Plymouth Congregational Church
United Church of Christ



November 8, 2026
10 a.m.
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Veterans Sunday

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

PRELUDE *Concerto in E-flat Major, Andante* G.F. Haydn

WELCOME

INTROIT *Sing to the Lord* Rachelle Nelson & Robert Heath

CALL TO WORSHIP

God's Spirit moves freely, often in ways that surprise us.
We come with open hearts, trusting that God is at work among us.
We each bring different stories, traditions, and ways of seeing the world.
Together, we are one body, called to honor one another and share in God's love.

BRINGING THE LIGHT

***HYMN 669** *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Loving God, we give thanks for your Spirit, moving among us and drawing us together in love. Help us to welcome our differences, listen with open hearts, and honor the gifts we each bring. We give thanks for those who have served with courage and sacrifice, and we pray for all who long for healing and peace. Guide us to care for one another and to work for peace in our world. We offer these prayers as we join our voices in the prayer Jesus taught us, 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 Numbers 11:24-30

[24] So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD; and he gathered
seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. [25] Then the LORD
came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on
him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they
prophesied. But they did not do so again.

[26] Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and
the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone

out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. [27] And a young man ran and told Moses, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' [28] And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, 'My lord Moses, stop them!' [29] But Moses said to him, 'Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, and that the LORD would put his spirit on them!' [30] And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

VETERAN'S DAY COMMEMORATION Led by Walt Orth

ANTHEM *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* St. Columba/Arr. by Mark Hayes

SECOND LESSON *(See Insert)*

SERMON *"God is Bigger Than We Think"* Rev. Hollie Schmidt

***HYMN 437** *Help Us Accept Each Other* BECK

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.

2027 ANNUAL GIVING: SHARING OUR STRENGTHS Gus Tortolani

OFFERTORY *Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring* J.S. Bach

***PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

***DOXOLOGY** OLD HUNDREDTH

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** *(See Insert)* *We Are One in the Spirit* THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

***BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* Peter C. Lutkin

POSTLUDE *Rondeau* Jean Joseph Mouret

Participating in today's service:
Rev. Dr. Daniel Harrell, *Interim Senior Pastor*
Rev. Moira McGuinn, *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Hollie Schmidt, *Associate Pastor*
Andrea Burt, *Director of Children's Ministries*
Dr. Vindhya Khare, *Director of Music*
Edgar Sanfeliz Botta, *Organist*
Ian Mertes, *Trumpet*
Plymouth Chancel Choir

We are a community that seeks to:

- Praise our compassionate Creator, who in Jesus Christ walked among us and continues to dwell with us in the Holy Spirit.
- Gather for worship celebrating God's Word as a source of light and direction for our lives.
- Extend a warm embrace to all people, affirming that, regardless of our place in life's journey, we are all children of God.
- Live in covenant with one another and honor the diverse faith heritages and perspectives of our members.
- Welcome all to the Lord's Table.
- Embody the Great Commandment, striving earnestly to love God and our neighbors as we love ourselves, through service and all aspects of our lives.

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