

Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ

Ordinary Time:
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



June 25, 2023

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 be an Anti-Racism Church

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

Please inquire to people before assuming they are okay with physical contact.

Unison Gathering Prayer

One: Let us all make room in our hearts for God's healing Spirit, saying:

All: God of grace, may this meetinghouse be filled with your Spirit. Help us to let go of our heavy expectations, our shriveling anxieties, and dead certainties. May your love soften our hearts, may your truth open our minds, and may your peace make us whole. In Christ's name we make this prayer. Amen

Moments for Confession and Silence for Personal Reflection

God's Promise of New Life

One: You have called us to let our blessings and gratitude change the world. God's path offers us a chance to expand the divine realm.

All: We want to move more fully with the blessings of your name. We come seeking meaning in your mercy and healing, seeking your resurrection word, once again. Hear our prayers in humble singing:

Response The 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

Genesis 21:8-21

Rev Sam Lovett

Matthew 10:24-39

Rev Bill Torrey

One: Spirit of Truth, we pray that the meditations of our hearts and minds will be acceptable to you, for you are our rock and redeemer. We pray that your voice moves between words and hearing.

All: Amen

Sermon

"Living History"

Rev. Sam Lovett

*Hymn

Praise to the Living God

NCH (black) #8

Offertory

Madrigal

Philippe Gaubert

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: God of kindness, we have heard the Word proclaimed, we have lifted our prayers to You and now we bring these gifts, the fruit of our labor, as a token of our gratitude for all Your blessings. May our offering be the answer to the prayers of those who feel hopeless and alone in our community and in the world. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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

Response: Hear your people at prayer.

You are invited to offer your personal prayers from the silence of your heart.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Bill Torrey

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.

SENDING

*Hymn

O Savior, Let Me Walk With You

NCH (black) #503

*Pastoral Benediction

Rev Sam Lovett

Postlude Little Trumpet Tune for Manuals Michael E. Lawrence

The Postlude ends our gathered worship and sends us into the world where our true service begins.
Feel free to let the music lead you out, or stay to listen, however the Spirit moves you.

We welcome Rev Sam Lovett as our guest preacher with Rev. Bill Torrey leading the service. Rev. Lovett is a member and in a four-way covenant with our church, with St. Paul's School in Concord where he is Chaplain and teacher, and with the UCC Merrimack Association. PCUCC covenants with Sam to support him in his work, and Sam covenants with PCUCC to support in the mission and ministry our church. More about the four-way covenant on the link in Constant Contact.

Keeping in Prayer:

Prayers for Tony Amodeo on his upcoming surgery and cancer treatments (friend of Jim and Linda LaPrad)

Prayers for the family of Timothy Ward and for Timothy's spirit

Prayers for Lucy, cousin of Georgene

Prayers for UCCZ president, Rev. John Matiza, and his wife, Ketani Mtiza as they visit New Hampshire

Prayers and condolences for the Sweedler, Thibeault, and Moore families as they grieve the loss of beloved family member, Dina Repasy, after her sudden passing

Prayers for Alice Carey, friend of Alice O'Connor, who will be undergoing surgery

Prayers of gratitude that Megan Magrauth is recovering well

Prayers for the family and friends of Cheryl Bernier

Prayers for Sherry Weymouth Morison, who is recuperating from cancer surgery

Prayers for Martha Richards, friend of Alice O'Connor

Prayers of comfort and strength for Ruth & Dale Mosher

Prayers for Matt, family member of Ruth Martz & Steve Majeski

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

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 Polly Bartlett, who struggles with cancer

Prayers for Masvingo Church, our partner church in Zimbabwe

If you have a prayer request, you would like Rev. Holland to include in Sunday Worship, please write on the yellow card in the pews and place it in the offering tray, or send an email to plymouthpastor@uccplymouth.org

This Week and More at PCUCC

Monday, June 26	Ukama Potluck Dinner at Brookside Church in Manchester
Tuesday, June 27	7:00 pm AA Meeting
Thursday, June 29	1:00 pm Knitting group
Friday, June 30	8:00 pm AA Meeting
Tuesday, July 4	7:00 pm AA Meeting
Friday, July 6	8:00 pm AA Meeting

FROM MISSION & OUTREACH

Our HOPE Fund and Little Food Pantry are always in need of your support!

The HOPE Fund supports families at risk who need assistance paying for rent, electricity, and medications. Send your check to PCUCC and write HOPE Fund in the memo. Our **Little Food Pantry** in front of the church is always in great need of being filled. You can put items right in the pantry or bring them to the church office.

Ukama Delegation in New Hampshire: There is a potluck dinner the evening of June 26th at Brookside Church in Manchester so please bring a dish to share. Diane Arsenault and Peter Pirnie will be attending so please let them know if you need a ride.

Youth Mission Trip: The youth will be at Horton Center this week and it's not too late to support them! Make a check out to PCUCC and write "Youth mission trip" in the memo or make a gift at uccplymouth.org/give and select 2023 Missional Service Trip.

FROM FINANCE

Stewardship Update: As of June 16, we have received 47 pledges totaling 141,100 towards our goal of \$180,000. If you have already submitted your 2023-24 pledge, we thank you. If you have not yet pledged, we ask that you prayerfully consider your financial support and send your pledge to PCUCC Finance by US mail at PO Box 86, Plymouth, NH 03264, or by email to treasurer@uccplymouth.org. Extra pledge cards can be found in the pews, on the table by the office or on the Constant Contact link. With your support we will continue to maintain our important ministry and mission. Because of you, our church changes lives.

Support PCUCC with no cost to you! Purchase a **Hannaford Gift Card** in the amount of \$100, \$250, or \$500 by contacting Linda LaPrad or Ann Thurston. For every card purchased from the Finance Committee, the church receives 5% with no additional cost to you.

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 – Friday 9:00-2:00

Pastor's Office Hours

Monday – Wednesday 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM or by appointment.

Rev. Holland keeps sabbath on Friday.

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Guest Musician, Peggy Martin

Guest Preacher, Rev Sam Lovett

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Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries in June and July in our Community

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

Anna Boyer	June 6	Justice Merrithew-Stone	July 6
Alice Avery	June 8	Marilyn Wixson	July 6
Kimberly Berman	June 10	Tammy Lawler	July 7
Abigail Ball	June 13	Sally Jean Jensen	July 8
Eddie Doherty	June 19	Lorelei Paine	July 8
Murray Swindell	June 22	Johanna Bentwood	July 17
Jay Buckley	June 23	Alfie Kerr	July 18
Eleanor Spencer	June 24	John Anderson	July 21
Mary Bohn Reynolds	June 25	Rose Shimberg	July 24
Terry Williams	June 27	Bev Newton	July 26
Wesley Ball	June 29	Bill Torrey	July 31
Mona Hoefs	June 29		
Rebecca Larson	June 30		

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