



# Plymouth Congregational Church

*A Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

Service of Word and Sacrament

June 18, 2017

Confirmation Sunday

10:00 am

## THE GATHERING

### RINGING OF THE BELL

### PRELUDE

Rhosymedre

Ralph Vaughan Williams

### \*OPENING HYMN

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

No. 12

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Gary Allen

*In celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the formation of the United Church of Christ and the faith statements that our Confirmands will make, our call to worship is based on the UCC's Statement of Faith.*

One: Come, let us worship God, the Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ, and our God.

Many: Let us testify to Her deeds. Let us celebrate the worlds She calls into being. For God creates us in Her own image, and sets before us the ways of life and death.

One: God seeks in holy love to save us from aimlessness and sin. He judges people and nations by His righteous will, declared through prophets and apostles.

Many: In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, God has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death, and reconciling the world to Himself.

One: God bestows upon us Her Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

Many: God calls us into the church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be God's servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at His table, to join Him in His passion and victory.

One: God promises to all who trust Her forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, Her presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in Her realm, which has no end.

All: Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto God. Amen.

### WORDS OF WELCOME

Quinn G. Caldwell

## THE REFRESHMENT OF FORGIVENESS

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

### \*ASSURANCE OF GRACE

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Please share a sign of peace with those around you.*

*\*Please rise if you are able*

\*PRAISE SONG (unison) Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray (2x)  
Up on the mountain my Lord spoke; out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.  
Looked all around me, looked so fine, I asked my God if all were mine.  
Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray (2x)

## THE GIFT OF THE WORD

STORY FOR ALL AGES

Liz Pruchnicki and Quinn G. Caldwell

SCRIPTURE

Acts 8:14-17

ANTHEM

J ubilate!

Michael Bedford

CONFIRMAND STATEMENTS OF FAITH Olive Crawford

Maya Fredette

Laine Wojcik

\*HYMN

God, When I Came Into This Life

No. 354

## THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR

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 debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

INVITATION

SENTENCES

EXAMINATION

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Olive Kay Crawford*

*Laine Mary Wojcik*

THE PRAYER AND ACT OF CONFIRMATION

*Olive Kay Crawford*

*Maya Chanelle Fredette*

*Laine Mary Wojcik*

WELCOME AND PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

\*HYMN

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

No. 351

## OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

CALL TO THE OFFERING

*Today we receive the New York Conference of the United Church of Christ's annual Covenant Share offering to support the work of the Conference, including ministerial settlement, supporting local churches, providing education and support opportunities, advocacy work, and more. Use the envelopes in your bulletins, or write a check to Plymouth with "Covenant Share" in the memo line.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM	J ust As a Father	Luigi Cherubini
*DOXOLOGY		<i>Old Hundredth</i>
Praise G od, from whom all blessings flow; Praise G od, all creatures here below. Praise H oly Spirit evermore; O ne G od, triune, whom we adore!		
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
*CLOSING HYMN	Now in the D ays of Youth	No. 350
*BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	Silhouettes	Vladimir Rebikov



*Confirmation is a ministry of the entire church (and community). Besides all the teachers and leaders who have taught, loved, and supported our Confirmands in the years leading up to this one, we give special thanks for:*

*Confirmation Leaders*  
*Quinn Caldwell*  
*Liz Pruchnicki*

*Carole Brzozowski*  
*Nellie Fisher*

*Host Faith Communities*  
*Islamic Society of Central New York*  
*Temple Concord*

*Confirmation Mentors*  
*Gary Allen*

*Classroom Assistants*  
*Patty Ely*  
*James Rada*

*Lunch Providers*  
*Kim Dill*  
*Barb and Craig French*  
*Stephanie Pasquale and Russ Wojcik*

*Providers of Retreat Space When We Really Really Needed It*  
*Jennifer Hamlin-Navias and Geoff Navias*



## Plymouth Runs On YOU

GREETERS: Leslie and George Lawrence    LITURGIST: Gary Allen  
 USHERS: Gert Danzy and Scott Kraemer    ACOLYTE: Emily Philips  
 FLOWERS given by Peggy and Larry Kinner in celebration of all fathers on  
 Father's Day and in celebration of Jennifer Kinner's and Chloe Carr's birthdays  
 OFFERING COUNTERS: Sue Bogucz and Keith Jakway

*You can volunteer for many of these ministries via the Plymouth website [www.plymouthsyr.org](http://www.plymouthsyr.org). Go to the "Get Involved" page and click on the link above the choir photo.*

Hospitality Ministry – Please consider serving as a host for Community Time. There is a sign-up chart in the bell tower entrance. It's easy and we'll help you!

Flowers – Make our worship space even more beautiful for the glory of God and in honor of whatever you choose. A sign-up sheet is found in the bell tower entry. The cost is \$25, but plans for larger or multiple arrangements can always be made.

Accessibility: Individual listening headsets are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Please contact one of the ushers for help. An elevator and ramp are available. LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE IN THE BACK OF THE SANCTUARY.

Welcoming Children in Worship: Children of all ages have a place in worship and in the life of the church. Nursery care is offered at 10:00 am for infants. Sound is piped into Memorial Hall next door to the Sanctuary for those who would welcome a space apart.

Worship Clipboards: Worship clipboards with age-appropriate bulletins and coloring paper are available in the back of the Sanctuary for our elementary aged children as a support to their attendance in worship. We hope you will find these clipboards a welcoming and supportive means of engaging your children during the worship service.

There is ample free street parking on the blocks around our church on Sundays, as well as in the lots behind the Catholic diocese building. For those able to walk a short distance, parking here will allow those with mobility impairments or small children to use the spots directly in front of the church.

## ❧ Some Things You Ought to Know ❧

TO DAY following worship:

- Community Time – celebration of our new confirmands  
*(No Learning Community as regular Learning Community has concluded until the fall)*

TO DAY we are receiving the annual Covenant Share Offering, which directly supports the work of the New York Conference. The Conference approved this special offering at its 2013 annual meeting and recommends that local churches suggest that each member contribute a \$10 annual gift to the work of the United Church of Christ in New York. Thank you for your generosity.

Plymouth ROCKS: We'll be serving lunch at the Rescue Mission NEXT Sunday, June 25. The group will leave Plymouth around 10:15am and will finish serving shortly after 12pm (if you volunteer you will be missing the service that week). All generations are welcome and encouraged to attend. RSVP to Chris Hopkins ([christinehopkins03@gmail.com](mailto:christinehopkins03@gmail.com) or 315.476.5139.)

On Monday, July 17th, 6pm-7:30pm, we have a family-friendly opportunity to sort and pack diapers at the CNY Diaper Bank. This is an event for ages 6 and up, but the Diaper Bank also has a small play area suitable for toddlers and little ones. Contact Lisa Neerukonda for more details at ([Lisa.Kelly115@gmail.com](mailto:Lisa.Kelly115@gmail.com) or 781-572-1208)

Did you forget to order a Plymouth ROCKS t-shirt? We have an extra supply! T-shirts can be purchased through the church office Mon.-Fri. 8:30am – 4:30pm. (Small – XL - \$16; XXL and above - \$18). Call first to make sure we have your size.

On-line sign up is available for Sunday morning ministries! If you have not yet been introduced to "Sign-up Genius," please join the Deacons following worship in Memorial Hall on June 25 and

July 9. Laptops will be available so you can have a hands-on introduction to this new system.

Learning Community Picnic: Learning community families and leaders are invited to join us for our Learning Community Picnic on June 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00pm at the home of Quinn Caldwell, Terry Howell, Asa, and Asher (7329 Route 80, Fabius). Burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, and beverages will be provided, but please bring a dish to share & lawn chairs or blankets for additional seating. RSVP to Liz Pruchnicki at [lpruchnicki@plymouthsyr.org](mailto:lpruchnicki@plymouthsyr.org) or call the church office.

The Food Pantry is collecting DEODORANT during the month of June. Please place your contributions in the box in the back of the worship area.

Mark Your Calendars for Plymouth Summer Picnics!

- Wednesday, July 12, at the Kraemers' home
- Wednesday, August 9, at the home of Jon Preston and Christopher Norman

More details to follow in the July *Plymouth Story*.

Flowers for Summer Worship: During July and August, there are two ways you can contribute to the beauty of worship: 1) You can provide flowers by signing up for a specific Sunday on the chart in the bell tower or online by clicking the link at the "Get Involved" page on Plymouth's website—[www.plymouthsyr.org](http://www.plymouthsyr.org). and sending in a check for \$25 to Plymouth Church with "flowers" noted in the memo line. (We order the arrangement for you!) OR 2) You are invited to arrange flowers or other items from your gardens to brighten our worship space. If you would like to participate in this way, you do not need to sign up on the chart - just arrive on any Sunday between 9:30 and 9:45 am with your floral or other items. Thank you in advance and we look forward to many delightful, colorful displays!

Quinn's Out-of-Office Office Hours: Quinn can be found at Recess Coffee on Harvard Street from 3 to 5 pm on Mondays and at Café Kubal on Salina Street from 10 am to noon on Thursdays. No appointment is needed, but it's a good idea to check Plymouth's Facebook group, or with Quinn directly, on a day you're thinking of dropping in. Sometimes emergent events cause changes to this schedule!

And he is available at other times as well—just call and schedule an appointment!

Quinn's Call-in Hour: Quinn is available by phone, with a guaranteed answer, every Monday morning from 9-10 (other times, he promises to respond to any messages promptly!).

Want to stay informed about the news and events at Plymouth Church? Sign up for Plymouth's weekly email newsletter by contacting George Bain at [georgesbain@aol.com](mailto:georgesbain@aol.com) and provide your email to the church office ([office@plymouthsyr.org](mailto:office@plymouthsyr.org)) in order to receive the monthly newsletter *The Plymouth Story*.

Meet the Syracuse Mayoral Candidates: The Syracuse Chapter of the National Action Network is partnering with the Alliance of Communities Transforming Syracuse (ACTS), and Parents for Public Schools (PPS), to provide the community with an opportunity to learn more about the candidates running for office of Mayor tomorrow, Monday, June 19 at the Southwest Community Center (401 South Ave.). Doors open at 6:45pm and the forum begins at 7pm. This is an opportunity for parents, community members, businesses, and organizations to come together to ask important questions concerning the future of Syracuse. For questions, please contact Craig French (on behalf of ACTS, NAN and Parents for Public Schools) at 315-657-5869 or [craigfrench@twcnny.rr.com](mailto:craigfrench@twcnny.rr.com).

World Refugee Day Events: Catholic Charities of Onondaga County has teamed up with InterFaith Works and others to host two World Refugee Day events. On Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> from 2pm – 5pm at the CNY Philanthropy Center, 431 E. Fayette St., there will be a World Refugee Day Community Orientation, an informative session about Syracuse’s many refugee communities. Attendees will learn how community engagement can change the lives of those who have fled war, famine, and persecution. Then, from 6pm – 9pm, at Dr. Weeks Elementary, 710 Hawley Avenue, the World Refugee Day Celebration will take place. Refugees of Syracuse will showcase their regional culture, cuisine, music, and dance performances reflective of the astounding diversity our world offers. Syracuse Mayor Stephanie A. Miner will appear as the keynote speaker.

### THIS WEEK AT PLYMOUTH

- Mon. June 19 Deadline for the July *Plymouth Story*
- Tues. June 20 Church Council – 5:30pm  
Board of Christian Formation – 7:00pm
- Thurs. June 22 Food Pantry – 10am – 12noon
- Sun. June 25 Worship/Summer Chapel Time – 10am  
*Welcoming of New Members*  
Serving lunch at Rescue Mission – 10:15am  
Learning Community Picnic – 1pm – 4pm

## ❧ Music Notes for June 18, 2017 ❧

Our prelude is a well-known chorale prelude by Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) which uses the tune *Rhosymedre* which is most commonly sung to the text *Our Father, by whose name all fatherhood is known*. Although here at Plymouth we avoid gendered references to God, today, on Father’s Day, we take the liberty to do so.

Our anthem uses a text from Psalm 100 both in its Latin and English versions. Michael Bedford (b. 1949) serves as composer-in-residence and music director at St. John’s Episcopal Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma:

*Jubilate Deo, omnes terra!  
Oh be joyful all ye nations; Oh be joyful in the Lord.  
Serve the Lord with gladness; come before God’s presence with a song.  
Enter now God’s gates with thanksgiving; go into God’s courts with praise  
Oh, be thankful; Call upon the name of the Lord.*

A *canon* is a piece of music where one line of music plays against itself, making pleasing counterpoint. There are tricky canons where the same music is played both forward and backward at the same time, or where the second voice is in a different key, etc., but the most common canon is the simple round like our offertory anthem. Luigi Cherubini (1760-1842) was an Italian-born composer who spent most of his creative life in Paris, eventually becoming the Director of the Paris Conservatoire. Although he is regarded as a lesser composer today, Beethoven considered him to be second only to himself amongst their contemporaries!

*Like as a father, full of compassion, offers loving kindness unto all his children,  
So the Lord is gracious to those who love him.*

Vladimir Rebikov (1866-1920) was born in Siberia and died in Crimea. He pioneered many techniques that became popular in the twentieth century, such as 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> chords, polytonality (music in more than one key at a time) and harmonies built on fourths (rather than thirds, like most of the music we know). However, his work remained largely unknown, and when these same techniques were used by other composers such as Debussy, Scriabin, and Stravinsky, he falsely accused them of stealing his ideas. Unfortunately, by the time of his death at age 54, he was already forgotten except for some charming *salon* pieces, like today's postlude.

Yes, I CAN help with the Arts and Crafts Festival!

I would like to work the following shift(s):

- Sunday, July 23 following worship (strong people needed to move furniture out of parlor)
- Thursday, July 27 – 6pm – 7pm (strong and tall people needed to set up tents and tables, etc.)

Friday, July 28	Saturday, July 29	Sunday, July 30
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		<input type="checkbox"/> 6:00pm – 7:30pm (take down)

- The shifts above don't fit my schedule, but I am available

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 (date) (time)

- I am willing to bake at home – please contact me about what recipe to use and other specifics

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 (Name)

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 (Phone)

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 (E mail)

(Please place in offering basket or return to church office)

## ✿ About Plymouth ✿

Plymouth was founded in 1853 by a group of Syracusans who wanted to create a Christian abolitionist bulwark in the city. Since then, we have fought against slavery, poverty, and war; for immigrants', natives', workers', LG BT, and women's rights; and sought to be agents of mercy in a hurting world. We believe in beauty, laughter, the struggle for peace with justice, taking risks for God, and the Way of J esus C hrist.

O ur faith is over 2,000 years old; our thinking is not!

We are O pen and Affirming We believe G od calls us to welcome all people and their gifts regardless of gender, gender expression, sexual orientation, race and ethnicity, physical ability, socioeconomic status, or religious background.

We are J ust Peace We covenant to live actively within the holy longing that weds justice with the quest for peace – within us, between us, in community, and across the globe. We covenant to affirm the sacredness of all life and to honor and preserve creation.

We are S anctuary We provide a space of physical, emotional, and spiritual safety for immigrants without documents, and specifically pledge to the principles of the national New Sanctuary M ovement.

We are P rogressive Christians We try to walk in the way of J esus C hrist, our brother and savior. We believe G od speaks new meanings for new days, and that S he does so not only in the church and the ancient words of the Bible, but through the insights of science, the arts, the revelations of other religions, and the best strivings of the human spirit. We believe G od has granted us a purpose, and that life is too short for long-faced religion. J oin us!

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