

*Plymouth Congregational Church*  
*United Church of Christ*



*September 25, 2022*  
*26th 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

September 25, 2022  
10:00 a.m.

## PRELUDE

*Air with Variations and Finale Fugato*

Henry Smart

## WORDS OF WELCOME

## INTROIT

*Come and be Joyful*

Antonio Vivaldi

## \*HYMN 5

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

Tune: ITALIAN HYMN

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord welcomes us here.

***God watches over us with steadfast compassion.***

The Lord our God is faithful.

***Let us sing praises to God.***

## PRAYER OF INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

***O Lord, our refuge and strength, you call us to walk your sacred pathways. Open our ears that we might hear your Word. Open our eyes that we might see your truth. You lift up the lowly. Be with us as we worship. Help us to put our trust in you. Hear us as we pray our 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 LESSON

Psalm 146

<sup>1</sup>Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

**<sup>2</sup>*I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long.***

<sup>3</sup>Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**<sup>4</sup>*When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.***

<sup>5</sup>Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

**<sup>6</sup>*who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever;***

**<sup>7</sup>*who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.***

The Lord sets the prisoners free; <sup>8</sup>the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous.

**<sup>9</sup>*The Lord watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.***

<sup>10</sup>The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the Lord!

***\*Please stand if able***

## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Al Bunis

### ANTHEM

*All People Living on the Earth*

Swee Hong Lim, arr. by John L. Bell

### SECOND LESSON

Luke 16:19-31

<sup>19</sup>“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup>In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup>He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup>Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house— <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup>He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup>He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

### SERMON

*“Lovers of God”*

Rev. Al Bunis

### \*SERMON RESPONSE

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

Tune: ADELAIDE

***Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way! Thou art the Potter, I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me after thy will, while I am waiting yielded and still.***

### 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

“I’ll Walk with God” from *The Student Prince*

Nicholas Brodsky

### \*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 502**

*Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound*

Tune: NEW BRITAIN

**\*BENEDICTION**

**BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

*Trust in the Lord*

Robert Heath

**POSTLUDE**

*Andante con moto*

Léon

Boëllmann

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**Participating in today's service:**

Rev. Al Bunis, *Senior Pastor*

Moirá McGuinn, *Associate Pastor*

Dr. Vindhya Khare, *Interim Director of Music*

Chris Toth, *Organist*

Andrew York, *Soloist*

Plymouth Chancel Choir

Mickie Wilson, *Cover Art*



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