

Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost:
“Your Faith Has Made You Well”



October 9, 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.

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

GATHERING

Prelude

The Shepherd's Song

Joseph Haydn

Welcome & Announcements

Please, if you are new to our community and want to be more involved, leave your email address in the attendance pad or email us at office@ucplymouth.org. We are delighted to get to know you! Feel free to gather toys, books, and children's bulletins, which can be found in the narthex, for your children to enjoy during their time in worship. You may contact office@ucplymouth.org to get more information about programming for any age.

Introit

Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit

John Helgen

*Those who are able may stand.

***Call to Worship**

Liturgist – Rev. Sara M. Holland

One: Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

All: Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; your mercy is like the great deep; your grace is for us all!

One: O God, how precious is your steadfast love! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

All: Let us feast on your word and on hope; let us find your abundance.

One: Let us delight in your holy word; we seek the fountain of life. Let us see Love so clearly in this hour.

All: Let us find your righteousness, your mercy and the grace you have provided.

Based on Psalm 36

***Hymn**

Rising in Darkness

NCH (black) #90

***Passing of the Peace**

If you are at home we invite you to send someone a note of peace today.

One: God be with you

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Unison Gathering Prayer

Creator God, we come with gratitude for the moments to dwell in your love. Let us see your blessings in the simplest moments of life and let these motivate us to bring your love to the world. Throughout our lives we will need your mercy and so we find ourselves in today's gospel word. Let us become vulnerable to the truths that we most need, so that we might be prepared to heal the world. We pray all this for Love's sake and in Jesus' name. Amen.

Moments for confession including silence for personal reflection

God's Promise of New Life

One: Redemptive God, we seek faith that will make us well – not just physically – but spiritually and emotionally. Let us see the beauty of our brokenness and dare to lean into your divine love.

All: May we find ourselves in your mercy today. Let us not forget that there is neither power nor principality that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. It is for this promise that we sing:

Response

Spirit of Love

NCH (black) #58

Though we have frayed the fabric of your making, tearing away from all that you intend, yet, to be whole, humanity is aching - come, work with us, and weave us into one.

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!

NCH (black) #528:

You are the seed that will grow a new sprout,

You're the star that will shine through the day.

You are the yeast and a small grain of salt, a beacon to glow in the night.

Go, my friends, go to the world, proclaiming love to all:

Messengers of my forgiving peace, eternal love.

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Readings

Psalm 111, adapted

Luke 17:11-19

One: O Holy One – may the meditations of our hearts and minds be acceptable to you, O God, for you our rock, a great foundation. We pray that your Spirit moves between words and hearing.

All: Amen

Message

“Foreigner”

Rev. Richard N. Slater

*Hymn

Abide With Me

PH (red) #209

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

Psalm 150 “Praise God in His Holy Temple”

Nathan Jensen

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**

All: Holy and mysterious savior, you have indeed been merciful and gracious. We have received from a great bounty and sometimes we have forgotten this. We come humbly and return thanks in this very moment, on this very day. This is a simple offering of us, your beloved people. As you always recall us, God, let us remember our neighbors. Let us remember those who are in need, especially the widow, the orphan, and ones who are too commonly forgotten. Carry these, our humbly offerings, to the farthest corners of the earth. Amen.

SENDING

***Hymn**

We Are Marching

NCH (black) #526

***Pastoral Benediction**

Choral Benediction

God of Love, Hear Our Prayer

John Helgen

Postlude

All Nature Sings

Alfred V. Fedak

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

Keeping in Prayer:

Condolences and prayers for Megan Magrauth and family,
whose father recently passed away
Prayers for Jaime Armstrong, niece of Marlin Collingwood,
who will be undergoing surgery for breast cancer
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 Sage Pirnie and her family,
granddaughter of Diane Arsenault and Pete Pirnie
Prayers for Polly Bartlett, who struggles with cancer
Prayers for Mae Larson, Rebecca Larson's mother-in-law
Prayers for an end to gun violence, in the spirit of Isaiah 2:4
Prayers for communities affected by war and for all immigrants
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 write on the yellow card in the pews and place it in the offering tray, or email her at plymouthpastor@uccplymouth.org

This Week and More at PCUCC

Oct 10	10:00 Book Group
Oct 12	9:30 Lectio Divina
Oct 12	11:30 Staff Meeting
Oct 13	5:00 Meals for Many
Oct 13	7:00 Choir Rehearsal
Oct 15	NH Conference UCC Annual Meeting
Oct 20	Evening Peace Rally
Oct 23	Ukama Sunday
Nov 6	New Member Sunday

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. Please contact Jennifer Byam or Julie Kelsey for more information about Sunday School 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. To give to the HOPE Fund, 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. *There is a need for affordable housing. If you know of anything, please let Pastor Sara know*

Book Group: The book group will meet in person on October 10th and via Zoom on October 11th to discuss Caste by Isabel Wilkerson, and will continue to meet every second and fourth Monday at 10:00am. Any questions please contact Peggy Martin at pmartin03223@yahoo.com or Kathy Henning at henkat52@gmail.com.

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

Pastor's Office Hours

Monday – Wednesday 10:30 AM – 3:30 PM or by 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.

Rev. Sara M. Holland, Pastor

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Guest Preacher: Rev Richard Slater; Associate Conference Minister, NH Conference UCC

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Celebrating Birthdays in October in our Community

Paul Mason	October 1	Liam Kane	October 16
Paulette Brace	October 2	Donna Castor	October 17
Sarah Lovett Simpson	October 3	Steve Rand	October 17
Bob Curry	October 8	Dawn Shimberg	October 17
Susan Wei	October 8	Alice O'Connor	October 20
Dawn Marie Jackson	October 14	Amey Bailey	October 24
Deborah Engelhardt	October 15	Carol Stewart	October 28
John Fallon	October 15	Chase Woodsum	October 30
Larry Spencer	October 15		

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