

# Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ

Fourth Sunday in Lent:  
One Great Hour of Sharing, Embracing Love



March 27, 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

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

*Lento*

Peggy Martin and Sally Jensen, Musicians

## Welcome & Announcements

*Please, if you are new to our community and want to be more involved, leave your email address on our sign in sheet in the narthex / entrance of the building or email us at [office@uccplymouth.org](mailto:office@uccplymouth.org). We are delighted to get to know you! On 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays we have Church School. You may contact [faithformation@uccplymouth.org](mailto:faithformation@uccplymouth.org) to get more information about programming for children and families. This Easter we will have services at 6 am & 9:30 am – please join us!*

## Introit

I Will Rise!

Aaron David Miller

\*Those who are able may stand.

### **\*Call to Worship**

Liturgist – Bill Heron

One: Love is patient,

**All: but sometimes we want things to happen on our schedule.**

One: Love is kind,

**All: but we do not always show that in our actions towards others.**

One: Love does not rejoice in wrongdoing,

**All: but rejoices in truth and freedom.**

One: Love bears, believes, hopes, and endures.

**All: Our deepest desire is to do the same.**

One: Love can be shown through our actions.

**All: Love is resilient determination.**

One: Love digs deeper, love gives more.

**All: Love is made evident in big and small ways, and the world is a better place.**

**\*Hymn**

**Come, Ye Thankful People, Come PH (red) #461**

1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come, Raise the song of har-vest home;  
2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un-to his praise to yield;  
3 For the Lord our God shall come, And shall take his har-vest home;  
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick-ly come To thy fi - nal har - vest home;

All is safe - ly gath - ered in, Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;  
Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown;  
From his field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,  
Gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin;

God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied;  
First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear;  
Give his an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,  
There for - ev - er pu - ri - fied. In thy pres - ence to a - bide:

Come to God's own tem - ple, come, Raise the song of har - vest home.  
Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.  
But the fruit - ful ears to store In his gar - ner ev - er more.  
Come, with all thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har - vest home. 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**

**Giver of life, we open ourselves – body, mind and spirit – to worship this day with an attitude of generosity and gratitude. We pray that faith, hope and love would fill us and our faith community, so that it carries into our neighborhoods and across the world which you so lovingly created. Indeed, let love be known in all that we say and do. In the name of the one who showed us what love is, the name of Jesus. Amen.**



Message

“God Runs to You”

Rev. Sara M. Holland

\*Hymn

Said Judas to Mary

NCH (black) #210



1 Said Ju - das to Mar - y, “Now  
 2 “O Mar - y, O Mar - y, O  
 3 “To - mor - row, to - mor - row, I’ll  
 4 Said Je - sus to Mar - y, “Your

what will you do with your oint - ment so rich and so rare?” “I’ll  
 think of the poor. This oint - ment, it could have been sold; And  
 think of the poor; to - mor - row,” she said, “not to - day; For  
 love is so deep, to - day you may do as you will. To -

pour it all o - ver the feet of the Christ, and I’ll wipe it a - way with my  
 think of the blan - kets and think of the bread you could buy with the sil - ver and  
 dear - er than all of the poor in the world is my love who is go - ing a -  
 mor - row, you say, I am go - ing a - way, but my bod - y I leave with you

hair,” she said, “I’ll wipe it a - way with my hair.” (2 “O  
 gold,” he said, “you could buy with the sil - ver and gold.” (3 “To -  
 way,” she said, “my love who is go - ing a - way.” (4 Said  
 still,” he said, “my bo - dy I leave with you still.” (5 “The

5 “The poor of the world are my bod - y,”  
 he said,  
 “to the end of the world they shall be.  
 The bread and the blan - kets you give  
 to the poor  
 you will know you have giv - en to me,”  
 he said,  
 “you’ll know you have giv - en to me.”

6 “My bod - y will hang on the cross  
 of the world  
 to - mor - row,” he said, “not to - day.  
 And Mar - tha and Mar - y will find me  
 a - gain  
 and wash all my sor - row a - way,”  
 he said,  
 “and wash all my sor - row a - way.”

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

## Prayers of the People

Pastor: Oh 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.**

### **Offertory Anthem**

*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**

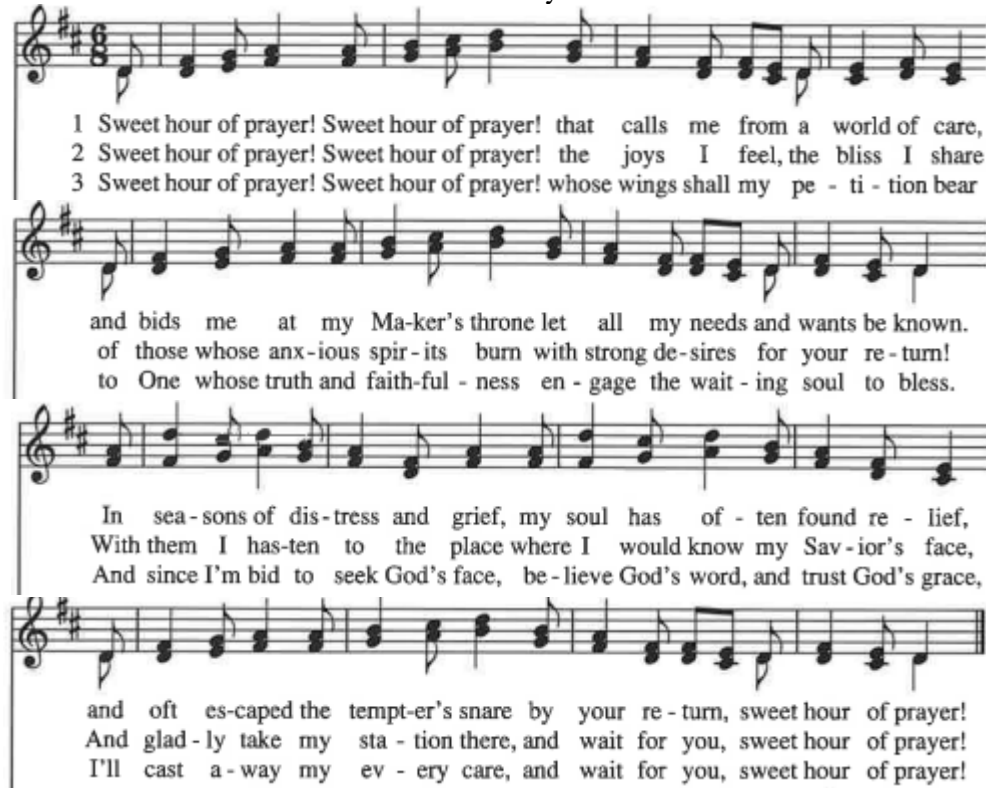
**All: We offer these gifts, O God, in the spirit of love. May the gifts that we offer this day embody our loving response to your great love for us. You have shown us mercy and so with hearts of gratitude we return some of our blessings. Through these gifts, may others feel the love of Christ. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

## **SENDING**

**\*Hymn**

**Sweet Hour of Prayer**

NCH #505



1 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! that calls me from a world of care,  
2 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! the joys I feel, the bliss I share  
3 Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! whose wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear

and bids me at my Ma-ker's throne let all my needs and wants be known.  
of those whose anx-ious spir-its burn with strong de-sires for your re-tum!  
to One whose truth and faith-ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless.

In sea-sons of dis-tress and grief, my soul has of - ten found re - lief,  
With them I has-ten to the place where I would know my Sav-ior's face,  
And since I'm bid to seek God's face, be - lieve God's word, and trust God's grace,

and oft es-caped the tempt-er's snare by your re - turn, sweet hour of prayer!  
And glad - ly take my sta - tion there, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!  
I'll cast a - way my ev - ery care, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!

**\*Pastoral Benediction**

**Choral Benediction**

**Postlude**      My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less      Pamela M. Robertson

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

**Keeping in Prayer:**

Prayers for the people of Ukraine

Prayers for healing Jeremy, from Deb Engelhardt

Prayers for friends the family and friends of Luc Bisson, who passed recently

Condolences to the family & friends of Marine Corps Colonel Robert Thomas Forte, who recently passed

Keep in your thoughts the family of Carol Gellert, who recently passed

Thoughts and prayers for 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

*If we have removed a name or listing in error, please let us know.*

If you have a prayer request, you would like Rev. Sara to include in Sunday Worship,



**HOLY WEEK SERVICES**  
**PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**April 10 – 9:30 a.m. - Palm Sunday – Parade of palms**  
**April 14 – 7:00 p.m. -Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service of Shadows in the**  
**Church sanctuary – need volunteers to read, see Eileen**  
**April 15 – 7:00 p.m. Good Friday - Scriptures and music in sanctuary**  
**April 17 – 6:00 a.m. Sunrise Service held on front steps/walkway of our church**  
**Coffee & donuts to follow**  
**9:30 a.m. – Celebration of Easter Worship. Service in-person in**  
**sanctuary & live streamed on Facebook & PCUCC website.**



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**This Week and More at PCUCC**

Today	9:30 AM	Worship – Fourth Sunday in Lent
	7:00 PM	Worship service airs on PBTv
March 30 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 AM	Lectio Divina Bible Study (open to all!) We will meet in our beautiful chapel this coming week – it is a wonderful space if you have never been there.
	11:30 AM	Staff Meeting
March 31 <sup>st</sup>	7:00 PM	Choir practice (open to all!)
April 11 <sup>th</sup>		Deadline to order Easter Flowers
May 15 <sup>th</sup>	9:30 AM	Rev. Renee' Rouse pulpit exchange with Rev. Holland
June 4 <sup>th</sup>	1:00 PM	Church 'Spiffy' Day



June 12<sup>th</sup>  
June 19<sup>th</sup>

Pride Sunday  
Juneteenth

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](mailto:plymouthpastor@uccplymouth.org).

We need help coordination volunteering for coffee hour. Please contact Sara if interested.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of the month. Volunteers are always welcome, 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.

**Book Group:** The group is currently reading The Music of Bees! It was written by Eileen Garvin. If you have any questions please contact Peggy Martin at [pmartin03223@yahoo.com](mailto:pmartin03223@yahoo.com) or Kathy Henning at [henkat52@gmail.com](mailto:henkat52@gmail.com)

**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 March in our Community:

Jean Swindell	March 8 <sup>th</sup>
Winnie Oustecky	March 21 <sup>st</sup>
Shoe Shoemaker	March 21 <sup>st</sup>
Caleb Sweedler	March 26 <sup>th</sup>
Megan Magrauth	March 30 <sup>th</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)



## EASTER FLOWERS

We plan to have beautiful spring flowers to decorate the Sanctuary on Sunday, April 17th. A portion of your donation of \$15 (or more) will go to the HOPE Fund. Those who donate will be able to choose a plant or bouquet to take home. Please complete the Easter flower dedication information below for the bulletin.

In Celebration of    In Thanksgiving for    In Memory of    Hope Fund Only

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Your Name/s (please print and write legibly):

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Phone and/or email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Make checks payable to: **PCUCC** or pay online at -  
<https://www.uccplymouth.org/give>

Mail or drop checks off to the church office by **April 11th.**