

Plymouth Congregational Church

United Church of Christ



February 5, 2023
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

With welcoming hearts
Plymouth seeks to share the transforming love of Christ
through
Faith-filled worship, prayer, and study
Hope-filled service and outreach
Love-filled fellowship

Order of Worship
February 5, 2023
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Toccata

Remigio Renzi

WORDS OF WELCOME

INTROIT

I Will Worship the Lord

John Rutter

***HYMN 62**

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise.

Tune: St. Denio

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We will exalt you, O God;

and bless your name for ever.

You are just and gracious in all your ways, O LORD.

You are great, O Lord and greatly to be praised.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

O Lord, you watch over all who love you. You are near to all who call upon you. Pour your Spirit upon us. Open the eyes of our heart that we might see the hope to which you are calling us; the richness of the inheritance you have prepared for us, and your power that is at work within and among us. We ask these things in the name of your Beloved Son who taught us to pray saying,

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Matthew 5:13-16

¹³ 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled underfoot.

**Please stand if able.*

¹⁴ 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden.¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Al Bunis

ANTHEM

Lift Your Light

Mary McDonald

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

¹When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ²For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

SERMON

"Let in the Light"

Rev. Moira McGuinn

*SERMON RESPONSE 286

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

Tune: Bridegroom

***With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer,
with the power to love and witness,
with the peace beyond compare: Come, Holy Spirit, come.***

CALL TO PRAYER

The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

Let us pray: O Lord, show your mercy upon us,

and grant us your salvation.

O God, make clean our hearts within us,

and may your Holy Spirit live within us.

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE 291

Sweet, Sweet, Spirit

Tune: Sweet, Sweet, Spirit

***There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us,
filling us with your love and for these blessing we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we'll know
that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.***

OFFERTORY *Abiding Love* Mary Kauffman

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*PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY** Tune: Old Hundredth

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*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
 praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***HYMN 593** *The Gift of Love* Tune: Gift of Love

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***BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Trust in the Lord* Robert Heath

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POSTLUDE *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise (St. Denio)* Percy Whitlock

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Participating in today's service:

Rev. Al Bunis, *Senior Pastor*

Rev. Moira McGuinn, *Associate Pastor*

Dr. Vindhya Khare, *Interim Director of Music*

Christopher Toth, *Organist*

Plymouth Chancel Choir

Soloist: Marie Ferguson

Cindy Smith, Cover Art



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