

Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost: Annual hymn-sing



August 28, 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@uccplymouth.org. Sunday School will resume on September 11. Feel free to gather toys and books, which can be found in the narthex, for your children to enjoy during worship today.

You may contact office@uccplymouth.org to get more information about programming for any age.

Prelude Cello Suite No. 1 in G Major, BWV 1007 II. Allemande J.S. Bach

*Those who are able may stand; we have many hymns today. It is absolutely okay to sit while joining in our hymnary!

*Call to Worship

Liturgist – Bill Heron

One: Hear our songs, O Holy God!

All: We lift up our voices – our praises are for you, almighty Creator.

One: Let us pour out our hearts this hour; we pray God moves in melodies, in harmonies, and in notes.

All: We lift up our voices – may we find comfort in shared voice.

One: Let our voices bring new hope to this town, this state, and this world.

All: We lift up our voices – may we find challenge in faith stories through song!

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*Passing of the Peace

If you are at home we invite you to send someone a note of peace today.

One: God be with you

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

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Unison Gathering Prayer

Anne Hillman, adapted

Gracious God: We are all on a journey together . . . To the center of the universe . . . [We] look deep into ourselves, into another. It is to a center which is everywhere that is the holy journey . . . First you need only look: notice and honor the radiance of everything about you . . . play in this universe. Tend all these shining things around you: The smallest plant, the creatures and objects in your care. Let us be gentle and nurture, O Holy One. Let us grow in care. Amen.

Moments for Confession

Silence for Personal Reflection

God's Promise of New Life

One: Gentle and Strong Spirit, we want to see your grace in all whom we encounter. Let us see our path this morning and week as we sing and pray in community.

All: Let us be reminded, O God – there is nothing; nothing here, nothing anywhere else that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. It is for this love that we sing:

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.**

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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

Hebrews 13:1-3

Psalms 112:5-7

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 we may move with justice and be secure in your love.

All: Amen

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Message

Rev. Sara M. Holland

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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

Salut d'amour, Op. 12

Edward Elgar

Accompanied by Ashley Rose on piano

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 who is Mother, Father and Creator – receive our humble gifts today. We pray that these will reach those most in need, so that your gospel may come alive, once again. As we offer from our wallets and pockets, let us also move and exist in your grace; we commit ourselves to Love, to Christ, once again. Bless our church as we return a portion of what we have to you. We pray that your word will be fully realized to those who need it most this day and week. Amen.

SENDING

***Hymn** - *We will invite congregation members to name hymns aloud in our service this morning; join our collective hymnary this morning!*

*Pastoral Benediction

Postlude Cello Suite No. 4 in Eb Major, BWV 1010 Bourrées I and II J.S. Bach

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

*Hymn

Blessed Be the Tie that Binds

PH #272, vs. 1

Keeping in Prayer:

All students returning to school in the next couple weeks

Bob Feeny as he transitions his ministry to Spokane, WA

Prayers for Peter Jack's wife Evangeline, in Zimbabwe,

who has a painful leg infection

Condolences and prayers for Al Mather whose daughter-in-law,

wife of his son Jeff, recently passed away

Condolences and prayers for Sally Jensen whose brother, Herb Jensen,
 recently passed away
 Condolences and prayers for the family and friends of Julian “Shoe” Shoemaker,
 who recently passed away
 Prayers for Jaime Armstrong, niece of Marlin Collingwood,
 who will be undergoing surgery for breast cancer
 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 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

This Week and More at PCUCC

Sep 11	Rally Sunday!
Oct 2	Merrimack Association Annual Meeting
Oct 15	NH Conference UCC Annual Meeting

Vegetables and Fruit Harvest Sharing and Caring: Do you have an abundance of vegetables and/or fruit in your garden that you would like to share with your church friends? Please bring your extra veggies and fruit to church on Sundays and place on the shelves in the Fellowship Hall. Members and friends will be encouraged to pick them up and then leave a money donation in the jar to help stock our food pantries for our Plymouth area neighbors in need. This will run through August and September until the harvest is over for this year. Many thanks!!!

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 on Rally Sunday, September 11th. 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. We have recently 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.*

Book Group: The book group will resume on September 12th and will continue to meet every second and fourth Monday at 10:00am. The group will begin by reading The One-In-A Million Boy by Monica Wood. Any questions please contact Peggy Martin at pmartin03223@yahoo.com or Kathy Henning at henkat52@gmail.com.

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.

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.

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Celebrating Birthdays in August and September in our Community

Jan Bass	August 1 st	Judy Floyd	September 8 th
Arline Bownes	August 11 th	Diane Arsenault	September 12 th
Dick Brace	August 15 th	Philip Wei	September 16 th
Angi Francesco	August 15 th	Molly McCahan	September 20 th
Georgia Merrithew-Stone	August 17 th	Cameron Woodsum	September 20 th
Natalie Amtmann	August 21 st	Caeleigh Stevens	September 24 th
Jim LaPrad	August 21 st	Anna Switaj	September 25 th
Colton Hyde	August 22 nd	Andrew Hedberg	September 27 th
Maeghan Warburton	August 24 th	Madelyn Kelsey	September 29 th
Marti Shoemaker	August 29 th		

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

