

Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ

Ordinary Time:
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



October 8, 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.

God's Promise of New Life

adapted from Philippians 3:10-14

One: I want to know Christ and the power of the resurrection and the sharing of suffering by becoming like Christ in his death... Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal, but I press on to make it my own,

Many: for Christ Jesus has made me his own.

One: Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own, but this one thing I do, forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead:

All: I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Response God Speak to Me, That I May Speak NCH (black) #531
**God, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let me seek your erring children lost and lone.**

Message For All Ages

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

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**Child of love, our love's expression, love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God, refresh our spirits, into joy and laughter lead.**

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Isaiah 5:1-7 Matthew 21:33-46

Message "Our Tenancy" Rev. Lynn Morrison

***Hymn** God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending NCH (black) #565

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Offertory Truly My Soul Waiteth Upon God Healey Willan
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**

God of many gifts, in the ways you offer yourself to us, you show us the example of faithfulness and generosity. We pray that these gifts will lead us to offer ourselves to you, to one another, and to the whole of creation with the same spirit of faithfulness and generosity. Amen.

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 (*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**

I Am Yours, O Lord

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***Pastoral Benediction**

***Choral Benediction**

God of Love, Hear Our Prayer

John Helgen

Postlude

How Great Thou Art

arr. Larry Shackley

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!
Today's Coffee Hour is sponsored by the Choir.

Keeping in Prayer:

Prayers and condolences for the family and friends of Jeff Foster, cousin of Diane Arsenault,
who recently passed away
Prayers and condolences for the family and friends of William Broadrick,
who recently passed away
Prayers for those affected by the devastating floods in Libya
Prayers for all those affected by the earthquake in Morocco
Prayers and condolences for the friends and family of Judy Detzel, who recently passed away
Prayers for Alice Carey, friend of Alice O'Connor, who is undergoing chemotherapy and for
Alice Carey's mother who has Covid
Prayers for Paulette Brace's son, Shawn Cassington, for ongoing medical issues
Prayers for Claire Campbell, daughter of Diane Arsenault & Peter Pirnie,
as she makes her way through the tumult of divorce
Prayers for Marissa and Seth, family members of Diane Arsenault & Peter Pirnie,
who have been chosen to adopt a baby
Prayers for Paul Santonelli
Prayers for Tony Amodeo, friend of the LaPrads, who is undergoing cancer treatments
Prayers for the family of Timothy Ward and for Timothy's spirit
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, Mosvingo 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

Monday, October 9	10:00 am Book Group
Tuesday, October 10	7:00 pm AA Meeting
Wednesday, October 11	11:00 am Lectio Divina
Thursday, October 12	1:00 pm Knitting group
Thursday, October 12	7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal
Friday, October 13	8:00 pm AA Meeting
Sunday, October 15	5:00 pm Sunday Niters
Sunday, October 22	Ukama Sunday

CHURCH LIFE

Sunday Niters will take place on October 15 at the home of Georgene Fabian at 412 Rte 3 in Holderness. Bring a dish to share and join us for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship!

Remembrance Sunday: On October 29 we will be holding vigil and praying for our friends and family members who have passed since last October. If you have a loved one that you would like to honor, please email the church office by October 24.

Remembrance Sunday Coffee Hour: On Sunday, October 29th, we invite everyone to a Coffee Hour that celebrates our memories. Many of us have a favorite dish that has been passed down and is often made when the family gets together. Grandma made this at Christmas! Or Grandpa always fixed this on St. Pat's Day! Maybe it was an aunt, a family friend, or a famous person -- like a First Lady. Bring a food/dish and we will label it with the name of the dish and the person who you remember.

Book Group will meet on Monday, October 9 to discuss Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult. Contact Peggy Martin for more information: pmartin03223@yahoo.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@ucplymouth.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 October in our Community

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

Paulette Brace	October 2	Larry Spencer	October 15
Sarah Simpson	October 3	Donna Castor	October 17
Bob Curry	October 8	Steve Rand	October 17
Susan Wei	October 8	Dawn Shimberg	October 17
Dawn Marie Jackson	October 14	Alice O'Connor	October 20
John Fallon	October 15	Carol Stewart	October 28

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