

Plymouth Congregational Church
The Worship of God
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday
September 20, 2020
Ten o'clock

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

PRELUDE

WORDS OF GREETING

HYMN #558 *Love Divine All Loves Excelling* TUNE: BEECHER
Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down:
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:
take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, 'til in heav'n we take our place,
'til we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

CALL TO WORSHIP

The love of God is steadfast!

The hope Christ offers is abundant!

The faith the Holy Spirit inspires is life-giving!

Let us worship the Lord!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Patient loving Lord, you delight in our joys and help us to bear our burdens. Trusting in your great faithfulness, we gather in hope. As we worship, draw us close in your unbounded love. Renew us that we may become people of enduring compassion. We ask these things in the name of 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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Moira McGuinn and Celeste Miller

READING

1 Corinthians 13

¹ If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. ⁴ Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

SERMON

"Incubator of Faith, Hope and Love"

Rev. Al Bunis

SERMON RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE

OFFERTORY

Your Life Reveals God's Love

Denise Ondishko

SERVICE OF COMMUNION

SUNG PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, Forgive Us Our Trespasses

M.A.Kauffman



The musical notation is in common time, key of C major (two sharps). The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are: "Lord, for-give us our tres-pas-ses, as we for-give those who tres-pass a-against us; Lord, for-give us our tres-pas-ses, and heal us with Your stead - fast love."

FORGIVENESS OF SIN

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

This is the joyful feast of the people of God.

Men and women, youth and children, will come from east and west, from north and south, and gather about Christ's Table.

Come O Christ. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE BLESSING OF THE CUP

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We give you thanks, Holy One, because you have reached out to us. You have refreshed us at your table, touched our deepest needs, and called us to a life shared in memory and hope. Send us forth with courage and joy in the name of Jesus the Christ, that we, too, may become bread and peace for one another and the world. Amen.

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

We Are Many Parts

Marty Haugen

Worship Participants:

Preaching: Rev. Al Bunis

Liturgist: Rev. Moira McGuinn

Lay Liturgist: Celeste Miller, Moderator

Children's Moment: Rev. Moira McGuinn

Director of Music: Gerry Brenes

Organist: Christopher Toth

Soloist: Gerry Brenes

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.