

*Plymouth Congregational Church*  
*The Worship of God*  
*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*August 23, 2020*  
*Ten o'clock*

## PRELUDE

## **WORDS OF GREETING**

**HYMN #48** *God of Creation, All Powerful* TUNE: SLANE

God of creation, all powerful, all wise, Lord of the  
universe rich with surprise, Maker, Sustainer, and  
Ruler of all, we are your children—you hear when we call.

God of the ages, through time's troubled years you are the One in who history coheres; nations and empires your purpose fulfill, moving in freedom, yet working your will.

God of redemption, who wrought our rebirth, called out your Church from the ends of the earth, still you are Savior put darkness to flight; overcome sin by salvation's pure light!

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Come into God's presence with joy!

***Let us give thanks to the Lord.***

Tell all the people of God's wonderful works.

***Let us worship and sing praise to the Lord!***

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Lord our God, you are generous with your blessing and mercy. Your call upon our lives comes at different times and in different ways. When our faith is idle, you seek us wherever we may be. There is work for each of us in your vineyard and abounding grace for all who serve you. As we worship, open our hearts that we might receive your strength and rejoice in your presence. We pray in your most holy name,**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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 READING**

Psalm 105: 1-7

<sup>1</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. <sup>2</sup> Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works. <sup>3</sup> Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. <sup>4</sup> Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually. <sup>5</sup> Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he has uttered, <sup>6</sup> O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones. <sup>7</sup> He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth.

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Rev. Al Bunis

**ANTHEM***For God's Glory*

Charles McCartha

**SECOND READING**

Matthew 20: 1-16

<sup>1</sup> “For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup> When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup> and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. <sup>5</sup> When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup> And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup> They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup> When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ <sup>9</sup> When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup> Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup> And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup> saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ <sup>13</sup> But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup> Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup> Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ <sup>16</sup> So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

**SERMON***“Where do You Stand in That Line?”*

Rev. Al Bunis

**SERMON RESPONSE****PASTORAL PRAYER****PRAYER RESPONSE****OFFERTORY***The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

John Leavitt

**BENEDICTION****BENEDICTION RESPONSE***An Irish Blessing*

Robert Heath

Worship Participants:

Preaching: Rev. Al Bunis, Senior Pastor

Liturgist: Rev. Moira McGuinn, Associate Pastor

Lay Liturgists: The Stromeyer Family

Children's Moment: Rev. Al Bunis, Senior Pastor

Director of Music: Gerry Brenes

Organist: Christopher Toth

**Would you like to receive prayer anytime?** We offer the opportunity to request and receive prayer through our Plymouth Prayer Partners Ministry. To request prayer, email at any time either [Gwen Saunders](#), or [Maria Reyero](#). The members of this Ministry will pray for you.

**Would you like to have one-on-one prayer today?** If you would like to speak to one of our Prayer Partners on the phone, please [follow this link](#), and one of our members will call you back today and pray with you.