

Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ

Ordinary Time:
Honoring and Celebrating Children & Youth



Our own Rohan, Natalie, Tucker, Anna, & Leif on the Oregon Coast in 2022

June 11, 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.

GATHERING

Prelude

Ave Maria

Gabriel Faure

Acolyte – Maris Thatcher-Forgues
Ushers – Abby Ball, Tessa Kelsey,
& Lorelei Paine

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! We have Sunday School between mid-September & mid-June. There are bags in the narthex which the kids may find to enjoy! You may contact office@uccplymouth.org to get more information about programming for any age.

Introit

God's Glory Fills the Whole Earth

Aaron David Miller

*Those who are able may stand.

*Call to Worship

One: Many voices and many names, we gather this hour:

All: To celebrate youth, to celebrate church, and to dare to love!

One: Many birds and creatures join in our celebration.

All: A celebration of all ages, of unity, of peace!

One: The morning is sweet and so is our coming together.

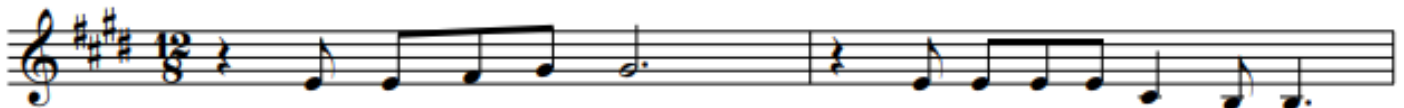
All: We raise our voices to celebrate love

One: Hear our songs, O Holy Spirit!

*Hymn

For Everyone Born *vs. 1-3, 5*

Shirley Erena Murray



1. For ev - ery - one born,
2. For wo - man and man,
3. For young and for old,
5. For ev - ery - one born,

a place at the ta - ble,
a place at the ta - ble,
a place at the ta - ble,
a place at the ta - ble,

for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - ci - ding the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,

a shel - ter a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace di - vi - ding the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,

for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head. And
 for wo - man and man, a sys - tem that's fair.
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be For

God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and
 joy com - pas - sion and peace: yes

God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,
 jus - tice and joy.

***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

Reader – Wesley Ball

Dear God, we thank you for the ways that all ages may bring your hope to the world. For the wisdom of the elders, like the grand owls. For the hope of the youngest, like the young birds. We are grateful for all ages and what they bring to the world and your church. Help us to move with your Spirit today. God help us know that your Spirit will strengthen and guide us each morning and each night, all our days. Let us learn from one another, no matter our age. Amen.

Moments for confession, including silence for personal reflection.

God's Promise of New Life

One: Too often we believe that we are too different to understand one another.
We seek your love this morning:

All: Let us appreciate the serious, the silly, the young, the old, the middle-aged! We seek your spirit in one another. It is for this promise and Spirit that we sing.

Response

Spirit of the Living God

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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.

Message For All Ages

Book: You Matter by Christian Robinson

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!

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Readings

Mark 10: 13-16

One: Here ends the reading from our tradition. May the Holy Spirit join us in our reflections. Let us find wisdom for today in these ancient words. O Holy Spirit, we pray that your grace would move between words and hearing.

All: Amen.

Message

“*All God’s Critters*”
Rev. Holland & the gathered congregation

All God’s Critters Got a Place in the Choir

Bill Staines

see insert; this tune will be scattered throughout our shared reflection / sermon

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

As You Go on Your Way

James Engel

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**

Reader – Alastair Goundrey

All: Morning Star, we give you thanks for all good things which bless us. We give you thanks for the gift of selfhood, for hearts and minds to see your miracles, and for relationships through which we are challenged to growth and new life. Amen.

SENDING

***Hymn**

All Things Bright and Beautiful

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***Choral Benediction**

The Lord Is My Hope

Aaron David Miller

***Pastoral Benediction**

Postlude

The Real Thing

arr. Marilyn Ham

Acolyte – Wesley Ball

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 for Lucy, cousin of Georgene

Prayers for UCCZ president, Rev. John Matiza, and his wife, Ketani Mtiza as they travel to New Hampshire at the end of this month

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 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 13	7:00 pm AA Meeting
Wednesday, June 14	9:30 am Lectio Divina
Wednesday, June 14	11:30 am Staff Meeting
Friday, June 16	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
Sunday, June 18	6:30 pm Sunday Nites
Thursday, June 22	1:00 pm Knitting Group
Monday, June 26	An all-Ukama evening potluck and program at Brookside Church in Manchester

CHURCH LIFE

Sunday Nites: Please join us for the last Sunday Nites of the year at the home of Eleanor and Larry Spencer, 73 Oak Hill Rd in Holderness, on Sunday, June 18 at 6:30 pm.

Thank you to all who have helped with fellowship hour! The Fellowship Committee thanks all the people who prepared and brought in food, set up tables, cleaned up, and especially came and enjoyed the fellowship. Today is the last coffee hour we will have till next September. Enjoy your summer!

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

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	Eleanor Spencer	June 24
Alice Avery	June 8	Mary Bohn Reynolds	June 25
Kimberly Berman	June 10	Terry Williams	June 27
Abigail Ball	June 13	Wesley Ball	June 29
Eddie Doherty	June 19	Mona Hoefs	June 29
Murray Swindell	June 22	Rebecca Larson	June 30
Jay Buckley	June 23		

