

*Plymouth Congregational Church*  
*The Worship of God*  
*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*August 9, 2020*  
*Ten o'clock*

**PRELUDE**

**WORDS OF GREETING**

**HYMN #57**                      *All things Bright and Beautiful*  
All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful; the Lord God made them all.

*TUNE: VLEUGEL*

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colors, he made their tiny wings.

The purple headed mountain, the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky.

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden: he made them everyone.

He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

With one heart, we call upon the name of the Lord.

***Let it be heard among all people.***

The promises of God are steadfast and sure.

***Let us worship the living God!***

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

***Lord of mystery and hope, to the treasures of your creation you have added the gems of the Spirit and the great pearl of your Gospel. Give us the wisdom to cherish your gifts, to share their bounty, and, together, give thanks for your abundant grace. We pray in the power of your Spirit, through Christ Jesus, who 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**

Proverbs 2: 1-11

<sup>1</sup>My child, if you accept my words and treasure up my commandments within you, <sup>2</sup> making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; <sup>3</sup> if you indeed cry out for insight, and raise your voice for understanding; <sup>4</sup> if you seek it like silver, and search for it as for hidden treasures— <sup>5</sup> then you will understand the fear of the LORD AND FIND THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD. <sup>6</sup> For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding; <sup>7</sup> he stores up sound wisdom for the upright; he is a shield to those who walk blamelessly, <sup>8</sup> guarding the paths of justice and preserving the way of his faithful ones. <sup>9</sup> Then you will understand righteousness and justice and equity, every good path; <sup>10</sup> for wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul; <sup>11</sup> prudence will watch over you; and understanding will guard you.

## **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Andrea Burt

## **ANTHEM**

*Christ Our Treasure*

Jonathan Jackson

## **SECOND READING**

Matthew 13: 44-46

<sup>44</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup> on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

## **SERMON**

*“The Thing That Changes Everything”*

Rev. Al Bunis

## **SERMON RESPONSE**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

## **PRAYER RESPONSE**

## **OFFERTORY**

*Come Thou Fount*

Ric Flauding

## **BENEDICTION**

## **BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*A Heartsong Blessing*

Joseph M. Martin

Worship Participants:

Preaching: Rev. Al Bunis, Senior Pastor

Liturgist: Rev. Moira McGuinn, Associate Pastor

Children's Moment: Andrea Burt, Interim Director of Children's Ministries

Gerry Brenes, Director of Music, Soloist

Christopher Toth, Organist

Russ Spiegel, Guitar

***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.