

Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ

Ordinary Time:
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
Remembrance Sunday



October 29, 2023

9:30 am

We Practice Just Peace: doing justice, seeking peace
We are Open and Affirming: welcoming LGBTQ+ people

We are an Anti-Racism church

☪ We Listen for the Still Speaking God

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

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

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Please sign the red friendship pad as it is passed to you and return it to the center aisle noting your neighbor in the pew. You may leave your email if you would like to receive our weekly newsletter.

If you want to know more, email the office at office@uccplymouth.org.

Sunday School for all ages begins after the Message for All Ages on the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays. Children are welcome to fill a bag with books and toys, which are in the narthex, to use during worship.

Introit

Love One Another

Carl F. Schalk

*Those who are able may stand.

*Call to Worship

Liturgist – Bill Heron

One: Trusting in God's love, we gather as a community of faith.

All: Trusting in what is not yet fully revealed, believing the best is yet to come, we gather as people of hope and faith.

One: Come into this place and, together, let us make it into a sacred space with our praying and singing.

All: We come to remember God's promises, to bless one another and to worship God with our hearts and minds. Alleluia!

*Hymn

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

PH (red) #4

Unison Gathering Prayer

Creator God, we lift up our voices, remembering those who have done so in ages before our own. As surely as spring and summer have passed, in yet another year, the legacies of our friends and family members remain. Let us be assured of eternal spirits among fleeting days. Grant us the strength to move forward in the midst of struggle. Let us find hope in your sacred word and each other's presence. Your Holy word reminds us that you move among us in unexpected ways. We pray all this for Love's sake. Amen.

Unison Confession including Silence for Personal Reflection

All: Gracious God, we acknowledge sins which have committed by thought, word, and deed. We repent for these our misdoings. Have mercy and forgive us all that is past for thy Son Jesus Christ's sake and grant that we may hereafter serve in newness of life and true faith through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

One: May the merciful God grant us remission of sins, true repentance, and amendment of life by the grace of the Holy Spirit.

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.

Message For All Ages

Children and youth are welcome to come forward during the message for all ages if they like.

Jesus Loves Me NCH (black) #327

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture John 17:20-25 James 1:22-27

One: Dear God, bless our reading of your word. May it give us comfort, strength, and guidance.

All: Amen.

Message "The Christian Faith Is Believing and Doing" Rev. Bill Torrey

***Hymn** How Firm a Foundation PH (red) #372

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Offertory *We invite you to remember your support for the ministry of PCUCC.*

Sing with All the Saints

*Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking; soon the storms of time shall cease;
in God's likeness we awaken, knowing everlasting peace.*

*Oh, what glory, far exceeding all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares it; there on high our welcome waits.
Ev'ry humble spirit shares it. Christ has passed th'eternal gates.*

*Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your head!
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders crowd on faith: what joy unknown,
when amid earth's closing thunders, saints shall stand before the throne!*

***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.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of blessings, you have so gracefully shared your creation and your love for us and we respond with wholehearted thanksgiving. May these gifts and offerings we joyfully bring to you, sustain your Church in the world and the work of your faithful people in this nation. Bless all our gifts, as you have blessed us in the gift of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Remembering All Saints

Polly Bartlett
William Broadrick
Frank C.
Lorraine Colby
Judy Detzel
Ellen
Lynn Haust

Cynthia Elizabeth Howe
Al K.
Mae Larson
Carolyn LaShier
Joe M.
Rev. Al Mather
Helen O'D.

Winnie Oustecky
Elva Piehn
Dina Repasy
Rev. John Shaw
Kate Widman
Eldwin "Ed" Wixon

Prayers of the People

You will also be invited to offer your personal prayers from the silence of your heart.

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

Response: Hear your people at prayer.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *(debts/debtors)*

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**

For All the Saints

PH (red) #306

***Pastoral Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

Postlude

O Jesus, King Most Wonderful

Dale Wood

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.

Please join us downstairs after worship for refreshments and fellowship!
Coffee Hour today is sponsored by Friends of Fellowship.

Keeping in Prayer:

Prayers of healing for Beverly McClain, longtime friend of Eleanor Spencer

Prayers of healing for Bob Dion, friend of Alice O'Connor

Prayers for Paulette Brace's son, Shawn Cassington, for ongoing medical issues

Prayers for Claire Pirnie, daughter of Diane Arsenault and Peter Pirnie and her son Micah as she continues through the process of divorce

Prayers for Marissa and Seth, Diane Arsenault's family members, as they embark on the journey of adoptive parenthood. Their son was born 10/17/23 and they are forever grateful to his birth mother for her gift.

Prayers for Paul Santonelli

Prayers for Tony Amodeo, friend of the LaPrads, who is undergoing cancer treatments

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

Prayers of comfort and strength for Ruth & Dale Mosher

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 our partner church in Zimbabwe, Masvingo UCCZ

If you have a prayer request 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

Tuesday, October 31	7:00 pm AA Meeting
Wednesday, November 1	11:00 am Lectio Divina
Thursday, November 2	7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
Friday, November 3	8:00 pm AA Meeting
Monday, November 6	10:00 am Book Group, in person
Monday, November 6	7:00 pm Book Group, via zoom
Thursday, November 9	1:00 pm Knitting group

CHURCH LIFE

Sanctuary Artwork: We are looking for artwork with a winter and/or faith theme from our community. If you have a piece that you would like to go up in the sanctuary for the late fall and winter months, please bring them to church by Sunday, November 12.

Book Group and Antiracism Taskforce is reading How to Be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi in November. Everyone is welcome to read the book and join the discussion either in person at 10 am or via zoom at 7 pm. Discussions will be held on Monday, Nov. 6 and Monday, Nov. 20. Contact Alison Thatcher for more information: Baker.AlisonT@gmail.com.

Lectio Divina: All are invited to gather Wednesday mornings from 11 a.m. to noon for a Bible study modeled on Lectio Divina, the sacred reading of scripture. We'll begin with the Gospel of Mark, the first gospel written, and read through it listening for God's Still Speaking voice. Please join us. Rebecca Larson will lead us.

Sunday School focuses on Bible lessons, outreach projects, and family activities. The children will learn how to use the gifts God gave them to positively impact their community. Volunteers are always welcome! Please contact Jennifer for more details at faithformation@uccplymouth.org.

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.

FROM FINANCE

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

If you have a family emergency and want to talk with a pastor, please call Rev. Ruth Martz at 603-630-7936 or you may call Eileen Torrey at 603-252-7513.

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Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries in November in our Community

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

Ivan Bass	November 1	Marian Sawicki	November 28
Leif Magrauth	November 2	Ruth Martz	November 29
Michael Conklin	November 11	Ann Thurston	November 29
Georgene Fabian	November 18	Jane Merrithew	November 30
Cameron Brand	November 21		

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