

Plymouth Congregational Church

United Church of Christ



November 15, 2020
New Member 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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Worship Service
Sunday, November 15, 2020
10:00 a.m.
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PRELUDE

A Song from the Heart

Eric Ewazen

WORDS OF WELCOME

HYMN

Let the Whole Creation Cry

TUNE: LLANFAIR

CALL TO WORSHIP

Children of God, let us love the Lord with all our heart.

We shall love the Lord with all our soul and mind and strength.

Happy are those whose hope is in the Lord our God.

Let all generations worship and praise the Lord.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

Eternal God, we have a sacred inheritance of encouragement and hope. Generation after generation, you lift up all who are bowed down and sustain your children with your steadfast love. You came to us as one of us, calling us to join one another in sacred service. You invite us to walk together in faith. Pour your Spirit upon us as we worship, that the same mind that was in Christ might be in us. 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

Philippians 2:1-8

¹ If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, ⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, ⁸ he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS INTO PLYMOUTH CHURCH

**Marlene Picallo-Brandon, Mary Helen Campbell,
David and Olivia Chapman, Ralph Davies and Raquel Lieven,
Vincent and Meredith Kallaher, Robert Kostas, Mary Matos-Lacasa,
Joyce E. McIntosh, Carlos and Caroline Medeiros, Emily Nolan,
Ann Schroeder, Laura Sherman, Amy Shipley, Michael Wasil**

THE AFFIRMATION OF INTENTION

THE RESPONSE OF THE CHURCH (COMMUNITY UNITING)

We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church. We invite you to join us in our journey to be Christ's faithful people in this place and time. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of Plymouth Congregational Church.

THE PRAYER OF RECEPTION

THE RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP

ANTHEM

The Servant Song

Richard Gillard

SECOND READING

Matthew 20:20-28

²⁰Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came to him with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favor of him. ²¹And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." ²²But Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." ²³He said to them, "You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."

²⁴When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. ²⁵But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ²⁶It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; ²⁸just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

SERMON

"Walking Together... Looking to God"

Rev. Al Bunis

SERMON RESPONSE

2021 CHRISTIAN COMMITMENT CAMPAIGN

Amy Foust, Co-Chair

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-10

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I have waited, waited for the Lord,

And He stooped toward me and heard my cry.

And He put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God.

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

In the written scroll it is prescribed for me,
To do your will, O my God, is my delight.

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I announced your justice in the vast assembly;
I did not restrain my lips, as you, O Lord, know.

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

OFFERTORY

Commitment Song

Robert Sterling

Please place your tithes and offerings in the plates as you depart the sanctuary.

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

May the Lord Bless You

Matt Redman

POSTLUDE

Participating in today's service:

Rev. Al Bunis, *Senior Pastor*

Rev. Moira McGuinn, *Associate Pastor*

Gerry Brenes, *Director of Music*

Christopher Toth, *Organist*

Andrew Lujan, *Soloist*

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