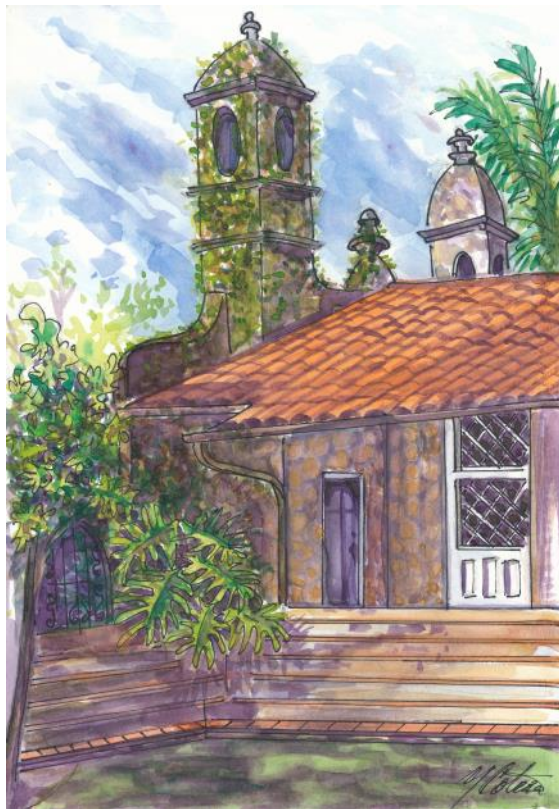


Plymouth Congregational Church ***United Church of Christ***



January 22, 2023
Fourth 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

January 22, 2023

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Toccata from Toccata and Fugue in F Major BWV 540

J. S. Bach

WORDS OF WELCOME

INTROIT

Alleluia - Canone

W. Boyce

*HYMN 20

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Tune: Ode to Joy

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The kingdom of God has come near!

In Christ, justice, love and mercy meet.

The Lord welcomes us here.

Let us worship in the joy of unity in God.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Amidst the depth and breadth and variety of your creation, you call us your beloved children. As we worship, abide with us. Pour your Spirit upon all people. Renew our hearts and refresh our souls. With many voices yet one heart, hear us in the name in Jesus 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

1 Corinthians 1:10-13

¹⁰Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

**Please stand if able.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Moira McGuinn

ANTHEM

Thee Will I Love

Craig Courtney

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 4:12-23

¹²Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

¹⁸As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. ²³Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

SERMON

“A New Community”

Rev. Al Bunis

*SERMON RESPONSE

Blest Be The Tie That Binds

Tune: Dennis

***Blest be the tie that binds, our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds, is like to that above.***

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

May the Words of My Mouth

Robert Heath

***May the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart,
be acceptable unto you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.***

