

# Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ

**Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost:  
Communion Sunday – Hold on to Faith**



**November 6, 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 working to be an Anti-racist 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

Supplication

Richard, Ferber

## 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! On Communion*

*Sundays, children spend the entire worship time in Sunday School. Feel free to gather toys, books, and children's bulletins, which can be found in the narthex, if your children would prefer to remain in worship.*

*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 – Carol Stewart

One: Sing out to God, whose mercy is everlasting and unimaginable!

**All: How can we sing God's song when so many are without?**

One: Sing to God, God's faithfulness will renew us this morning!

**All: How can we sing God's song when so many are gone?**

One: Sing to God, who has not forgotten the melodies of salvation!

**All: Let us remember the joy of God and sing a new song this very day.**

*(Lamentations 3, Psalm 137)*

### \*Hymn

We Are Your People

NCH (black) #309

*Verses 1-2 & 5-6*

### \*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

Almighty and gentle God, even as the drums of warfare beat on through the night, even as the cries of injustice linger in the morning, even as the hustle of busyness rumbles through the day, quiet our hearts. Still our thoughts. Join us in worship this very day. Remember us in your mercy as we try to remember you, through the proclamation of your good news, in story and in song, and through the hospitality of your gracious table. Welcome us again, O Holy One, for you are named as Love and revealed in Christ. Amen.

### *Moments for Confession and Silence for Personal Reflection*

#### God's Promise of New Life

One: Great Spirit of Truth, we return once again to your holy love. Let our hearts be open so that we may become the peace and justice the world needs.

All: God of many names, you have told us it does not matter how far we have strayed. Let us be so aware of the way that grace abounds in your mystery and how we can exist in your Love. We sing out for your mercy:

**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.

## HEARING THE WORD

**Scripture Reading**

Luke 19:1-10

One: Blessed redeemer, grant that our meditations and thoughts will be so compelling and comforting this hour that our lives will transform for the greater good and your Love. We pray that your voice moves between words and hearing.

All: Amen

**Message**

“Four Times As Much”

Rev. Sara M. Holland

**\*Hymn**

Break Thou the Bread of Life

PH (red) #254

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

### **Holy Communion**

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing Communion

*The Ushers will guide twelve participants at a time to the front to share Communion. Each person will be given a simple bread and juice cup as Pastor Sara offers simple words of blessing: “This is the bread of heaven and the cup of the new covenant.”*

*After each participant receives the elements, the group of 12 will take and eat. You will then be invited to return to your seats and the next group of twelve will take your place.*

***\*The bread is gluten & nut free and the juice is non-alcoholic.\****

### **Communion Music**

#### **Prayer of Thanks in Unison**

**Holy One, by coming to your table, we receive from your great abundance. We give thanks for Jesus Christ, through whom we receive life and in whom we are bound in covenant. Renew us, we pray, so that we may serve as Christ served. Amen.**

#### **Offertory Anthem**

As We Gather at Your Table

K. Lee Scott

*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: Gracious God, you create more than we could ever hope to return. You share more than we could ever hope to deserve. And yet, we pray, accept these humble gifts. May they honor and glorify you in all creation, and may they empower us for the work of witness and service, for the sake of justice, and for the sake of peace, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Prayers of the People**

You are 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.

# **SENDING**

**\*Hymn**                      To God Compose a Song of Joy                      NCH (black) #36  
*Verses 3-6*

## **\*Pastoral Benediction**

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

**Postlude**                      Miniatures for Organ, 13. Allegro giocoso                      Herbert Howells

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, who would love to receive cards at:  
Genesis Rehabilitation, 175 Blueberry Ln, Laconia NH 03246

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**

Nov 7	10:00 Book Group
Nov 8	7:00 AA Meeting
Nov 9	9:30 Lectio Divina
Nov 10	5:00 Meals for Many
Nov 10	7:00 Choir Rehearsal
Nov 11	8:00 AA Meeting
Nov 12	5:00 Concert: Alex Hayashi, oboe & Kristjon Imperio, organ/piano
Nov 16	6:15 LGBTQIAA+ Alphabet Soup Workshop
Nov 17	1:00 Knitting Group
Nov 22	7:00 Interfaith Gratitude Service
Nov 27	4:00 Organ Dedication

**LGBTQIAA+ Alphabet Soup Workshop:** We invite all interested church folks and family and friends to this educational Open & Affirming gathering. Whether you have lots of experience with LGBTQ folks or none, please come with a spirit of inquiry, questions, or confusion. We will have a comment/question box and will talk through the “gender-bread person”. Rev. Holland will lead this workshop along with LGBTQ leaders from this conference and from Southern New England.

**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.

**Book Group** will be meeting at 10:00 on the first and third Mondays of the month for November and December. In November we will be discussing The Soul of the Octopus by Sy Montgomery. The book for December is Walking the Bible by Bruce Feiler. In January we will meet on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> to discuss Afterlife by Julia Alvarez.

**Knitting Group** meets every other Thursday at 1:00 in the parlor. Come with your knitting, knitting questions, or just for some fellowship!

**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\*

**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: [office@uccplymouth.org](mailto:office@uccplymouth.org)