

Plymouth Congregational Church
The Worship of God
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 26, 2020
Ten o'clock

PRELUDE

WORDS OF GREETING

HYMN #130

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Tune: AZMON

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, he sets the prisoner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me.

He speaks, and listening to his voice, new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

My gracious Master and My God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

CALL TO WORSHIP

God's love for us is great.

The Lord is merciful and gracious.

Let us give thanks to God with our whole heart!

Let us worship the Lord!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Lord of life, you are abounding in steadfast love. As we worship, turn to us and be gracious to us. You call us to be your servants. Awaken our sleeping souls. As we seek to walk in your truth, give us strength. Pour your Spirit upon your people that we might grow together in faithfulness. We ask these things in the name of Jesus, who came to teach us your way and taught us to pray saying...

LORD'S PRAYER

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 READING

Psalm 86: 11-17

¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart to revere your name. ¹² I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever. ¹³ For great is your steadfast love toward me; you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol. ¹⁴ O God, the insolent rise up against me; a band of ruffians seeks my life, and they do not set you before them. ¹⁵ But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. ¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me; give your strength to your servant; save the child of your serving girl. ¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be put to shame, because you, LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Moira McGuinn and Kaelib Dunn

ANTHEM

Lift Every Voice and Sing

J. Rosamond Johnson

SECOND READING

Matthew 13:24-30

²⁴ He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵ but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶ So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷ And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸ He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹ But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰ Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

SERMON

"A Cooler Head Prevails"

Rev. Al Bunis

SERMON RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERTORY

Panis Angelicus

Cesar Franck

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *He's Got The Whole World In His Hands* Traditional

Worship Participants:

Preaching: Rev. Al Bunis, Senior Pastor

Lay Liturgists: Tony Scornavacca, Anthony Scornavacca, Sarah Scornavacca

Children's Moment: Rev Moira McGuinn Associate Pastor and Kaelib Dunn

Director of Music: Gerry Brenes

Organist: Christopher Toth

Soloist: Mauricio Villanueva

Guest Soloist: Kyaunnee Richardson

Would you like to receive prayer anytime? We offer the opportunity to request and receive prayer through our Plymouth Prayer Partners Ministry. To request prayer, email at any time either [*Gwen Saunders*](#), or [*Maria Reyero*](#). The members of this Ministry will pray for you.

Would you like to have one-on-one prayer today? *If you would like to speak to one of our Prayer Partners on the phone, please [follow this link](#), and one of our members will call you back today and pray with you.*