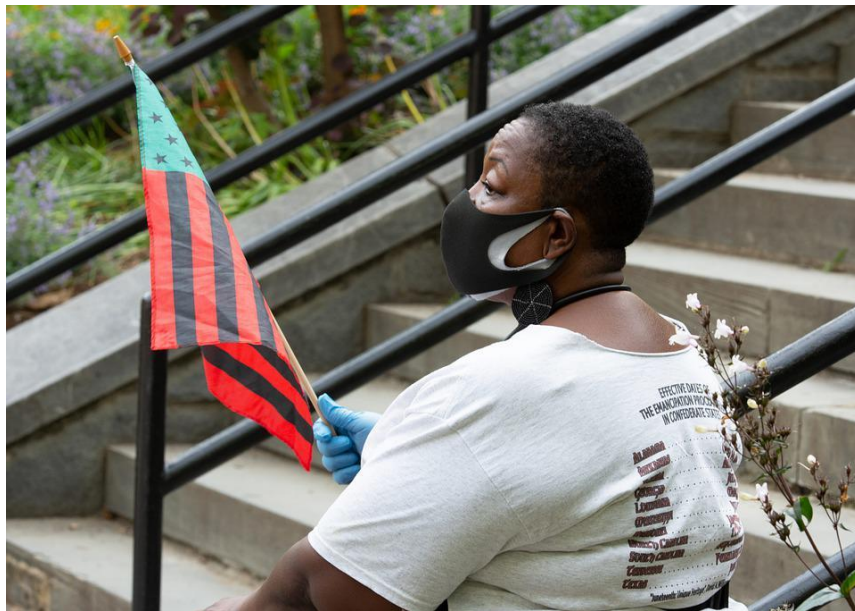


# Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ

Second Sunday after Pentecost: Juneteenth  
Reception of New Members  
Missional Service Trip Commissioning



June 19<sup>th</sup>, 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; **at this time, we strongly encourage masks.** If you have a tickle in your throat or you feel a bit under the weather, please wear a mask. Please inquire to people before assuming they are okay with physical contact.*

# GATHERING

**Music for Gathering**      Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kewnkhos'  
South African Freedom Song

## Welcome & Announcements

*Please, if you are new to our community and want to be more involved, leave your email address or address on an attendance pad or on our sign in sheet in the narthex / entrance of the building. You may also email us at [office@uccplymouth.org](mailto:office@uccplymouth.org). We are delighted to get to know you! Sunday School will resume in September. You may contact [faithformation@uccplymouth.org](mailto:faithformation@uccplymouth.org) to get more information about programming for children and families.*

**Prelude**      They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love      Peter Scholtes

\*Those who are able may stand.

## \*Call to Worship

Liturgist – John Anderson

*Louise Mangan & Nancy Wyse with Lori Farr*

One: O Holy Creator, you have prepared, for those who love you, joys beyond all understanding.

**All: Reveal your wisdom to us in this hour.**

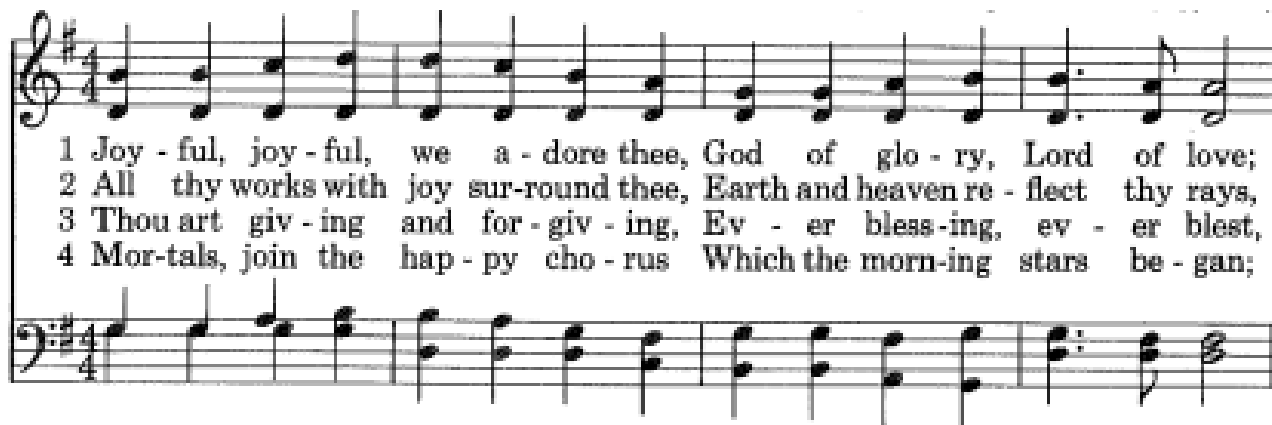
One: Fill our hearts with such a faith that, trusting you in all things, we may give freely of your graciousness.

**All: Reveal your purpose in this hour.**

One: Fulfill your dream of joy for all creation and let us join in this fulfillment.

**All: Reveal your love to all in this hour.**

**\*Hymn**      Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee      PH (red) #8



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, Earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,  
4 Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.  
 Stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
 Well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean depth of hap - py rest!  
 Fa - ther love is reign - ing o'er us, Broth - er love binds man to man.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, Drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Broth - er, All who live in love are thine;  
 Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.  
 Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in thee.  
 Teach us how to love each oth - er, Lift us to the joy di - vine.  
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life. A - men.

## Passing of the Peace

*We invite you to text or email someone a note of peace today. A hand-written note will work too!  
 We apologize for the change, but we will be switching back to virtual passing of the peace for this week  
 and until further notice.*

Leader: God be with you

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

## Unison Gathering Prayer

Gracious and loving God, we are so grateful for new friends and family. We come with hearts of gratitude even as we long for world peace, right ways, and justice. Let us have a deep sense of your presence and let us settle into your love during this time, so that we will more fully carry your hope to all the world. With the saints of all the ages we lift our hearts to praise you forever. Amen.

## *Silence for Personal Reflection*

### God's Promise of New Life

One: Glorious Spirit, we have too often let our doubts get ahead of our faith. We have become divided from our neighbors and even the people to whom we are closest.

All: Let us find restoration in faith this hour. Comfort our hearts and challenge our minds that we may know unity is indeed possible. It is with such hope that we sing:

### 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.

### Reception of New Members

*We invite forward Edith Doherty, Dawn-Marie Jackson, & Stephen Stanley*

**Community Covenant:** We covenant one with another to seek and to respond to the Word and will of God. We purpose to walk together in the ways of the Lord, made known and to be made known to us. We hold it to be the mission of the Church to witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in all the world while worshipping God, and striving for truth, justice, and peace. As did our faith ancestors, we depend on the Holy Spirit to lead and empower us. We pray for the coming of the Kingdom of God and look with faith toward the triumph of righteous and eternal life.

**Words of Welcome:** We welcome you with joy into the life of our church! We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes, labors

and joys of life lived in Christian community. In the Spirit of Jesus, in laughter and in love, may we continue to grow together in faith, serving God and our neighbors.

## HEARING THE WORD

### Scripture Readings

1st Kings 19: 4-10

Galatians 3:23-29

One: Loving God, 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 your love might be made known to those most in need.

All: Amen

### Message

“Today”

Rev. Sara M. Holland

### \*Hymn

We Shall Overcome

NCH (black) #570

*Verses 1-2, 5-6*

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "We Shall Overcome". It consists of three systems of music. The first system is a single melodic line in 4/4 time, starting with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are: "1 We shall o - ver - come, we shall o - ver -" and "2 We'll go hand in hand, we'll go hand in". The second system continues the melody with lyrics: "come, we shall o - ver - come some day;" and "hand, we'll go hand in hand some day;". The third system features a vocal line and a bass line. The vocal line starts with a treble clef and the lyrics: "(1-6) Oh, deep in my heart, I do be - lieve,". The bass line is in the bass clef. There are various musical notations including notes, rests, and a triplet in the second system.



- 5 The truth shall make us free . . . some day.  
 6 We shall live in peace . . . some day.

## 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.

### Commissioning of the Missional Service Trip Crew

*We invite you to join us in praying for Rev. Sara Holland, Megan Magrauth, Walker Magrauth, Rohan Magrauth, Tucker Magrauth, Lief Magrauth, Natalie Boyer, and Anna Boyer between June 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> as they head to Roseburg, Oregon to grow in Christ, experience transitional housing and practice environmental justice through service work.*

One: God, we give you honor and praise this day.

**All: We are so grateful for the grace and guidance you give us.**

One: We thank you for calling this group of youth and adults.

**All: We celebrate their calling. Help them to be a witness to your love, O God, everywhere they go, and in the lives of those they will Serve. Give them unity and direction through Your Spirit.**

One: As they serve with love, we also pray that you mold each of their hearts.

Guide them to become generous and patient followers of Jesus'

Teachings. We give to your care this mission team.

**All: We dedicate these gracious volunteers to your service as they go forth as members of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ. We affirm our continued prayer and support as a congregation. Amen.**

### Prayer of Commissioning

## 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**                  Freedom Is a Constant Struggle                  Roberta Slavitt  
*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

*Louise Mangan & Nancy Wyse with Lori Farr*

**Blessed are you, O Power of Peace, for the abundance of mercies that grace our lives and enable us to share. Receive these gifts with the beauty of your tender compassion, even as you receive us. Accomplish through these gifts and our grateful commitment, the work of love for the sake of creation. With Christ, in Christ, and through Christ in the unity of the Spirit. Let us become compassion and love with these gifts! Amen.**

# SENDING

\*Hymn

Be Now My Vision

NCH (black) #451

*UNISON*

The musical score is written for a unison voice part. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are arranged in four stanzas, each corresponding to a system of music. The first system includes a four-line stanza. The second system includes a four-line stanza. The third system includes a four-line stanza. The fourth system includes a four-line stanza. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and moving lines in the bass clef.

1 Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart;  
2 Be now my wis - dom, and be my true word;  
3 Rich - es I need not, nor life's emp - ty praise,  
4 Sov - ereign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

noth - ing sur - pass - es the love you im - part—  
ev - er with - in me, my soul is as - sured;  
you, my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

You my best thought, by day or by night,  
Moth - er and Fa - ther, you are both to me,  
You and you on - ly are first in my heart,  
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.  
now and for - ev - er your child I will be.  
great God, my trea - sure, may we nev - er part.  
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.



## **\*Pastoral Benediction**

### **Postlude**

I'll Fly Away

Albert E. Brumley

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

### **Keeping in Prayer:**

Prayers for Al Mather and the family of Dorothy Smith

Prayers for Eileen and Campbell Lovett and for Mary Hart, Eileen's mother,  
who is in hospice

Prayers for the family of Terri Lessard, who recently passed away

Prayers for Sarah, wife of John Anderson, who is facing surgery

Prayers for Ellen who struggles with cancer, family member of Ruth & Dale Mosher

Condolences & prayers to Bev Tedeschi and the family of Annie Rice

Prayers of healing for Sue Switaj

Prayers for continued healing for Valerie, a dear friend of Sally Jensen

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

Mae Larson, Rebecca Larson's mother-in-law

For an end to gun violence, in the spirit of Isaiah 2:4

Prayers for the people of Ukraine

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](mailto:plymouthpastor@uccplymouth.org)

### **We welcome with love and gratitude:**

**Edith Doherty:** Edie has been involved with congregational churches for over 40 years. She is passionate about faith formation and mission in churches. She has connections to Connecticut and Indiana; she now lives in Plymouth. Edie's hobbies include knitting, gardening, crafts, cooking, crocheting and walking. Edie has been involved in our book group already and looks forward to getting to know many of you!

**Dawn-Marie Jackson:** Dawn-Marie is an outdoor enthusiast like many of us! She has been in NH for many years and currently lives in Campton. She has two adult children of whom she is very proud. She has previous religious ties to the United Methodist Church, like many of us!

**Stephen Stanley:** Steve lives in Ashland, NH every summer and also resides in Florida. Steve is a writer and has been interested in Christian communities for many years, having been involved in the Episcopal church for some time. Steve has a dog and enjoys reading, writing and traveling.

All three of our new members mentioned they appreciate how justice-focused and welcoming our congregation is; Rev Holland is working to pair each person with a more established member (someone who has been around for 5 years or more). If you feel called to such a task, please email or call Rev Holland.

### **This Week and More at PCUCC**

June 23                    5:00-6:00 Meals for Many  
June 24                    7:30 AA Meeting

### **Summer Organ Recital Series**

July 2022  
Sundays at 5:00 PM

#### **July 3 Justin Murphy-Mancini**

Artist Faculty in Organ, University of Southern Maine;  
Director of Church Music, First Religious Society (UU) of Newburyport, MA

#### **July 10 Wesley Hall**

Minister of Music and the Arts at the First Baptist Church of Worcester, MA

#### **July 17 Kristjon Imperio**

Dir. of Programs & Community Engagement, Pakachoag Music School of  
Greater Worcester (MA)  
Organist and Handbell Director, Wellesley Village Church, Wellesley, MA

#### **July 24 Laura Belanger**

Organist, Sanbornton Congregational Church  
Collaborative Pianist, Pemigewasset Choral Society

#### **July 31 Bruce Adami**

Organist, Christ Episcopal Church, Exeter, New Hampshire

#### **By-Law amendment to be voted on at annual meeting today.**

Text: By-law 'n' under Article V111, Church Council; A. The Council; 2: Duties of the Council are to (changes in red) n.provide for and **audit/review** by an independent, qualified **auditor/CPA/accountant** secured and deemed appropriate by the Council every five (5) years or whenever the Treasurer leaves that position before the end of a five (5) year interval.

**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. We have Sunday school in person, with masks on almost every Sunday! Volunteers are always welcome, please contact Jennifer Byam or Julie Kelsey for more information at [faithformation@uccplymouth.org](mailto:faithformation@uccplymouth.org).

**Stewardship Update:** As we look to A Future with Hope, we are pleased to update that we are more than halfway to our 2022-23 Stewardship Campaign goal of \$180,000. As of June 27<sup>th</sup>, we have received 46 pledges totaling \$160,742. Thank you to all who have pledged their financial support. If you have not yet pledged, please prayerfully consider doing so by returning a pledge card to PCUCC at PO Box 86, Plymouth, dropping it in the collection plate on Sunday, or emailing your commitment to the treasurer at [treasurer@uccplymouth.org](mailto:treasurer@uccplymouth.org). If you have any questions, please contact Linda LaPrad or Ann Thurston. THANK YOU!

**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 Gift 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. This winter, we have 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.*

**Our Little Food Pantry:** Our pantry needs restocking. Please bring donations of food and place in basket at sanctuary door. Needed: Meals in a can like beef stew, tuna fish, canned fruit, cereal, snack bars. Cans with snap up tops preferred. Many thanks!

**Racial Justice Exploration:** We welcome new attendees, and we pray you'll reach out to Alison Thatcher at Baker.[AlisonT@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:plymouthpastor@uccplymouth.org) or on her work cell phone number at 336-485-5618 to set up a meeting.

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Special Musicians: Alison Thatcher and Ashley Rose

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### **Celebrating Birthdays in June in our Community**

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| Anna Boyer         | June 6 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Alice Avery        | June 8 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Kimberly Berman    | June 10 <sup>th</sup> |
| Abigail Ball       | June 13 <sup>th</sup> |
| Murry Swindell     | June 22 <sup>nd</sup> |
| Jay Buckley        | June 23 <sup>rd</sup> |
| Eleanor Spencer    | June 24 <sup>th</sup> |
| Mary Bohn Reynolds | June 25 <sup>th</sup> |
| Wesley Ball        | June 29 <sup>th</sup> |

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

