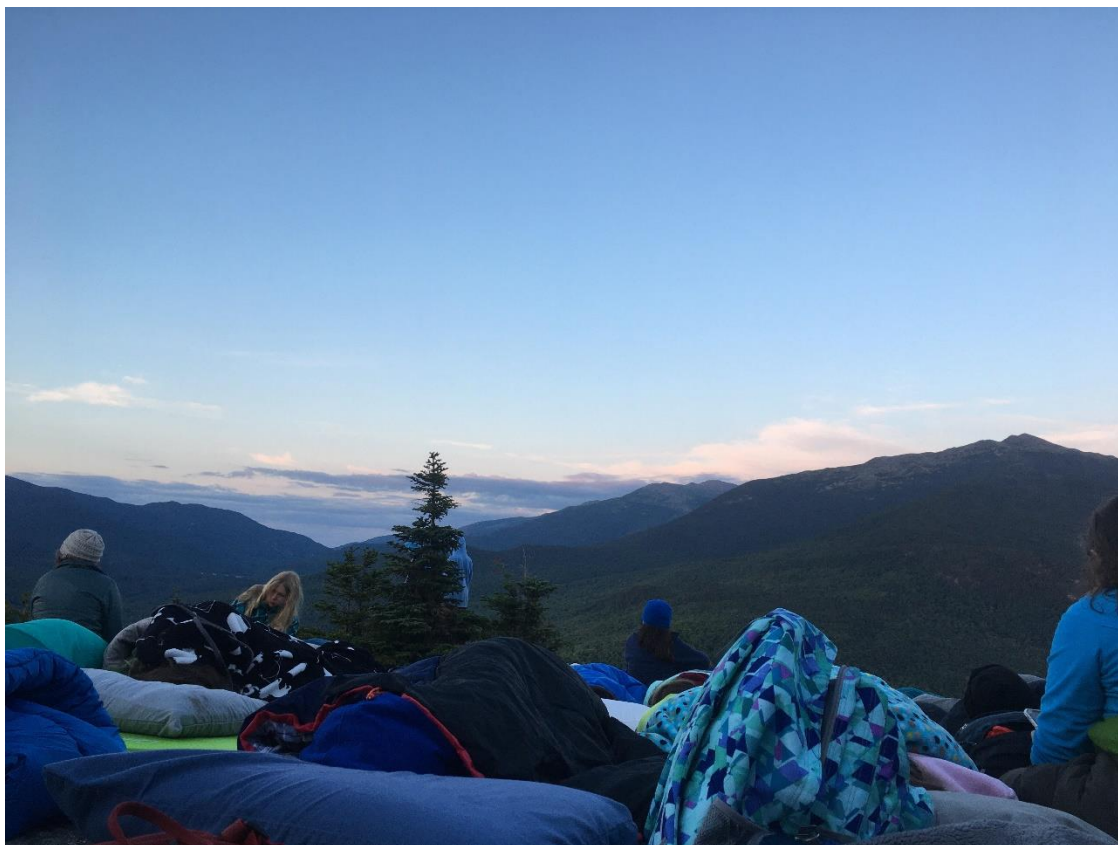


Plymouth Congregational, United Church of Christ

12th Sunday after Pentecost: Caring For Creation



Aug 15, 2021

9:30 am

A Just Peace Church
An Open and Affirming Congregation
A God is Still Speaking Congregation
Our faith is 2000 years old; our thinking isn't.

Per CDC guidelines, masks are strongly encouraged in our congregation as we are indoors.

GATHERING

*those who are able and willing may stand

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Arioso

Noel Rawsthorne

The prelude is an invitation to personal preparation for worship.

*Call to Worship

One: We come before God, a great lighthouse, one offering energy and a path.

All: We are grateful for this energy.

One: We may become this light.

All: We want to share this energy, not hide it.

One: Let us learn to live with wide eyes, with wonder and belief.

All: May God fill our bodies with this holy truth and light.

*Hymn

Sanctuary

John W. Thompson

Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy
Tried and true
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you
Through stained glass windows
Flow streams of color
Like your Son's love,
Open my eyes
Now I lay down
Before your altar
Lord your servant, am I
Lord prepare me
To be a sanctuary
Pure and holy
Tried and true
With thanksgiving
I'll be a living
Sanctuary for you

Passing of the Peace

We invite you to text or email someone a note of peace today. A hand-written note will work too.
(You could place this on someone's car or in their mailbox later today.)

Unison Gathering Prayer

(To the tune of "Eye Of The Tiger")

All: Those who wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength: they shall mount up with wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint: help us Lord, help us Lord in thy way. Amen.

Silence for Personal Reflection

God's Promise of New Life

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. The message for all ages will truly be intergenerational this morning so if children want to stay in the pews that is okay too!

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Readings

Psalm 104

One: Holy One, be with the meditations of our hearts and minds. Grant that Your Spirit speaks comfort and challenge to us on this day. May we rest and lean into Your comfort and strength today. We pray that Your spirit moves between words and hearing.

All: Amen.

Message

What We Did This Summer

Rev. Rob Grabill

***Hymn**

Kum Ba Yah
Kum Ba Yah (x8)
Somebody's singing, Lord
Kum Ba Yah (whoa)
Somebody's singing, Lord
Kum Ba Yah (whoa)
Somebody's singing Lord
Kum Ba Yah
We're singing rain, storm, fire, wind,
Kum Ba Yah
Kum Ba Yah (x8)
Somebody's praying...
Somebody's camping...
Somebody's hiking...

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

Joys and concerns

Pastor: Oh God, in Your grace and mercy . . .

All: 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.

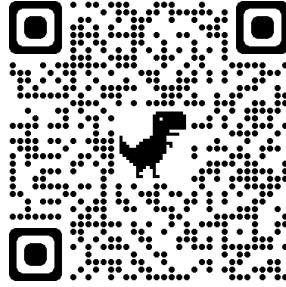
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

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

Miniatures for Organ: 18. Allegro semplice Herbert Howells
We invite you to remember your support for the ministry of PCUCC.



*Doxology

(To the tune of "Rock Around The Clock")
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 present these gifts, oh God. Let these offerings be your love in the world. Let these be a lighthouse whining a way: let these gifts offer hope and peace to those most in need. Let us become your hands and feet. We pray all this for Love's sake. Amen.

SENDING

*Hymn

We Come From the Mountain

HC Chorale

We come from the mountain, we come from the mountain
Go back to the mountain and turn the world around
We come from the mountain
Go back to the mountains and turn the world around
We come from the water, we come from the water
Go back to the water, and turn the world around
We come from the water
Go back to the water and turn the world around

We come from the fire, we come from the fire
Go back to the fire, and turn the world around
We come from the fire
Go back to the fire and turn the world around
We come from the sky, we come from the sky
Go back to the sky, and turn the world around
We come from the sky
Go back to the sky and turn the world around
So we come from the mountain, we come from the water
Go back to the fire and turn the world around
We come from the sky
Go out from the mountain, and turn the world around
Turn the world around!

***Benediction** Johnny Appleseed Prayer

All: Oh, the Lord's been good to me. And so I thank the Lord For giving me the things I need: The sun, the rain and the Appleseed; Oh, the Lord's been good to me.

Postlude We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight Anthony Giamonco

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

Rev. Rob Grabill will be happy to greet you outside the church as you leave

Keeping in Prayer:

Prayers for the Wei's for their stay in Texas
Prayers of sympathy for the Stecher family
Galen Doscher, son of Fred & Margee Doscher
Brian Paine
Thoughts & Prayers for Terry Cote
Rev. Rich Weymouth – family of Lisa Lovett
Timothy Wei, Susan & Philip Wei's Son
Prayers & Healing for Ruth Monroe
Mae Larson, Rebecca Larson's Mother-in-law
Rob & Monica Heal & family, Marlin Collingwood's brother-in-law
Continued prayers for Masvingo UCCZ in Zimbabwe
Bob, Georgene Fabian's brother and his wife, Joan
Prayers for Sam Lovett as Spirit calls him to ministry!
Marjorie Glidden and family
Dick & Paulette Brace
Alice & Margaret Avery
Annie Rice, Bev Tedeschi's mother
Sue Switaj
Jean Nilson, Susan Wei's sister
Judy Detzel, friend of Hanna Starck

Prayers for those administering and receiving COVID-19 vaccines.
All those who are sick or have family member/s who have passed during the pandemic.
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

Today	9:30 AM	12 th Sunday after Pentecost
	6:30 PM	Worship service airs on PBTv (this week's TV view will be from August 8th, 2021)

Staff meetings end of August

For Pastoral emergencies while Rev. Sara Holland is away, please call
Rev. Sam Lovett at: 603-229-4727 or Eileen Torrey at: 603-252-7513

Important note: we will continue to stream our service online via Facebook and also have our service on PBTv.

Dear Church,

I am delighted to visit this weekend and join with some of the members of your faith community to talk about the importance of the Horton Center experience.

It turns out that Horton Center does a lot more than give campers a chance to have summer fun in the mountains. As we learn from this week's "Code Red" warning on climate from the United Nations, we are in the midst of an emergency. Our house is on fire. The values that we internalize at camp, and the leadership of our youth, are one of the best sources of hope we have as we grieve the destruction of God's creation. I am eager to join you in worship this Sunday!

Blessings,

Rev. Rob Grabill

We are pleased to announce that Rev. Sam Lovett will be our guest preacher on August 22nd!

Our walkway/ramp is finally under construction! Please use our parking lot entrance to enter the building or call the office during office hours to be let in the front door.

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of a few volunteers to help clean out the cabinets in the kitchen on August 17th and/or 18th

If you are able to help or have any questions please call

Donna Castor: 603-968-9627 or email her: dandbcastor@gmail.com

We are seeking out people to join a technology team which will include a rotation of folks to assist on Sunday mornings. Please let Rev Sara know if you are willing for this summer or fall. Training will be provided.

We want to encourage all community members (who are able) to get a COVID-19 vaccine. We hope that this will ensure the health and well-being of our most vulnerable community members.

Finance Committee - CHOOSE OUR CHURCH as your favorite charity on AMAZON SMILE and support our ministries and mission. We can be found by entering Plymouth Congregational Church or Plymouth* under Faith and Spiritual list only.

Once on AmazonSmile click on "Accounts and Lists" under your name, scroll down to "AmazonSmile Charity Lists" select "Faith and Spiritual" then either type Plymouth Congregational Church or Ply* to find all listings starting with Ply then select our church.

HANNAFORD prepaid grocery cards are available during this "stay-at-home" time of practicing safe distancing. Denominations of \$100, \$250 and \$500 are available. Finance orders cards regularly. Please let Linda or Ann know via phone or email what you would like to purchase. We will let you know when to mail your check to the church. If you shop at HANNAFORD for your essentials, please purchase a prepaid card. The church receives 5% of each card purchased. 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. Send to Plymouth Congregational UCC, P.O. Box 86, Plymouth, NH 03264. If you know of someone who is in need, please put them in touch with the church office or Pastor Sara.

Racial Justice Exploration: We are continuing these explorations this summer. We welcome new attendees and we pray you'll reach out to Pastor Sara if you are considering ways to get involved in these important efforts. We will meet next on August 31st at 7 pm via zoom.

This group is examining Layla Saad's *Me and White Supremacy*.

Book Group – Plymouth Congregational Book Group will meet at 10 am Monday, September 13th in the Church Parlor. Please join us as we gather in fellowship and discuss our first selection of the year: *Anxious People* By Fredrik Backman.

During that meeting, we will choose our selections for the remaining months.

All are welcome!

Any questions please contact Peggy Martin: pmartin03223@yahoo.com OR

Kathy Henning: henkat52@gmail.com

Our church is now meeting in person and digitally; we will continue to offer both options indefinitely. The Worship Services will continue to be live streamed on our Facebook page and are available on Sunday nights on PBTv at 6:30 pm. (Local channel 1302.) Please check for Constant Contact and the Facebook page for information about upcoming Worship Services.

Small, in person meetings are allowed as long as all people in groups agree to such a format. Zoom, google meet, Skype, phone, etc. may still be used! Please consider care for creation and reducing greenhouse emissions when scheduling in person meetings.

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 will be at the church for office hours Monday – Wednesday 10:30 – 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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Guest Preacher: Rev. Rob Grabill
Liturgists: Megan, Walker, Rohan, Tucker & Leif Magrauth

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Celebrating Birthdays in August in our Community:

August 1 Jan Bass
August 11 Arline Bownes
August 15 Dick Brace
August 15 Angi Francesco
August 17 Georgia Merrithew-Stone
August 21 Natalie Amtmann
August 22 Colton Hyde
August 24 Maeghan Warburton
August 29 Marti Shoemaker

If you have a birthday or anniversary in either of these two months that you would like listed, please email us at office@uccplymouth.org