

Plymouth Congregational Church
United Church of Christ



March 12, 2023
Third Sunday of Lent

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
March 12, 2023
Third Sunday of Lent
10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Fantasia for Organ

John Weaver

WORDS OF WELCOME

INTROIT

Glory to God, Glory in the Highest

Tune: Gloria Peru

***HYMN 5**

Come, Thou Almighty King

Tune: Italian Hymn

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let all who thirst – come to the water

We will drink deeply from the waters of everlasting life.

Let all who are weary – come to the water

Let us worship and draw hope from the deep wells of God's steadfast love.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Living God, you pour your Spirit upon all who thirst. We turn to you in worship. Lift up our hearts that we may call upon your name. Open our ears to your Word and our eyes to your presence. Open our minds to the beauty of your truth and our hearts to the joy of your mercy. We ask these blessings in the name of your Beloved Son, 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.

****Please stand if able.***

FIRST LESSON (See Insert) John 4:5-15

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Andrea Burt

ANTHEM *And Can it Be?* Dan Forrest

SECOND LESSON (See Insert) John 4:16-30; 39-42

SERMON *"What Well do You Dip Into?"* Rev. Al Bunis

*SERMON RESPONSE *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Tune: Ode to Joy
Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory; Lord of love
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee; Op'ning to the Sun above
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness; Fill us with the light of day!

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 *Create in Me a Clean Heart* Robert Heath

*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 610**

Through the Love of God Our Savior

Tune: Ar Hyd Y Nos

***BENEDICTION**

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

John Rutter

POSTLUDE

Toccata in E minor

Joseph Callaerts

Participating in today's service:

Rev. Al Bunis, *Senior Pastor*

Rev. Moira McGuinn, *Associate Pastor*

Dr. Vindhya Khare, *Director of Music & Soloist*

Christopher Toth, *Organist*

Luke Zaiser, *Soloist*

Andrew York and Marie Ferguson, *Radio Readers*

Plymouth Chancel Choir



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