

Plymouth Congregational Church
United Church of Christ



October 25, 2026
10 a.m.
Thirtieth Sunday in 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

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

INTROIT

Glory to God

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CALL TO WORSHIP

How sweet your Word is us, O God,

sweeter than honey to our mouths.

We come before the One who knows us fully and welcomes us with grace.

Let us worship God with open and faithful hearts!

BRINGING THE LIGHT

*HYMN 557

Open My Eyes, That I May See

SCOTT

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Faithful God, your word is a lamp to guide us and a light to lead us. As we worship, draw near to us. Through your Living Word, draw us near to your throne of grace. You search our hearts. In your grace, restore what needs healing and strengthen us to walk in your ways. Hear us 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, for ever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Psalms 119:103-106

¹⁰³ How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth!

¹⁰⁴ Through your precepts I get understanding;
therefore I hate every false way.

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

¹⁰⁶ I have sworn an oath and confirmed it,
to observe your righteous ordinances.

JOYFUL NOISE

*Rejoice in the Lord
Peace like a River*

TRADITIONAL
African American Spiritual

****Please stand if able***

ANTHEM

How Majestic Is Our God

Michael W. Smith/Arr. by Dennis Allen

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 4:12-15

¹² Indeed, the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

SERMON

"The Double-edged Sword"

Rev. Dr. Daniel Harrell

*HYMN 612

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

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.***

KICK-OFF OF 2027 ANNUAL GIVING

Lynne Steinfurth and Cookie Thelen

OFFERTORY

His Eye Is on the Sparrow

Charles H. Gabriel/Arr. by Jack Schrader

*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 695**

In Christ There Is No East or West
(Trad. Afro-American melody; arr. By H.T. Burleigh)

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***BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter

POSTLUDE



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*
Marie Ferguson, *Soloist*, Director of Joyful Noise
Plymouth Chancel Choir
Joyful Noise 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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