

Plymouth Congregational Church
The Worship of God
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2020
Labor Day
Ten o'clock

PRELUDE

Allegretto Grazioso

Frank Bridge

WORDS OF GREETING

HYMN # 53

Let All Things Now Living

TUNE: ASH GROVE

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to
God the Creator triumphantly raise, who fashioned and
made us, protected and stayed us, who guides us and leads to
the end of our days. His banners are o'er us, his light goes
before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces the stars in their courses and
sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains, the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the Lord, all the earth—everyone, everywhere!

Praise the Lord and remember the good things God has done for us.

Praise the Lord with all our hearts.

Let us worship and praise God's holy name!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

King of Heaven, your Word feeds our souls. In light and darkness, you are with us. As trees stretch toward the sun, we seek the light of your presence. As we worship, pour your Spirit upon all people. Grant us the blessing of trust that we might put our faith in you. We ask these things in the name of your Beloved Son, who taught us to pray saying,

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 40: 1-5

¹ I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. ² He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. ³ He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD. ⁴ Happy are those who make the LORD their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods. ⁵ You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Andrea Burt

ANTHEM

Trust In The Lord

Mark Altrogge

SECOND READING

Judges 9: 7-15, 19-21

⁷ When it was told to Jotham, he went and stood on the top of Mount Gerizim, and cried aloud and said to them, "Listen to me, you lords of Shechem, so that God may listen to you.

⁸ *The trees once went out to anoint a king over themselves. So they said to the olive tree, 'Reign over us.'* ⁹ *The olive tree answered them, 'Shall I stop producing my rich oil by which gods and mortals are honored, and go to sway over the trees?'*

¹⁰ *Then the trees said to the fig tree, 'You come and reign over us.'* ¹¹ *But the fig tree answered them, 'Shall I stop producing my sweetness and my delicious fruit, and go to sway over the trees?'*

¹² *Then the trees said to the vine, 'You come and reign over us.'* ¹³ *But the vine said to them, 'Shall I stop producing my wine that cheers gods and mortals, and go to sway over the trees?'*

¹⁴ *So all the trees said to the bramble, 'You come and reign over us.'* ¹⁵ *And the bramble said to the trees, 'If in good faith you are anointing me king over you, then come and take refuge in my shade; but if not, let fire come out of the bramble and devour the cedars of Lebanon.'*

¹⁹ if, I say, you have acted in good faith and honor with Jerubbaal and with his house this day, then rejoice in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in you; ²⁰ but if not, let fire come out from Abimelech, and devour the lords of Shechem, and Beth-millo; and let fire come out from the lords of Shechem, and from Beth-millo, and devour Abimelech." ²¹ Then Jotham ran away and fled, going to Beer, where he remained for fear of his brother Abimelech.

SERMON

“Go Tell It On The Mountain”

Rev. Moira McGuinn

SERMON RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERTORY

Lord, I Stretch My Hands To You

Jay Althouse

BENEDICTION

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Song of Hope

Hal H. Hopson

Worship Participants:

Preaching: Rev. Moira McGuinn, Associate Pastor

Lay Liturgists: Thomas Crowley, Ella Crowley

Children’s Moment: Andrea Burt

Director of Music: Gerry Brenes

Organist: Christopher Toth

Soloist: Leo Torres

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.