

Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ

Trinity Sunday
The Sacrament of Communion



June 4, 2023

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 be an Anti-Racism Church

Our faith is 2000 years old; our thinking isn't.

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

Unison Gathering Prayer

Watch over us, Holy God, as we take time to pray and to meditate on the continuing impact you have in our lives. Jesus offered us a path of service, of giving; Jesus showed us a Way. He represents to us Your gift of love and eternal Life. We are resurrection people no longer bound by fear of death but freed to become witnesses to Love. Nourish us to become like trees, planted beside streams of water which flourish and bear much fruit because of your constant attention. You offer abundant provision for our needs. Be known to us here in this hour and in your holy meal. Amen.

Moments for Confession and Silence for Personal Reflection

God's Promise of New Life

One: There is so much we do not understand; we come as we are, this hour, seeking a deeper understanding. We seek wisdom.

All: Praise be to God, for there is nothing – nothing here, nothing anywhere else that will separate us from the love of God in Jesus. It is for this promise and Spirit that we sing.

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 Psalm 8 Matthew 28: 16-20

One: Holy One, may the meditations of our hearts and minds be acceptable to You, for You are our rock and redeemer. We pray that You move between words and hearing.

All: Amen

Message "Always" Rev. Holland

***Hymn** Praise with Joy the World's Creator NCH (black) #273

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing Communion

The Usher/s 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 the officiant 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

Gracious and loving God, you have made us one in the body of Christ and nourished us at your table with holy food and drink. Now send us forth to be your people in the world and to proclaim peace and hope in your word. Grant us strength to persevere in resisting evil, and to proclaim in all we say and do your Good News in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Offertory Anthem

At the Name of Jesus

Healey Willan

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: Here, O God, is some of the abundance you have allowed us to manage for you while we are on your earth. May it be enough to draw us closer to you. May our hearts follow a growing devotion to your truth and expand our commitment to the unity in love that Jesus sought for all your children. Bless this offering and increase our joy in giving. 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** Creator God, Creating Still NCH (black) #278

***Choral Benediction** Out of the Depths I Cry to You Mark Sedio

***Pastoral Benediction**

Postlude A Mighty Fortress Martin Luther, arr. Pamela M. Robertson

The Postlude ends our gathered worship and sends us into the world where our true service begins.
Feel free to let the music lead you out, or stay to listen, however the Spirit moves you.

Keeping in Prayer:

Prayers and condolences for the Sweedler, Thibeault, and Moore families as they grieve the loss of beloved family member, Dina Repasy, after her sudden passing
Prayers for Alice Carey, friend of Alice O'Connor, who will be undergoing surgery
Prayers of joy for Natalie Boyer and Rohan Magrauth, who will be graduating high school
Prayers of joy for Weston Hyde, who has graduated college
Prayers of gratitude that Megan Magrauth is recovering well
Prayers and condolences for the family and friends of Butch Castor's cousin Paula, who recently passed away
Prayers for the family and friends of Cheryl Bernier
Prayers for Sherry Weymouth Morison, who is recuperating from cancer surgery
Prayers for Martha Richards, friend of Alice O'Connor
Prayers of comfort and strength for Ruth & Dale Mosher
Prayers for Matt, family member of Ruth Martz & Steve Majeski
Prayers for Sage Pirnie and her family, granddaughter of Diane Arsenault and Pete Pirnie
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 Polly Bartlett, who struggles with cancer
Prayers for Masvingo Church, our partner church in Zimbabwe

If you have a prayer request, you would like Rev. Holland to include in Sunday Worship, please write on the yellow card in the pews and place it in the offering tray, or send an email to plymouthpastor@uccplymouth.org

This Week and More at PCUCC

Tuesday, June 6	7:00 pm AA Meeting
Wednesday, June 7	9:30 am Lectio Divina
Wednesday, June 7	11:30 am Staff Meeting
Thursday, June 8	1:00 pm Knitting Group
Friday, June 9	8:00 pm AA Meeting
Sunday, June 18	10:30 am <u>Annual Congregational Meeting</u>
Sunday, June 18	4:00 pm Concert: NH Master Chorale

CHURCH LIFE

Youth Mission Fundraiser: At the end of this month our youth will be “greening up” local areas by collecting trash and recyclables and bringing them to a transfer station. You can support them by donating \$10 for them to fill a small garbage bag or \$20 to fill a large garbage bag. Your money will go towards their youth trip at Horton Center and towards helping the environment! Make a check out to PCUCC and write “Youth mission trip” in the memo or make a gift at uccplymouth.org/give and select 2023 Missional Service Trip.

3rd Sundays – New Members! To live more fully into God’s call to be inclusive, every 3rd Sunday will be New Member Sunday. Whether people join or not, we will be ready to welcome folks every month. As people join, we will ask them faith-related questions including confirmation of their willingness to attend a simple class. We hope these efforts are fruitful – all are welcome to follow the gospel call!

FROM FINANCE

Please submit all reimbursement requests you may have for the 2022-23 fiscal year to Finance by MONDAY, JUNE 5TH.

Stewardship Update: As of May 31st, we have received 47 pledges totaling \$141,100 towards our goal of \$180,000.

If you have already submitted your 2023-24 pledge, we thank you. Your financial gifts and stewardship support make a difference in helping our church reach people with the Good News of Jesus Christ. If you have not yet pledged, we ask that you prayerfully consider your financial support and send your pledge to PCUCC Finance by US mail at PO Box 86, Plymouth, NH 03264, or by email to treasurer@uccplymouth.org. Extra pledge cards can be found in the pews, on the table by the office or on the Constant Contact link.

With your support, we will continue to maintain our important ministry and mission. Because of you, our church changes lives.

Support PCUCC with 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.

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.

Rev. Holland keeps sabbath on Friday.

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Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries in June in our Community

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

Anna Boyer	June 6	Jay Buckley	June 23
Alice Avery	June 8	Eleanor Spencer	June 24
Kimberly Berman	June 10	Mary Bohn Reynolds	June 25
Abigail Ball	June 13	Wesley Ball	June 29
Edie Doherty	June 19	Mona Hoefs	June 29
Murray Swindell	June 22	Rebecca Larson	June 30

