

Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ

**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost:
The Sacrament of Communion**



July 2, 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

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@ucpplmouth.org. We are delighted to get to know you! We have Sunday School between mid-September & mid-June; children may find adult leaders on the first floor. There are cute bags in the narthex which the kids may find to enjoy if they decide to stay in the service, which is also okay! You may contact office@ucpplmouth.org to get more information about programming for any age.

Prelude Selections from Suite no. 1 in G Major Johann Sebastian Bach

*Those who are able may stand.

***Call to Worship** Liturgist – Rev. Rebecca Larson

One: As we gather together in this sacred space,

All: May we hear words of hope, see bits of goodness in each other, and invite God’s Spirit into our praying and singing.

One: Brothers and sisters, praise the Lord!

All: The Lord’s name be praised!

***Hymn** Holy, Holy, Holy NCH (black) #277

One: God be with you

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Passing of the Peace

If you are at home, we invite you to send someone a note of peace today.

Unison Gathering Prayer of Confession

One: May our hearts be touched, our eyes be opened, and our faith strengthened as we join our voices in prayer, saying:

All: Holy One, we gather here to feel the energizing power of faith that gave birth to the Church Universal. May we never forget, O God, the risk you have taken in trusting us to embody the message of hope, faith, and love in human history. Help us to let go of our old ways of being the Church, strip us bare of traditions that stunt our faith, and set us free to celebrate your Creative Spirit in our gathering today.

Pull us all upward into your Divine Essence where we may experience a spiritual awakening that can reshape our patterns of living, believing, and proclaiming your dreams for human life. Amen.

Silence for Personal Reflection

Words of Assurance

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

John 17:20-24 1 Corinthians 1:1-3, 12:27-31 Galatians 5:19-25

One: Spirit of Truth, we pray that the meditations of our hearts and minds will be acceptable to you, for you are our rock and redeemer. We pray that your voice moves between words and hearing.

All: Amen

Sermon "The Church Is" Rev. Bill Torrey

***Hymn** O Savior, for the Saints NCH (black) #298

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Communion Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing Communion

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving in Unison

Holy One, by coming to your table, we receive the sustenance of your Spirit. Let us feel your peace in our hearts. 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's Way shows us we should.

Offertory

Salut d'amour

Edward Elgar

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.

Unison Prayer of Dedication

God of extravagant hospitality, we bring our offerings and pray that we may be kind when others are unkind, that we may refuse to hate when others hate, that we may be always ready to share with others in need and serve your children regardless of their race, skin, color, gender, sexual orientation, ability, religion, immigrations status, or nationality. In Christ, the Child of Humanity, we pray. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Pastor: O God, in your grace and mercy . . .

Response: Hear your people at prayer.

You are invited to offer your personal prayers from the silence of your heart.

Pastoral Prayer and 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

For All the Saints

NCH (black) #299

*Pastoral Benediction

Postlude

Selections from Suite no. 1 in G Major

Johann Sebastian Bach

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 Paul Santonelli

Prayers and condolences for the family of former PCUCC member, Elva Piehn,
who passed away this week

Prayers and condolences for Peter and Evangeline Jack of Zimbabwe,
as Evangeline's brother died this past week

Prayers for Tony Amodeo, friend of Jim and Linda LaPrad,
on his upcoming surgery and cancer treatments

Prayers for the family of Timothy Ward and for Timothy's spirit

Prayers for Lucy, cousin of Georgene

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 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, July 4	7:00 pm AA Meeting
Thursday, July 6	1:00 pm Knitting group
Friday, July 7	8:00 pm AA Meeting

FROM MISSION & OUTREACH

Our HOPE Fund and Little Food Pantry are always in need of your support!

The HOPE Fund supports families at risk who need assistance paying for rent, electricity, and medications. Send your check to PCUCC and write HOPE Fund in the memo. Our **Little Food Pantry** in front of the church is always in great need of being filled. You can put items right in the pantry or bring them to the church office.

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. 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 and July in our Community

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

Justice Merrithew-Stone	July 6	Alfie Kerr	July 18
Marilyn Wixson	July 6	John Anderson	July 21
Tammy Lawler	July 7	Rose Shimberg	July 24
Sally Jean Jensen	July 8	Bev Newton	July 26
Lorelei Paine	July 8	Bill Torrey	July 31
Johanna Bentwood	July 17		

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