

Plymouth Congregational Church

United Church of Christ



November 20, 2022
34th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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
125th Anniversary Sunday
Thanksgiving Sunday
Communion Sunday
November 20, 2022
10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Adagio and Finale from Symphony II* Charles-Marie Widor

WORDS OF WELCOME

INTROIT *We Give Thanks* Bryan Sirchio
Joyful Noise Choir

***HYMN 2** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* Tune: NICAEA

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

In the presence of God,

in the mercy of Christ,
in the love of the Holy Spirit,

in the blessing and memory of all who have worshiped amidst these stones,
let us worship the Lord!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

God of Grace, you sent your Son to bring your mercy and forgiveness to all people. Jesus embodied your infinite grace. We are humbled that nothing can separate us from your steadfast love. As we worship, let us hear your kingdom promises anew. Fill us with your Spirit that we might fill our living with compassion. We pray in the name of your Son, our Savior, 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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Rev. Al Bunis

ANTHEM *Thanks Be to Thee* G.F. Handel

**Please stand if able*

GOSPEL LESSON (See Insert)

Luke 23:33-43

SERMON

"Infinite Grace"

Rev. Al Bunis

*HYMN 502

Amazing Grace

Tune: NEW BRITIAN

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.***

OFFERTORY

Grateful

Beth Styles

*PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

Tune: 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

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

*SUNG PRAYER OF CONFESSON

Lord, Forgive Us Our Trespasses

M.A Kauffman



Lord, for-give us our tres-pas-ses, as we for-give those who tres-pass a-against us;

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Lord, for-give us our tres-pas-ses, and heal us with Your stead - fast love.

*FORGIVENESS OF SIN

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

This is the joyful feast of the people of God.

Men and women, youth and children will come from east and west,
from north and south, and gather about Christ's Table.

Come O Christ. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE BLESSING OF THE CUP

(Members of The Plymouth Church Diaconate come forward)

Giving of the Bread

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

David Schelat

Please partake of the bread as you receive.

Giving of the Cup

Please hold until all have received the cup.

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks, Holy One, because you have reached out to us. You have refreshed us at your table, touched our deepest needs, and called us to a life shared in memory and hope. Send us forth with courage and joy in the name of Jesus the Christ, that we, too, may become bread and peace for one another and the world. Amen.

***HYMN 379**

For the Fruit of All Creation

Tune: AR HYD Y NOS

***BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter

POSTLUDE

Postludium

Johann Christian Heinrich Rinck

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### **Participating in today's service:**

Rev. Al Bunis, *Senior Pastor*

Rev. Moira McGuinn, *Associate Pastor*

Dr. Vindhya Khare, *Interim Director of Music*

Chris Toth, *Organist*

Maria Hernandez and Luke Zaiser, *Soloist*

Marie Ferguson, *Director of Joyful Noise Choir*

Joyful Noise Choir

Plymouth Chancel Choir

Marilyn Skow, *Costumiere*