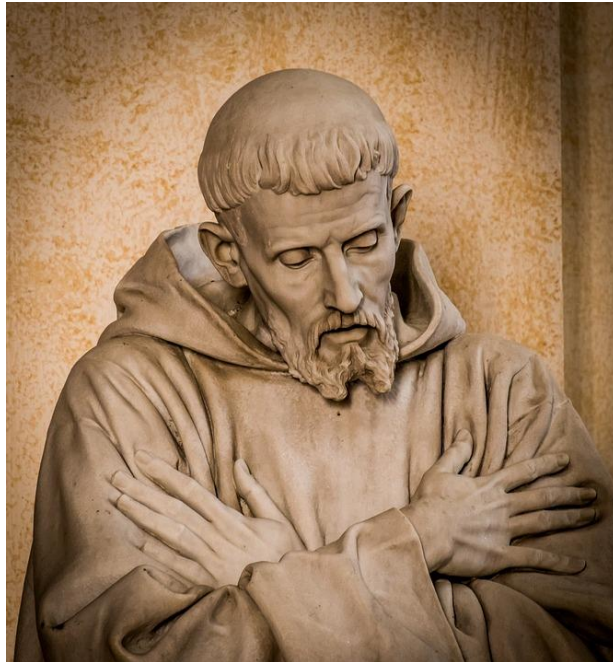


# Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost:  
All Saints Sunday – Transforming Love



*Saint Francis of Assisi*

**October 30, 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

Nearer, My God, to Thee

F. Himmelreich

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:office@uccplymouth.org) to get more information about programming for any age.*

Introit

In Thy Temple

L. Zanineli

\*Those who are able may stand.

**\*Call to Worship**

Liturgist – Bill Heron

One: We come to affirm our historic faith and remember our ancestors.

**All: We come to worship the God of our faith parents.**

One: We have come to remember the gracious gifts of the divine.

**All: We come to respond to the mighty works of God in our lives.**

One: We have come to affirm our trust in the God of all futures,

**All: Our faith ancestors showed us we ought to offer thanks and praise,  
and so we come humbly . . .**

(Ruth Duck, *Bread for the Journey*, 1981; adapted)

**\*Hymn**

Lift Your Heads, O Martyrs, Weeping

NCH (black) #445

**\*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

(inspired by Revelation 7:9-17)

We seek and find you in creation, O God, in the world you have made and the people you have called. Your vulnerable, powerful Lamb is our shepherd and guide, leading us to share the shelter of your abundant life. Let us recognize you here in the beauty of this morning and in its challenge; may the risen one, your shepherd-lamb, lead us to act for your justice and peace: so that all may drink from your springs of the waters of life, and find their tears of sorrow and pain wiped away. In the name of the risen one we pray: Amen.

### *Moments for confession including silence for personal reflection*

#### God's Promise of New Life

One: The sacred text to us is a word of forgiveness and radical acceptance – a word of deep grace. We are loved and accepted; we are beloved.

All: We pray for a deeper understanding of your promise, O God. Let us recall that there is nothing, nothing here or anywhere else that can separate us from our Creator, our Parent and our Sustainer. And so we sing with such a hope:

#### 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

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

Ephesians 1:11-23

One: Gracious God, let the meditations of our hearts and minds be acceptable to you; let us find your comfort and challenge during this time. We pray that your Spirit moves between words and hearing.

All: Amen

## Message

“Know With Your Heart”

Rev. Sara M. Holland

## \*Hymn

For All the Saints

PH (red) #306

# 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 & Remembering All Saints

Sid Lovett

Margaret Avery

Marge Glidden

Fran Lewis

Dorothy Smith

Julian “Shoe” Shoemaker

Lynda Swenson

Lenny Swenson

## 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** Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord – Psalm 34 Thomas Keesecker  
*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: God of wind, earth, mountain, and beach – accept these offerings. In many times and ways, Your hope has been revealed in Christian communities and in the saints of our friends and families – let it be so, again. Let these offerings move with the speed of spirit and of wind. Bless these gifts as well as our bodies, minds, and hearts, that your love might be proclaimed to those who are most in need – the orphan, the desolate, the one who struggles with rent and those who are too commonly forgotten. We pray all this in Jesus' name. Amen.

## SENDING

**\*Hymn** I Sing a Song of the Saints of God NCH (black) #295

**\*Pastoral Benediction**

**Choral Benediction** God of Love, Hear Our Prayer John Helgen

**Postlude** Built on the Rock Ludvig M. Lindeman, arr. Robinson

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

**Keeping in Prayer:**

Prayers for Paulette Brace for a speedy recovery from surgery  
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](mailto:plymouthpastor@uccplymouth.org)*

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

Oct 30	Racial Justice Fellowship Hour
Oct 30	5:00 Sunday Nitters hosted by Eleanor & Larry Spencer
Nov 1	7:00 AA Meeting
Nov 1	7:00 Zoom Book Group: <u>Caste</u>
Nov 2	9:30 Lectio Divina
Nov 2	6:15 Coffee House: Vote your Values!
Nov 3	5:00 Meals for Many
Nov 3	7:00 Choir Rehearsal
Nov 4	8:00 AA Meeting
Nov 6	New Member Sunday
Nov 12	5:00 Concert: Alex Hayashi, oboe & Kristjon Imperio, organ/piano

**Racial Justice Fellowship Hour:** Please join us downstairs in the Fellowship Hall after worship to view a brief video about individuals' experiences with racism in New England. Join in a discussion and enjoy some tasty treats!

**Looking for paintings, drawings, stained glass, and photography** of Advent, Christmas, and winter scenes by our artists and artists in our

communities to grace our sanctuary walls. Please spread the word. Bring to church by Sunday, Nov. 15.

**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:** It's not too late to join the discussion of Isabel Wilkerson's Caste! Join us via zoom Tuesday, Nov. 2 at 7:00 pm, even if you didn't get a chance to read it. For questions about future book group reads, please contact Peggy Martin at [pmartin03223@yahoo.com](mailto:pmartin03223@yahoo.com) or Kathy Henning at [henkat52@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 and Anniversaries in November in our Community

Ivan Bass	November 1	Cameron Brand	November 21
Leif Magrauth	November 2	Marian Sawicki	November 28
Nick Zwald	November 5	Ruth Martz	November 29
Michael Conklin	November 11	Ann Thurston	November 29
John Shaw	November 13	Jane Merrithew	November 30
Georgene Fabian	November 18		

Margot W. and Robert F. Swift celebrate 60 years of marriage on November 24th

If you have a birthday or anniversary this month or next, please email to:  
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