

Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost



June 30, 2024

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.
Love God. Love Neighbor. Include Everyone.

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

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Please sign the red friendship pad as it is passed to you and return it to the center aisle noting your neighbor in the pew. You may leave your email if you would like to receive our weekly newsletter.

If you want to know more, email the office at office@uccplymouth.org.

Children are welcome to fill a bag with books and toys, which are in the narthex, to use during worship.

* = Those who are able may stand.

*Call to Worship

Liturgist – Bill Heron

One: Dear God, thank you for giving us a new day!

All: We've never had this one before.

One: Therefore, may we give thanks to our Creator who makes all things possible,

All: And find the inspiration we need to go forth and make a difference as people of peace, love, joy, and hope. Amen.

*Hymn

Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

NCH (black) #73

Prayer Seeking God's Presence - *praying together*

UCC Book of Worship

O God, distant yet near, we gather as witnesses to your promise that if we seek you with all our hearts, we will find you.

Be among us this day. Hear the confessions of our souls and the yearnings of our hearts. Help us change the narrowness of our vision and the pettiness of our living. Make us new again with your holy grace.

Grant us the maturity to accept your many gifts in humility and to use them with faithfulness.

Grant to us your spirit that our worship may have integrity and energy, ever witnessing to your holy presence in our lives.

We praise and give thanks to you, Eternal Presence; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

*Passing of the Peace

(People are invited to greet one another with expressions of Christ's peace "Peace be with you!" and respond,

"And also with you." Bows, "bumps," praying hands, peace signs or a hand over the heart all work!

Some will wander far, others not so much! It's all good!!)

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

***Doxology**

Tune: *Lasst Uns Erfruen*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***Unison Offertory Prayer**

Prayer by Jerry W. Paul

God, we present these offerings that they may be used to extend your liberating reign. With them, we offer our varied ministries in the days ahead, that each of us may be part of your answer to the cries of the world. Amen.

SENDING

***Hymn**

Sent Forth by God's Blessing

NCH (black) #76

***Pastoral Benediction**

Postlude

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 & Jane Hartman, friends of Eleanor Spencer

Prayers and condolences for the family of Sue Switaj, who passed away on June 2

Prayers for Dick Brace

Prayers and condolences for the Mead family following the death of their beloved Hansi

Prayers for Ken Morris, very good friend of Butch & Donna Castor,
who has metastatic cancer

Prayers for Ruth Mosher as she undergoes outpatient dialysis.

Prayers for Rebecca Herr, as she undergoes chemotherapy

Prayers for Kristin, friend of Alice O'Connor, who has recently been diagnosed with cancer

Prayers for Sage Pirnie and her family, granddaughter of Diane Arsenault and Pete Pirnie

Prayers for the people of Palestine and Israel

Prayers for the people of Ukraine

Prayers for Rev. Muchayi and our partner church in Zimbabwe, Masvingo UCCZ

If you have a prayer request, please write on the yellow card in the pews and place it in the offering tray, or send an email to office@uccplymouth.org

This Week and More at PCUCC

Monday, July 8	1:00 pm Knitting Group
Tuesday, July 2	7:00 pm AA Meeting
Friday, July 5	8:00 pm AA Meeting
Saturday, July 6	2:00 pm Memorial Service for Al Mather at Church Island
Sunday, July 14	1:00 pm Memorial Service for Sue Switaj
Monday, July 15	7:00 pm Concert: Ethan Haman, organist
Sunday, August 4	11:30 am Climate Up Close at Starr King UU

Preaching Schedule:

June 30: Rev. Campbell Lovett	July 21: Rev. Rebecca Larson
July 7: Alison Thatcher (Rev. Ruth Martz serving Communion)	July 28: Rev. Rebecca Larson
July 14: Rev. Campbell Lovett	Aug. 4: Alison Thatcher (Rev. Ruth Martz serving Communion)

Plant Sale Update: Thank you to Jenny Thibeault and all of the amazing volunteers that made this event the huge success that it was. The plant sale brought in \$869.50!

Request for Additional Letters and Photos for the Masvingo Congregation:

Unfortunately, our Ukama church did not receive the wonderful packet that we sent last April. But we just found out that the NH Conference delegation will be visiting Masvingo during their trip in July. If anyone is willing to write a note again and/or include some photos (NH? church gatherings?), please put them in the Mission & Outreach mailbox OR email your note to Ruth Martz BY JULY 7th. Ruth will deliver a packet to the Conference office on July 8. Many thanks!

There will be a memorial service for Alan Mather on July 6th at 2 pm on Church (Chocorua) Island on Squam Lake. The NH Science Center has donated a boat and driver which will leave from the boat launch on route 113 at 1:30. There will be a reception at the Smith family home on Shepard Hill afterward. Please rsvp to Alan's daughter, Whiz, as we are trying to get a head count for the boat and the reception. Her phone # is: 302-650-0516.

There will be a memorial service for Sue Switaj on Sunday, July 14 at Plymouth Congregational UCC. All are welcome to attend and remember Sue in community. Reception to follow.

Ethan Haman Organ Concert: Ethan Haman will return to offer us another wonderful performance on Monday, July 15 at 7pm.

Climate Up Close is an event offered by a panel of climate scientists who are there to answer any questions you have about what we know about climate change and what measures are being taken to mitigate its effects. PCUCC is co-sponsoring this event with Starr King Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and it will be taking place in their building at 101 Fairgrounds Road in Plymouth on Sunday, August 4 at 11:30. Please join us to learn something new about Creation Care and collaborate with our neighbor faith community. And bring a snack to share if you're able!

At the Annual Meeting held on June 16, 2024, there was a substantial amount of discussion concerning whether the Church will call a full time or part time settled pastor. Unfortunately many members have moved or passed away over the past several years resulting in an overall reduction in pledge income. While many members increased their pledges for the coming year, there is still a shortfall in the amount needed to pay a full time settled pastor. Therefore the budget as originally proposed called for a 3/4 time pastor. However, several members believe that the needs of this church necessitate a full time pastor. **After speaking and listening to many opinions, church members voted to approve a budget calling for a full time settled pastor provided that an additional sum of \$27,500 be pledged by August 31, 2024.** If this additional amount is not pledged by August 31, the budget will call for a 3/4 time settled pastor.

We invite you to prayerfully consider increasing your pledge amount.

Linda LaPrad
Chair, Finance Committee

Ann Thurston
Treasurer

Carol Stewart
Chair, Church Council

Horton Center Pen Pal Program: Our church has been partnered with Caroline, a staff member at Horton Center, to be pen pals throughout the summer! She will send us a postcard once a week and we will send her one. If you would like to pick a week to send Caroline a postcard to let her know what we've been up to or a bit about our church, please contact the church office. We will provide postcards and stamps.

Calling for Summer Altar Flowers and Lemonade: Please sign up to bring flowers for our Sunday altar; the sign up sheet is on the wall in the Narthex. Open Sundays: 7/23, 8/4, 8/11, 8/18, 9/1. During our summer Sundays, after Worship, we would like to offer lemonade in front of the church. Plastic cups are available in the kitchen closet, along with a card table in Fellowship Hall. Let's keep things simple! Please sign up to bring lemonade, on the sheet in the Narthex. Dates available: July 14 to September 1. Warmest thanks!

Knitting Group meets every second and fourth Monday of the month at 1:00 pm. Join us with your fiber art of choice, trouble-shooting questions, or just for fellowship!

Keep the Soft Plastics Coming! During the summer months, the Mission and Outreach Committee also asks everyone to bring in non-perishable food to restock our Food Pantry. Please place food items in the large basket in the Narthex. Many thanks!

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.

Office Hours

Tuesday – Friday 9:00-2:00

If you have a family emergency and want to talk with a pastor, please call Transition Team Member Rev. Ruth Martz at 603-630-7936. Or you may call Eileen Torrey at 603-252-7513.

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Guest Preacher: Rev. Campbell Lovett

Summer Interim Accompanist: Jim Tyrrell

Transition Team: Rebecca Larson, Campbell Lovett, Ruth Martz, Alison Thatcher

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Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries in our Community

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

Anna Boyer	June 6	Molly Simpson	July 6
Kimberly Berman	June 10	Marilyn Wixson	July 6
Abigail Ball	June 13	Sally Jean Jensen	July 8
Edie Doherty	June 19	Johanna Bentwood	July 17
Eleanor Spencer	June 24	Alfie Kerr	July 18
Mary Bohn Reynolds	June 25	John Anderson	July 21
Wesley Ball	June 29	Rose Shimberg	July 24
Mona Hoefs	June 29	Bev Newton	July 26
Rebecca Larson	June 30	Bill Torrey	July 31