

Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ Trinity Sunday



June 15, 2025

9:30 am

Our Congregational Values Include:

Seeking peace with justice

Welcoming LGBTQ+ people

Listening for the Still Speaking God

Striving to be an Anti-Racism church

“Our faith is 2000 years old; our thinking is not”

*Please inquire with people before assuming they are okay with physical contact.
Worship Services may be viewed online at the Plymouth UCC Facebook Page*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

I Need Thee Every Hour

arr. Keith Rowley

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please sign the **red friendship** pad and return it to the center aisle noting your neighbor in the pen.*

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.

Sunday School will resume in September. Children are welcome to fill a bag with books and toys (in the narthex), to use during worship.

*Those who are able may stand.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist – Steve Majeski

One: Praise to God--Creator, Source of all life, Father and Mother.

ALL: Praise to God-- Word and Wisdom, Love made flesh to dwell among us.

One: Praise to Jesus the Christ, who shows us the Way, that all may have new life.

ALL: Praise to God--Spirit, fiery light and rushing wind.

One: Praise to the Holy Spirit, who comforts, inspires, challenges and transforms us.

ALL: Come, let us worship God: Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, and Life-giver!

*HYMN

“Praise with Joy the World’s Creator”

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*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

UNISON GATHERING PRAYER

**Holy One, this morning, we come to worship you
as the church: the household of God, the body of Christ,
and the temple of the Holy Spirit.**

**As the church we seek to make visible your dynamic being,
this mystery of the Trinity, the vision of three “persons”
always in conversation with one another,
always in loving relationship to one another,
moving in such harmony that you are One.**

Guide us, O God, to create such a holy community together. Amen.

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

One: Gracious God, you reveal to us through Scripture that we are to live together as kin. You call us to bless one another.

ALL: All too often, we are driven instead by jealousy and resentment,
by a desire to control one another, to demonstrate our superiority.
We show kindness to some, but reject and neglect others.
We focus on “I, me and mine” instead of “we, us and ours.”
We use rigid rules, customs or beliefs to justify our acts
of exclusion, injustice and violence.
And so we pray again this day, guide us to create holy community,
guide us to bless one another. (*Silence*). Amen.

WORDS OF GRACE

Sung Response

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

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Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

MESSAGE FOR ALL AGES

HEARING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Unison Reading: Psalm 133 (by Nan Merrill)

Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers and sisters dwell in unity!
It is like vistas seen from atop a mountain
one has climbed...
Or like the stillness of a sunset
after a long day's work.
It is like a shimmering rainbow
breaking through a summer rain.
When men and women dwell in harmony,
the star of Truth appears!

John 3: 1-9 John 15: selected verses

One: May these words of Holy Scripture guide and inspire us.

All: Amen.

MESSAGE

“Uh-Oh: the Divine Mystery!”

Rev. Ruth Martz

*HYMN

“We Are Your People,” verses 1-4

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RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

If Thou Art Near

J. S. Bach, arr. L. N. Porter

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.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

**We give thanks, O God, for all that you have given us.
Pour out your blessing on these tithes and offerings,
that they might be a source of blessing
in our church, in our community, and in our world.
Through this act of sharing, may we counter fear with hope
and transform scarcity through generosity.
We pray in the name of the Creator, the Christ and the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Response: Hear your people at prayer.

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

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. If you prefer, please pray: “Our Father and Mother” or “Our Creator.”

SENDING

*HYMN

“Creator God, Creating Still”

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*PASTORAL BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

Charles Wesley,
Carl G. Glaser

The Postlude ends our 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.

A Note about Language for the Trinity

On Trinity Sunday, we are invited to encounter God as Three in One. The use of the Triune formula connects the church today with the historic church, born in the struggle of Christians to express their beliefs about One God in three eternal, distinct persons. The traditional language for the Trinity is Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Ghost). Many churches today seek to lift up names that reflect the depth and vastness of the Holy Mystery.

Some of these images include:

Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit;

Wisdom, Word, and Spirit;

Giver, Gift, and Holy Spirit;

Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer;

Sound, Meaning, and Breath;

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God, Mother of All.

As with the church of all ages, whenever we express our faith in God, we recognize that no words can ever truly name or describe the Divine Mystery.

Keeping in Prayer:

Mark Fabian who is undergoing radiation

Larry Gouch who is recovering from a recent hospitalization

Condolences to the family of Jake Vannoise, friend of Dawn Marie Jackson

Cooper Hayman, grandson of Robert & Susan Miller

Our love and prayers to Nancy Ruhm and family on the passing of Ken Ruhm on May 12

Prayers for Roger Uhler

Barbara on the passing of her husband Tom, family members of Linda LaPrad

Joshua Burdick, brother of Sarah Caron

Joan whose son passed away after heart surgery, from Fran Taylor

Peter Starck

The family of Paul Harman, from Larry and Eleanor Spencer

Ruth Mosher as she continues with outpatient dialysis

Sage Pirnie and family, granddaughter of Diane Arsenault and Pete Pirnie

The faithful work of our Pastoral Search Team

The people of Ukraine

Rev. Muchayi, his wife Maria, and our partner church in Zimbabwe

Ron Ury, brother of Eleanor Spencer

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

Preaching Schedule

June 22: Rev. Campbell Lovett

July 6: Rev. Ruth Martz

June 29: Rev. Rebecca Larson

July 13: Rev. Campbell Lovett

This Week and More at PCUCC

Sunday, June 15

Annual Meeting following Worship

Sunday, June 15

4:00 pm Concert: NH Master Chorale

Tuesday, June 17

7:00 pm AA Meeting

Thursday, June 18

7:00 pm NA Meeting

Friday, June 19

7:00 pm AA Meeting

Monday, June 23

1:00 pm Knitting Group

Monday, June 29

3:00 pm Concert: Kirill Gliadkovsky, piano

If you are having difficulty attending church services because you do not have transportation, please contact the Church Office or Lynn Morrison 603-536-5950 (call or text).

Flowers for Altar: Would you like to share some of those flowers from your garden or a bouquet from a store? Please see the [altar flower sign-up sheet](#) in the narthex and volunteer for a Sunday! Call or text Jane Berg with any questions at 860-523-0435.

SUMMER Lemonade on the Lawn: Please [sign up](#) in the Narthex to bring lemonade and light goodies. (Check downstairs refrigerator to see if more lemonade is needed).

Collection of SCHOOL SUPPLIES and over-the-counter MEDICAL SUPPLIES

for the NHCUCC shipment to Zimbabwe in August. **DEADLINE: JULY 26.**

Please note: NO liquids, electronic devices, or batteries. So far, we have nine boxes filled: four boxes of school/medical supplies and five boxes of eyeglasses. We signed up to fill 25 boxes. Donation boxes are in the Narthex and Fellowship Hall.

School supplies: backpacks, notebooks & paper, file folders, pencils & sharpeners, pens, erasers, crayons, markers, tote bags... **Medical Supplies:** Small containers of pain relievers, medicated creams, bandages, vitamins, cough drops, allergy medications...

Contact persons: Diane Arsenault and Ruth Martz.

Horton Center Scholarships: Camp scholarships are available for children who attend Horton Center Camp. These scholarships will provide financial assistance for children whose parent(s) attend our church. Please contact Faith Formation for application details: faithformation@uccplymouth.org.

The 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!

Plymouth Town-Wide Yard Sale: Saturday, September 6

Please save any SMALL items (no clothing) to donate to our church tables to support the Hope Fund! Please sign up in the Narthex to help at one of our tables, anytime between 9 am and 2 pm.

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.

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	Mary Bohn Reynolds	June 25
Abigail Ball	June 13	Wesley Ball	June 29
Edie Doherty	June 19	Mona Hoefs	June 29
Eleanor Spencer	June 24	Rebecca Larson	June 30

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.

If you or a family member is hospitalized,
please inform the church office so we can ensure timely pastoral care

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