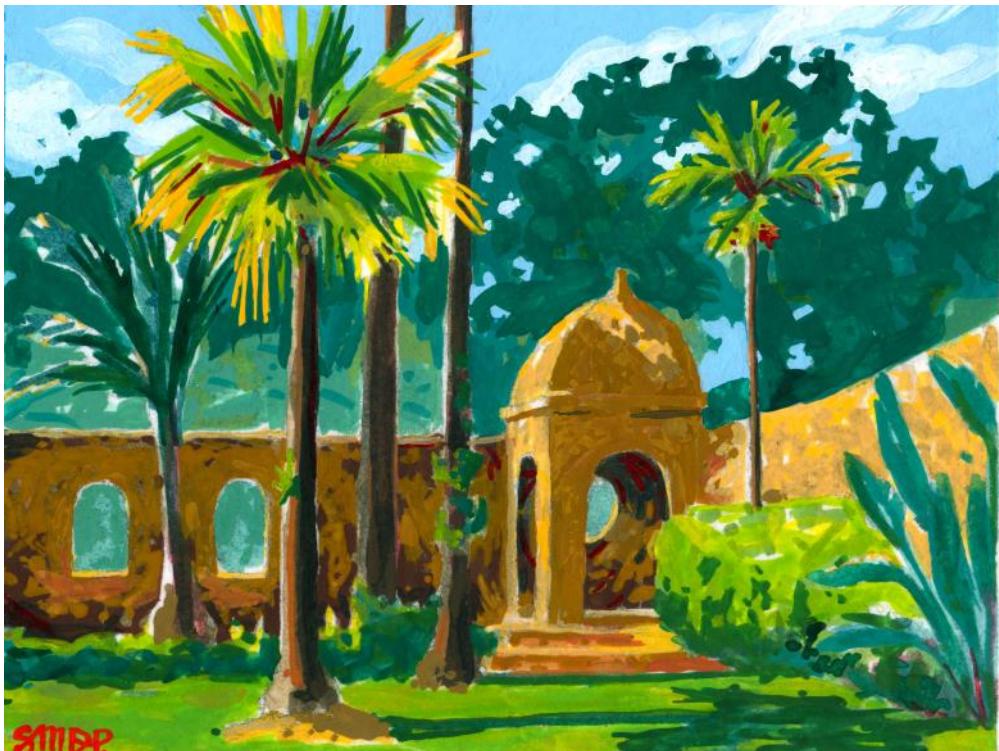


Plymouth Congregational Church
United Church of Christ



August 14, 2022
20th 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

August 14, 2022

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Pièce Héroïque

César Franck

WORDS OF WELCOME

INTROIT

Alleluia - Canone

William Boyce

*HYMN 320

Come Let us Praise the Lord

Tune: DARWALL

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day that the LORD has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
and his steadfast love endures forever.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Lord our God, as we worship you, let us affirm our trust in you and rejoice in the light of your love. Speak and let us listen with our hearts. Still our spirits that we might hear your Word. May we know the wonder of your power and grace. We ask these things in the name Jesus, 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

Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-19

¹Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock! You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth ²before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh. Stir up your might, and come to save us! ³You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. ⁴You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land. ¹⁰The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches; ¹¹it sent out its branches to the sea, and its shoots to the River.

¹²Why then have you broken down its walls, so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit? ¹³The boar from the forest ravages it, and all that move in the field feed on it. ¹⁴Turn again, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and see; have regard for this vine,¹⁵the stock that your right hand planted.

****Please stand if able***

¹⁶They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down; may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance. ¹⁷But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand, the one whom you made strong for yourself. ¹⁸Then we will never turn back from you; give us life, and we will call on your name. ¹⁹Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Al Bunis and Maggie Meltzer

ANTHEM *I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

Tune: FOREST GREEN, Arr. by Peter Niedmann

SECOND LESSON

Luke 12: 49-56

⁴⁹"I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law." ⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

SERMON

"Good Judgement"

Rev. Al Bunis

*SERMON RESPONSE (HYMN 669)

God of Grace and God of Glory (v. 1)

Tune: CWM RHONDDA

*God of Grace and God of Glory, on your people pour your power;
crown your ancient Church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower.*

*Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.*

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

I Need Thee Every Hour

Robert Lowry, arr. Denny Crockett

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**

*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.*

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN 643**

I Know Not Where the Road Will Lead

Tune: NOEL

***BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Go in Peace

Tune: PETERSEN

POSTLUDE

Darwall's 148th

Percy Whitlock

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**Participating in today's service:**

Rev. Al Bunis, *Senior Pastor*

Ann Schroeder, *Lay Liturgist*

Dr. Vindhya Khare, *Interim Director of Music & Soloist*

Chris Toth, *Organist*

Plymouth Chancel Choir



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