

# Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ

**Ordinary Time:  
Pride & Juneteenth Sunday  
Welcoming of New Members**



**June 18, 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.

Our service today begins with a Juneteenth commemoration  
on our church's front steps at 9:20.

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

# GATHERING

**Prelude**            Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'            South African Freedom Song

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

*And today is new member Sunday as it is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month;*

*please come forward during the 2<sup>nd</sup> hymn if you feel called to join our beloved faith community!*

\*Those who are able may stand.

## \*Call to Worship

Liturgist – Ruth Martz

One: A new day has begun, an opportunity to challenge ourselves, to learn something new.

**All: We come to celebrate both our differences and our similarities.**

One: Today is a new chance to practice acts of justice and love.

**All: We see God reflected in eyes of many colors. Jesus works through hands of various shades.**

One: We affirm that every single person is a beloved child of God,

**All: created in the divine diversity of God's image, deserving of our love and compassion, with a part to play in God's plan for justice.**

## \*Hymn

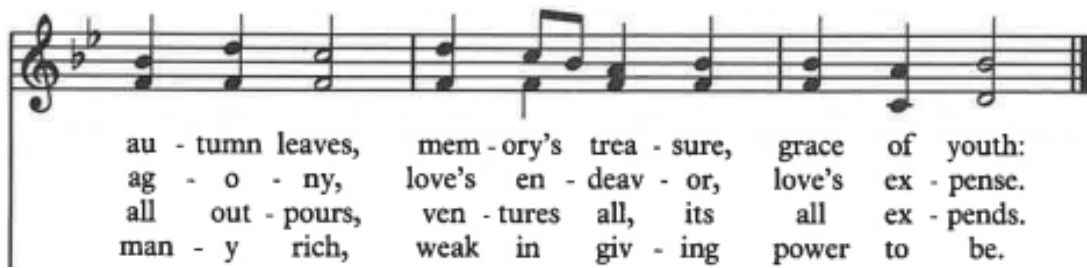
Morning Glory, Starlit Sky

UMH #194

Verses 1-4

1. Morn - ing glo - ry, star - lit sky, soar - ing  
2. O - pen are the gifts of God, gifts of  
3. Love that gives, gives ev - er - more, gives with  
4. Drained is love in mak - ing full, bound in

mu - sic, schol - ars' truth, flight of swal - lows,  
love to mind and sense; hid - den is love's  
zeal, with ea - ger hands; spares not, keeps not,  
set - ting oth - ers free, poor in mak - ing



**\*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**

*Steve Garmaas-Holmes*

**God of love, you who called disciples and sent them: gather us now, equip us for your service, and send us in your name for the sake of the healing of the world, in the loving presence and the healing spirit of Christ. Amen.**

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

**God's Promise of New Life**

One: Let us not give in to despair when injustices seem too massive to change, when worldly powers feel impossibly strong.

**All: In every moment we must practice the challenging discipline of keeping faith. With God's help, we have the strength to build a new world. We call upon that strength when 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.**

**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) #325:***

***Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are, from God you came.  
Back to God we humbly give you; live as one who bears Christ's name.***

# HEARING THE WORD

## Scripture Reading

Matthew 9:35-10:23

One: God of challenge and comfort, may we find encouragement and solace in your scripture. Bless our reading, hearing, and practicing of your word.

**All: Amen**

## Message

“What Endures”

Rev. Holland

## \*Hymn

Here I Am, Lord

UMH #593

*Those who wish to join the life and ministry of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ as members may come forward during the final verse of “Here I Am, Lord”. If you come forward, you may sit on the front pew until the hymn concludes. Please know that all questions you will be asked will include prompted answers and that by joining you do commit to 1-2 simple ‘classes’ with Pastor Holland.*

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a- lone.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
I will speak my word to them.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
I will give my life to them.

2. *Refrain (Harmony)*

Whom shall I send?  
Whom shall I send?  
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord.

Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the  
night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*Reception of New Members – see insert*

### 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**                      It Is Well with My Soul                      arr. Marilyn Ham

*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

God of abundance in all its forms, we give this morning in hopes that our offering will bring us ever closer to your kindom. Bless our gifts that they may close the gap of economic disparity, repair and reconcile the pain caused by white supremacy, and celebrate the variety of loves and identities that you have given us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## SENDING

**\*Hymn**                      In the Midst of New Dimensions                      NCH (black) #391

## \*Pastoral Benediction

**Postlude**                      Dialogue and Musette on *Nettleton*                      arr. Wayne L. Wold

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](mailto:plymouthpastor@uccplymouth.org)*

### This Week and More at PCUCC

Today, June 18	10:30 am <u>Annual Congregational Meeting</u>
Today, June 18	4:00 pm Concert: NH Master Chorale
Today, June 18	6:30 pm Sunday Niters
Tuesday, June 20	7:00 pm AA Meeting
Thursday, June 22	1:00 pm Knitting Group
Friday, June 23	8:00 pm AA Meeting

### **CHURCH LIFE**

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

**Ukama Delegation in New Hampshire:** There will be 3 opportunities to meet the Ukama Delegation next week: evening of June 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Wakefield Church, evening of June 26<sup>th</sup> at Brookside Church in Manchester (this is a potluck so please bring a dish to share), and the evening of June 27<sup>th</sup> at a location yet to be determined. Stay tuned for more details as they are made available. **You can sign a card for Masvingo UCCZ, our partner church, today at the beginning of Annual Meeting.**

**Youth Mission Trip:** The youth will be at Horton Center next week and it's not too late to support them! Make a check out to PCUCC and write "Youth mission trip" in the memo or make a gift at [uccplymouth.org/give](http://uccplymouth.org/give) and select 2023 Missional Service Trip.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays – New Members!** To live more fully into God's call to be inclusive, every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 June 16, 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. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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
Edie Doherty	June 19	Mona Hoefs	June 29
Murray Swindell	June 22	Rebecca Larson	June 30
Jay Buckley	June 23		

