!

5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger,  
on the move,  
say - ing no to false - hood and  
un - kind - ness,  
cry - ing out for jus - tice,  
giv - ing all you have:  
Hail and Ho - san - na,  
young, grow - ing God!

6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,  
joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing,  
clos - er yet than breath - ing,  
ev - er - last - ing home:  
Hail and Ho - san - na,  
great, liv - ing God!

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**Offertory Anthem**

Pastorale, Op. 137

A.B. Furstenau

*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: Holy God, You call us to thanksgiving, united in the Spirit of Christ. Embody within us Your holy word of wisdom that our lives and your world may be shaped for compassion, and all creation may know the joy of your love. With these gifts, may we become Your gospel word so that Love might reach those most alone, scared and hurt. Let us build unity from our homes and hearts. Amen.**

## **Invitation to Holy Communion**

One: Jesus said – I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst. The early Christ followers wrote of our Jesus, who at the table with disciples took bread and blessed and broke it, sharing graciously. The disciples saw something special. However, they would not truly understand until later. . .

We come with our whole selves, God – some of us at home, some on the road and many of us grateful to be physically present in worship today. As we join in this historic and holy meal, may we find strength.

**All: We are prepared God. A table is set in your honor – no matter how tidy or messy. Make yourself known in this meal, God. These tables are open: God’s love is for all. This table is for those who believe a little or a lot. This table is for those who need community, those who need comfort and solace; this meal is for those who need strength. Let us share.**

### **Prayers of the People**

*You will be invited to offer your silent prayers for others.*

### **Breaking of the Bread and the Pouring of the Cup**

### **Sharing of the Bread and the Cup**

### **Closing Prayer & Lord’s Prayer**

**All: Loving God, you have made us one in Christ and nourished us at your table with holy food and drink. Let us find ourselves brave enough to rest in your love. Send us forth to be your people in the world. Grant us**

strength to resist evil and to proclaim in all we say and do the good news in Christ Jesus our Savior, who taught us to pray:

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.

## SENDING

\*Hymn

Forward Through the Ages

NCH (black) #377



1 For - ward through the a - ges, in un - bro - ken line,  
2 Wide grows God's do - min - ion, reign of love and peace;  
3 Not a - lone we con - quer, not a - lone we fall;

move the faith - ful spir - its at the call di - vine;  
for it we must la - bor, till all striv - ings cease.  
in each loss or tri - umph, lose or tri - umph all.

Gifts in dif - fer - ing mea - sure, hearts of one ac - cord,  
Proph - ets have pro - claimed it, teach - ers tes - ti - fied,  
Bound by God's far pur - pose in one liv - ing whole,



## \*Pastoral Benediction

**Postlude**            America, the Beautiful            Samuel Ward, arr. Marilyn Ham

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

The flowers this morning were given by the Oustecky family  
in memory of Joseph Oustecky, who would have turned 89 on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Keeping in Prayer:

Condolences and prayers for the family and friends of David Huff,  
who recently passed away  
Condolences & prayers for Eileen Lovett and the family of Mary Hart,  
who recently passed away  
Condolences and prayers for Al Mather and the family of Dorothy Smith,  
who recently passed away  
Prayers for the family of Terri Lessard, 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, 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**

July 3	Organ Recital
July 5	New Hampshire Music Festival Chamber Concert
July 7	5:00-6:00 Meals for Many
July 8	7:30 AA Meeting

### **Summer Organ Recital Series**

July 2022  
Sundays at 5:00 PM

#### **July 3 Justin Murphy-Mancini**

Artist Faculty in Organ, University of Southern Maine; Director of Church Music, First Religious Society (UU) of Newburyport, MA

#### **July 10 Wesley Hall**

Minister of Music and the Arts at the First Baptist Church of Worcester, MA

#### **July 17 Kristjon Imperio**

Dir. of Programs & Community Engagement, Pakachoag Music School of Greater Worcester (MA)

Organist and Handbell Director, Wellesley Village Church, Wellesley, MA

#### **July 24 Laura Belanger**

Organist, Sanbornton Congregational Church  
Collaborative Pianist, Pemigewasset Choral Society

#### **July 31 Bruce Adami**

Organist, Christ Episcopal Church, Exeter, New Hampshire

**Our Little 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 June 27<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!

**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](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 June and July in our Community

Justice Merrithew-Stone	July 6 <sup>th</sup>
Marilyn Wixson	July 6 <sup>th</sup>
Tammy Lawler	July 7 <sup>th</sup>
Sally Jean Jensen	July 8 <sup>th</sup>
Lorelei Paine	July 8 <sup>th</sup>
Johanna Bentwood	July 17 <sup>th</sup>
Alfie Kerr	July 18 <sup>th</sup>
John Anderson	July 21 <sup>st</sup>
Rose Shimberg	July 24 <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)

