

*Plymouth Congregational Church*  
*The Worship of God*  
*Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Communion Sunday*  
*July 19, 2020*  
*Ten o'clock*

**PRELUDE**

**WORDS OF GREETING**

**HYMN #108**

*Come Christians, Join to Sing*

Tune: MADRID

Come, Christians, join to sing, Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice;  
Praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll condescend;  
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end in strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,  
Singing forever more, "Alleluia! Amen!"

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

You are gracious to us O God!

**You hear us when we call upon your holy name.**

We put our trust in you.

**Let us worship in the light of your presence!**

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION**

**Lord of life, in your abundant grace, we greet each new day in the brightness of hope. As we worship, plant seeds of faithfulness within us. May we listen to the boldness of your Word. May the strength of your Spirit transform us that we might become good soil. May the gifts of your Spirit grow within and among us, inspiring us to love and serve you in faithfulness. We ask this 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.***

## **FIRST READING**

Psalm 4

<sup>1</sup> Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer. <sup>2</sup> How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? <sup>3</sup> But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him. <sup>4</sup> When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. <sup>5</sup> Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD. <sup>6</sup> There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!" <sup>7</sup> You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound. <sup>8</sup> I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

## **CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

Zach Dunn

## **SECOND READING**

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

<sup>1</sup> That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. <sup>2</sup> Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. <sup>3</sup> Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. <sup>4</sup> As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup> Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. <sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. <sup>9</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear."

<sup>18</sup> "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: <sup>19</sup> When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. <sup>20</sup> The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. <sup>21</sup> But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. <sup>22</sup> The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. <sup>23</sup> But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

## **SERMON**

*"Looking Upward in Uncertain Times"*

Rev. Al Bunis

## **SERMON RESPONSE**

## **PASTORAL PRAYER**

## PRAYER RESPONSE

### OFFERTORY

*This River (from, Yes, Lord)*

Uzee Brown, Jr.

### SERVICE OF COMMUNION

### SUNG PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, Forgive Us Our Trespasses M.A.Kauffman



Lord, for-give us our tres-pas-ses, as we for-give those who tres-pass a-against us;

5 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

*Go Forth!*

Charles O. Beck

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Worship Participants:

Preaching: Rev. Al Bunis, Senior Pastor

Liturgist: Rev. Moira McGuinn, Associate Pastor

Children's Moment: Zach Dunn

Director of Music: Gerry Brenes

Soloist: Amanda Crider

Organist: Christopher Toth

***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.