

Plymouth Congregational Church

United Church of Christ



August 7, 2022
19th 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 7, 2022

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

INTROIT

Holy Lord

Tune: DONA NOBIS PACEM

*HYMN 5

Come, Thou Almighty King (v. 1-2)

Tune: ITALIAN HYMN

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God is our help and our shield.

Our souls wait for the Lord.

The love of God is unfailing!

Let us worship and rejoice in the Lord!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

God our sure foundation, you are ever-faithful. You know our worries and our fears. You have given us a faithful heritage. You are with us in ways both seen and unseen. As we worship, free our hearts, that we might place our trust in you. Assure us that, by faith, we may know the joy of your presence and the blessing of your kingdom promises. Inspire your people that we might praise you in all times and places, through the grace of Jesus Christ, 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

Hebrews 11:1-3; 8-12

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

****Please stand if able***

¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Andrea Burt

ANTHEM

Faithfulness

Joel Raney

SECOND LESSON

Luke 12:32-40

³²“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

SERMON

“Hopeful Way to Live”

Rev. Al Bunis

*SERMON RESPONSE (HYMN 535)

Day by Day

Tune: GODSPELL

***Day by day, day by day, O, dear Lord, three things I pray:
to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
follow thee more nearly, day by day. (Repeat)***

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

Treasures in Heaven

Joseph W. Clokey

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**

Tune: 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 5**

Come, Thou Almighty King (v. 3-4)

Tune: ITALIAN HYMN

***BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

As We Go Our Separate Ways

Bryan Sirchio

POSTLUDE

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**Participating in today's service:**

Rev. Al Bunis, *Senior Pastor*

Andrea Burt, *Director of Children's Ministries*

Bert de Armas, *Lay Liturgist*

Dr. Vindhya Khare, *Interim Director of Music*

Chris Toth, *Organist*

Marie Ferguson *Soloist*

Plymouth Chancel Choir



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