

*Plymouth Congregational Church*  
*The Worship of God*  
*Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*August 30, 2020*  
*Ten o'clock*

**PRELUDE**

**WORDS OF GREETING**

**HYMN #262**

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

Tune: DARWALL

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore: lift up your  
heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

The Lord the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love; when  
he had purged our stains he took his seat above: lift up your  
heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heaven; the  
keys of death and hell to Christ the Lord are given: lift up your  
heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord the Judge shall come, and  
take his servants up to their eternal home. Lift up your  
heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lord our God, your love is unfailing.

***You search us and know us.***

Create in us a clean heart.

***Put a new and right spirit within us.***

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

***God of grace, you embrace us with mercy and patience. As we worship,  
open our hearts to your Word of truth. Open our souls to your  
forgiveness. Teach us your way and free us to trust in you. We ask these  
things in the name of your Beloved Son, 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**

Psalm 65: 1-5

<sup>1</sup> Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; and to you shall vows be performed, <sup>2</sup> O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come. <sup>3</sup> When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions. <sup>4</sup> Happy are those whom you choose and bring near to live in your courts. We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, your holy temple. <sup>5</sup> By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation; you are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

## **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Andrea Burt

## **ANTHEM**

*My God Is So High*

Uzee Brown, Jr.

## **SECOND READING**

2 Samuel 12: 1-9

<sup>1</sup> The Lord sent Nathan to David. When he came to him, he said, "There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. <sup>2</sup> The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, <sup>3</sup> but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him. <sup>4</sup> "Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him." <sup>5</sup> David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, "As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this must die! <sup>6</sup> He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity." <sup>7</sup> Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. <sup>8</sup> I gave your master's house to you, and your master's wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. <sup>9</sup> Why did you despise the word of the Lord by doing what is evil in his eyes?"

## **SERMON**

*"Where is the Good News?"*

Rev. Al Bunis

## **SERMON RESPONSE**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

## **PRAYER RESPONSE**

## **OFFERTORY**

*O God, Unseen Yet Ever Nearer*

Henry Coleman

## **BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**     *The Lord Bless You and Keep You*     Peter C. Lutkin

Worship Participants:

Preaching: Rev. Al Bunis, Senior Pastor

Liturgist: Moira McGuinn, Associate Pastor

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

Director of Music: Gerry Brenes

Organist: Christopher Toth

Soloist: Vindhya Khare

***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.