

GATHERING

Prelude

Shall We Gather at the River

arr. Joel Raney

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@uccplymouth.org. We are delighted to get to know you! Sunday School runs from mid-September to mid-June. 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, or use the nursery downstairs.

You may contact office@uccplymouth.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 – Natalie Boyer

One: We come to listen for your voice this hour, Divine Shepherd.

All: Grant us a deeper understanding of our belovedness.

One: We want to feel so close to your Spirit in this hour, that we will move with courage and faith in all we do.

All: Grant us your grace on this very day, that we may carry out your service.

One: We come in humble prayer and praise this hour – hear us Holy One.

All: Grant us the heights of joy and your blessed peace. Hear your people join in sacred song for your Love's sake!

***Hymn**

I Am Thine, O Lord

United Methodist #419

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice, and it
2. Con - se - crate me now to thy ser - vice, Lord, by the
3. O the pure de - light of a sin - gle hour that be -
4. There are depths of love that I can - not know till I

told thy love to me; but I long to rise in the
 power of grace di - vine; let my soul look up with a
 fore thy throne I spend, when I kneel in prayer, and with
 cross the nar - row sea; there are heights of joy that I

arms of faith and be clos - er drawn to thee.
 stead - fast hope, and my will be lost in thine.
 thee, my God, I com - mune as friend with friend!
 may not reach till I rest in peace with thee.

Refrain

Draw me near - er, near-er, bless-ed Lord, to the
 near - er, near - er,

cross where thou hast died. Draw me near - er, near - er,

near-er, bless-ed Lord, to thy pre - cious, bleed - ing side.

***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

Holy One, we humbly come before you this morning seeking peace and hoping to be inspired. As we hear notes, melodies, and your sacred word, let us gain a deeper sense of how we belong in your love and care. Center our spirits around your love in this hour. Let us know that your presence is persistent and that we may count on your constancy. 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: God, whose love knows no ends, we want to be compelled to spread kindness and peace throughout all the world. Let us see that in our struggles you join us and let us feel your presence.

All: May we see how you long to be with us, always. Let us recall the promises of your holy words and the covenant before us, the same one that was laid out before our faith ancestors; hear your followers sing on this very day:

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 Genesis 32:22-31 Luke 18:1-8

One: Gracious God, let the meditations of our hearts and minds be acceptable to you; let us find you as both rock and redeemer. We pray that your Spirit moves between words and hearing.

All: Amen

Message “God Will Grant Justice” Rev. Sara M. Holland

***Hymn** Come, O Fount of Every Blessing NCH (black) #459

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

Canon of Praise

Natalie Sleeth

We invite you to remember your support for the ministry of PCUCC. Today we reflect on our support of Voices against Violence and welcome Meg Kennedy Dugan from their amazing agency.

*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: Heavenly Creator, thank you for meeting our needs of which we are unaware. Your holy word encourages us to give honor to you with the first fruits of our wealth; challenge our minds, hearts, and souls to meet this sacred word. Accept our tithes and offerings as a gift of worship. Multiply what we give so that your realm will grow here on earth – that children will not go hungry and homeless, that the lonely will have the outreach they need and that the widows will receive the full care they need. May Christ dwell in our hearts so that we will be rooted in love. Amen.

SENDING

*Hymn

Children of God

NCH (black) #533

*Pastoral Benediction

Choral Benediction

God of Love, Hear Our Prayer

John Helgen

Postlude

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

arr. Jack Schrader

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 19	9:30 Lectio Divina
Oct 20	5:00 Meals for Many
Oct 20	7:00 Choir Rehearsal
Oct 21	8:00 AA Meeting
Oct 23	Ukama Sunday
Oct 24	10:00 Book Group
Oct 27	Evening Peace Rally
Oct 30	Remembrance Sunday
Nov 6	New Member Sunday

Thank you for supporting Voices Against Violence this morning. PCUCC has partnered with V.A.V. for many years to support victims and survivors of domestic violence. You can reach their 24-Hour Crisis Line by dialing 1-877-221-6176.

Remembrance Sunday: On October 30 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 Rev. Sara or the church office by October 26.

Support PCUCC with no cost to you! By choosing our church as your favorite charity through **AmazonSMILE**, Amazon will donate to the charity you designate at 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.

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 24th and via Zoom on October 25th 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.

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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, please email to: office@uccplymouth.org