

Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ

Third Sunday after Pentecost



June 26, 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

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. We are delighted to get to know you! Sunday School will resume in September. You may contact faithformation@uccplymouth.org to get more information about programming for children and families.

Prelude

Where Have All The Flowers Gone?

Pete Seeger

*Those who are able may stand.

*Call to Worship

Liturgist – Eileen Torrey

One: Come, let us worship.

All: For we are in the presence of God our creator.

One: We are here because we have been blessed by God.

All: We are blessed by God because we are here.

One: While we are here, we are one Body.

All: When we leave, we will be the body of Christ in the world. Let us celebrate as the Body of Christ. Amen

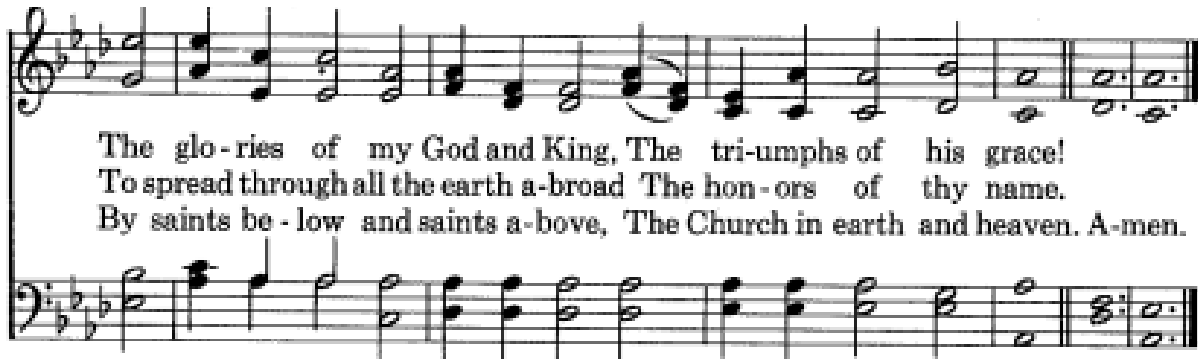
*Hymn

O For A Thousand Tongues

PH (red) #223

1 O for a thou-sand tongues to sing My great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, As-sist me to pro-claim,
3 Glo-ry to God and praise and love Be ev-er, ev-er given

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O For A Thousand Tongues". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff, with three numbered lines of text corresponding to the three lines of the hymn.



The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of his grace!
 To spread through all the earth a-broad The hon-ors of thy name.
 By saints be-low and saints a-bove, The Church in earth and heaven. A-men.

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

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.

Unison Gathering Prayer

Gracious God, we give you thanks for all your goodness to us. We bless you for our creation, preservation and all the blessings of this life, but above all for your love in the redemption of the world by Jesus Christ, for the means of grace. Give us awareness that our hearts may be thankful and that we may show your praise not only with our lips but in our lives by giving ourselves to your service all the days of our lives in Christ. Amen

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.

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Readings

1 Corinthians 12:14-27

John 1:4-5, 12:35-36

One: Creator 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

Sermon

“Coping with Crises as Christians”

Rev. Bill Torrey

*Hymn

O For A World

NCH (black) #575

1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

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

Siciliano *from Sonata II for flute*

J.S. Bach

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

Accept, O Lord, we pray this offering we make. Cause it to be used to the glory of your name in the work of your kingdom. Show us in bringing, not only gifts, but our whole life in your service through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

*Hymn

Once to Every Man and Nation

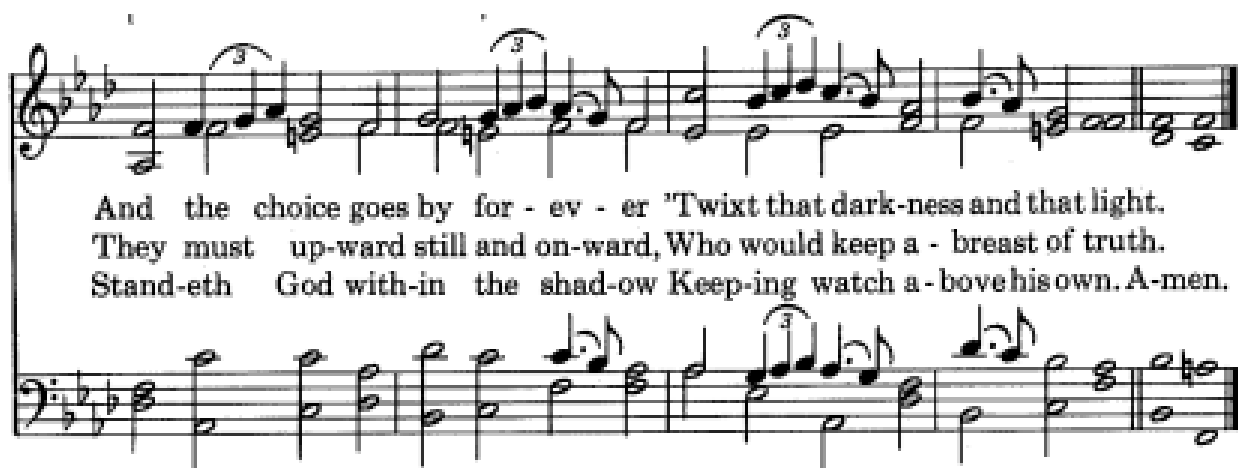
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In unison

1 Once to ev - ery man and na - tion Comes the mo - ment to de - cide,
2 By the light of burn - ing mar - tyrs, Je - sus' bleed - ing feet I track,
3 Though the cause of e - vil pros - per, Yet 'tis truth a - lone is strong,

In the strife of truth with false - hood, For the good or e - vil side;
Toil - ing up new Cal - varies ev - er With the cross that turns not back;
Truth for - ev - er on the scaf - fold, Wrong for - ev - er on the throne.

Some great cause, God's new mes - si - ah, Of - fering each the bloom or blight,
New oc - ca - sions teach new du - ties, Time makes an - cient good un - couth;
Yet that scaf - fold sways the fu - ture, And, be - hind the dim un - known,



***Pastoral Benediction**

Postlude Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah John Hughes, arr. Robertson

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

Keeping in Prayer:

Condolences and prayers for the family and friends of David Huff,
 who recently passed away
*Memorial service to be held here at
 Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ on Friday, July 1st*

Condolences & prayers for Eileen Lovett and the family of Mary Hart,
 who recently passed away
 Condolences and prayers for Al Mather and the family of Dorothy Smith,
 who recently passed away
 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
 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
Prayers for Mae Larson, Rebecca Larson's mother-in-law
Prayers for our youth mission group as they serve in Oregon
Prayers 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

This Week and More at PCUCC

June 30 5:00-6:00 Meals for Many
July 1 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

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!

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 27th, 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. If you have any questions, please contact Linda LaPrad or Ann Thurston. THANK YOU!

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 in September. 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. 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.

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 June and July in our Community

Anna Boyer	June 6 th	Justice Merrithew-Stone	July 6 th
Alice Avery	June 8 th	Marilyn Wixson	July 6 th
Kimberly Berman	June 10 th	Tammy Lawler	July 7 th
Abigail Ball	June 13 th	Sally Jean Jensen	July 8 th
Murry Swindell	June 22 nd	Lorelei Paine	July 8 th
Jay Buckley	June 23 rd	Johanna Bentwood	July 17 th
Eleanor Spencer	June 24 th	Alfie Kerr	July 18 th
Mary Bohn Reynolds	June 25 th	John Anderson	July 21 st
Wesley Ball	June 29 th	Rose Shimberg	July 24 th
		Bev Newton	July 26 th
		Bill Torrey	July 31 st

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

