

*Plymouth Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ*



*January 23, 2022  
Third Sunday after Epiphany/  
Annual Meeting 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*

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10:00 a.m.

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**PRELUDE**

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

African-American Spiritual

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**INTROIT**

*I Was Glad When They Said Unto Me*

Craig Curry

**\*HYMN 2**

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

Tune: NICAEA

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Brothers and Sisters, to whom do we belong?

***In the Lord's great love for all people, we are children of God!***

Children of God, what does the Lord require of us?

***We are called to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.***

With one heart, let us worship the Lord!

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

***Lord of Light, you came to bring your kingdom near to us. You call us to follow you. Are we willing to leave aside our nets? As we worship, open our eyes to the hope of your kingdom. Inspire our hearts with your love. Place your Word of grace upon our lips. 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, forever. Amen.***

**FIRST READING**

**1 Corinthians 1:10-17**

Now 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. <sup>11</sup>For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. <sup>12</sup>What 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." <sup>13</sup>Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

<sup>14</sup>I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, <sup>15</sup>so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. <sup>16</sup>(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) <sup>17</sup>For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

\* Please be seated if able

## ANTHEM

*Fishers of Men*

Dadee Reilly

## SECOND READING

**Matthew 4:12-22**

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. <sup>13</sup>He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, <sup>14</sup>so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: <sup>15</sup>“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— <sup>16</sup>the 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.” <sup>17</sup>From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

<sup>18</sup>As 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. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>21</sup>As 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. <sup>22</sup>Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

## SERMON

*“Who...and whose...are you?”*

Rev. Al Bunis

## SERMON RESPONSE (Hymn 697)

*In Christ There is No East or West*

ST. PETER

*In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north, but one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.*

## 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 (Hymn 532)

*Be Thou My Vision*

SLANE

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, naught be all else to me save that thou art, thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.*

## OFFERTORY

*Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God*

Keith Getty

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 809)**

*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.*

**BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*Let Us Go Forth In Peace*

Craig Curry

**POSTLUDE**

*Procesión Alegre*

Garry A. Cornell

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**Participating in today's service:**

Rev. Al Bunis, *Senior Pastor*

Rev. Moira McGuinn, *Associate Pastor*

Gerry Brenes, *Director of Music*

Christopher Toth, *Organist*

Plymouth Chancel Choir

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