

*Plymouth Congregational Church  
United Church of Christ*



August 11, 2024  
10:00 a.m.  
*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

*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**

*Thee We Adore*

Plainsong Melody

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**INTROIT**

*Jazz Introit*

Craig Curry

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, let us gather with hearts open to the spirit of generosity.

***We come to worship, inspired to share our blessings with all people.***

May God guide us to be stewards of His abundance.

***United in love and gratitude, let us worship with faithful hearts.***

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**\*HYMN 78**

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past (v. 1-3)*

ST. ANNE

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Gracious God, we gather in Your presence with grateful hearts, seeking Your guidance and grace. As we worship, fill us with Your spirit of generosity and love. Open our minds to Your wisdom and our hearts to Your compassion. We pray all of this in the words Jesus taught us,*

*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**

Telling the Story: Joseph and the famine  
Be Generous Towards Everyone

**ANTHEM**

*Jazz Cantate*

Andy Beck

**SCRIPTURE LESSON (See Insert)**

Genesis 47:1-27

**SERMON**

*"God's Expansive Family Plan"*

Rev. Al Bunis

*\*Please stand if able*

**\*SERMON RESPONSE** *The God of Abraham Praise (v. 1)* LEONI  
*The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,  
Ancient of everlasting days, and God of love.  
Jehovah, great I AM, by earth and heaven confessed:  
We bow and bless the sacred name forever blest.*

### 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** *You Are the One* Debbie Friedman

### \*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 78** *O God, Our Help in Ages Past (v. 4-6)* ST. ANNE

### \*BENEDICTION

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Amen* John Stainer

**POSTLUDE** *Toccata in C* J. Pachelbel



**Participating in today's service:**

Rev. Al Bunis, *Senior Pastor*

Rev. Hollie Schmidt, *Associate Pastor*

Andrea Burt, *Director of Children's Ministries*

Dr. Vindhya Khare, *Director of Music*

Edgar Sanfeliz Botta, *Organist*

Dr. Russ Spiegel, *Guitar*

Elissa Lakofsky, *Soloist*

Plymouth Chancel Choir

**Plymouth Players:**

Patrick Battle, Andrea Burt, Rick Davis, Bill Gerlach, Tony Scornavacca

