



Plymouth Congregational Church

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

Service of the Word
May 27, 2018
Trinity Sunday
10:00 am

THE GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE	Chorale Prelude on Nicaea	John Marsh
*OPENING HYMN	Holy, Holy, Holy	No. 277
*CALL TO WORSHIP		Cindy Perrine

One: Holy is the face of God.

All: Holy is the place where God dwells.

One: Holy are the words of God's mouth.

All: Holy are the works of God's hands.

One: Holy is the house of God.

All: Holy are the people of God.

One: Holy is all that God fashioned and created.

All: Holy is all that God touches and blesses.

One: Come, let us worship God in the radiant beauty of holiness.

**All: Come, let us live mindful of the holiness
that is in us and all around us.**

WORDS OF WELCOME

Craig French

LITANY LINKING SYSTEMIC RACISM AND POVERTY

(Poor People's Campaign, 2018)

One: We stand at a crucial moment in our nation's history. We have fewer voting rights today than we did 50 years ago. Twenty-three states have passed racist voter suppression laws since 2010. At least 17 states have targeted Native American and/or Alaskan Native voters. Will we be a people who protect the rights of some at the expense of others or will we be a moral people who demand justice for all?

All: We know what is right: "to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly"* upon this earth. We will be a moral people who demand justice for all.

One: We stand at a crossroads in our nation's history. Federal spending on immigration, deportation, and border policies is more than \$17 billion while 340,000 immigrants were removed or deported in 2016. Will we separate families, build walls and detention centers, and continue to scapegoat, punish and divide or will we dismantle systems of oppression and violence?

All: We know what is moral: to ensure for all people life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. We will work to dismantle all systems of oppression and violence.

One: We believe that the power of our government derives from us, the people, for the purpose of providing for the general welfare and protecting the human rights of all. We

**Please rise if you are able*

know that thirteen states with voter suppression laws refused to expand Medicaid and that 25 states have laws that preempt cities from passing increased minimum wage laws. Therefore, we, the people, will rise up and stand for justice and kindness and liberty for all.

All: We will fight for justice for the 140 million poor and working poor people in our nation--the wealthiest nation ever to exist. We will shine the light on voter suppression and how racist attacks on our democracy impacts all people.

One: When we come to understand that all of life is connected—that my well-being is connected to your well-being, that my rights are connected to your rights—only then can we become the beloved community.

All: We believe that when we save one person's life, we save all of humanity.* Therefore, we will seek justice for the one and for the many. We will show kindness to the one and to the many. We will walk humbly with the one and with the many.

(Sentences marked with an asterisk are taken, respectively, from Micah 6:8 and The Qur'an)

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

*PRAISE SONG

Draw the Circle Wide

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has a vocal line starting with a *div.* marking and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Draw the cir-cle wide, draw it wid-er still. Let this". The second system continues the vocal line and piano accompaniment with the lyrics: "be our song: no one stands a-lone. Stand-ing side by side, draw the". The third system concludes the piece with the lyrics: "cir-cle, draw the cir - cle wide." and ends with a double bar line.

STORY FOR ALL AGES

Kim Looney

THE GIFT OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 6:1-8

ANTHEM

Holy, Holy, Holy

Georg Frideric Handel

SERMON

THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

There are several beloved versions of this prayer. In an effort to pray in unison while respecting the different versions that many of us have prayed since childhood, we will cycle through the different versions over the course of a year. We will pray using "debts" through the end of summer.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Holy Is Thy Name, O Lord

Abbé Vogler

*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

**Praise God whose breath fills all the earth
Whose love reveals our sacred worth
Whose Spirit forms one family
Whose grace brings peace and harmony. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN

Praise with Joy the World's Creator

No. 273

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

The Awakening

Jean-Philippe Rameau



 Plymouth Runs On YOU 

LITURGIST: Cindy Perrine

USHERS: Frank Leonard and Kailyn Wright

OFFERING COUNTERS: Audrey Kane and Elaine Wolf

You can volunteer for many of these ministries via the Plymouth website 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** 🎵

TODAY following worship:

- Community Time
- (No Learning Community)

Plymouth ROCKS: We are sponsoring an outreach event on **Saturday, June 2**, between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm to do landscaping to prepare one of the individual homes, located at 210 Bellevue Ave. being built by A Tiny Home for Good. If you can participate, or need a ride, contact Norm Hatt (315-481-4557) or Kathy Ferro in the church office.

The Christian Formation Board is selling raffle tickets for the 16th Annual InterFaith Works Duck Race to End Racism, taking place on June 9 at the Inner Harbor. Each \$5 ticket purchases an entry in the Community Duck Race, featuring many prizes. Fifty percent of the proceeds go to support the El-Hindi Center for Dialogue program at InterFaith Works, and the other 50 percent will go to Plymouth. The CF Board is planning to use the funds toward a planned local youth mission outing this summer, so pick up a ticket to support both Plymouth and a wonderful community partner.

As an added bonus, if we are able to sell at least 40 tickets, Plymouth is entered for a chance to win \$1,000 in the Power Paddler Drawing!

If you are interested in a ticket, please see Dave Pasinski after church, or contact Jim Dunne of the Christian Formation Board at jamesdunne24@gmail.com or 617-797-3234.

Needed - reusable cloth bags: The Food pantry is requesting donations of reusable cloth bags to give to clients. Stronger bags with handles will make it easier for clients to carry food, be more sustainable for the pantry and the environment. Any assistance you can give us will be very much appreciated. Thank you!

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.

NOTE: Starting in June, Food Pantry hours are changing to every Monday from 2pm – 4pm except for holidays.

CNY Pride Parade Coordinator Sought: The deacons seek someone(s) to coordinate Plymouth's participation in this year's CNY Pride Parade, set for Saturday, June 16. Plymouth customarily has a contingent march behind a church banner in the parade and then staffs an information booth at the Pride Festival that follows the parade. If you're interested, please contact George Bain.

Summer Picnics: The deacons revived the summer picnic tradition last summer and picnics will continue this summer. Juliet and Keith Giglio will host the July picnic at their home in Manlius on Wednesday, July 18. Susan and Richard Hawks will host the August picnic at their home in Syracuse on a date to be determined. The deacons extend thanks to our hosts.

Calling all graduates! Is someone in your home graduating from high school, college or grad school this spring? If so, let us know who they are, from where they are graduating and what's next

so we can celebrate and recognize them in the June *Plymouth Story* as well as during worship on June 10.

Plymouth Women will be meeting on **Monday, June 4** at 12noon. Plans for a picnic are in the works – more information to follow next week! If you have questions or want to be on the call list, contact Peggy Kinner, Anne Frank or Tina Goodall.

POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN: 40 days of action have begun for the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for a Moral Revival. Each week there will be a rally and non-violent direct action in Albany at the State Capitol [May 29 (Tuesday), June 4, 11, 18]. At the end of the six weeks, there will be a mass rally in Washington, DC (June 23). In Syracuse, there will be Mass Meeting Watch Parties on Sunday evenings except Memorial Day weekend (6:00-8:00 p.m.) at University United Methodist Church, 324 University Ave. Teach-in Tuesdays and events on Thursdays are being scheduled. To stay up-to-date on details, visit <https://www.facebook.com/cnyppc/> (You do not need to join Facebook to see the page.) Send a message to cnyppoorpeoplescampaign@gmail.com to be added to the email list. More details to follow in the June *Plymouth Story*.

On Sunday, June 3, Carly Alicea, a Plymouth member and a PhD student in the Hearing Science Lab at Syracuse University, will be offering **free hearing screenings** in the Adult Education Room following worship. All are welcome to have their hearing screened. You will also have an opportunity to register for the Hearing Science Lab's research participant database if you might be interested in participating in hearing-related research in the future. Please contact Carly with any questions at carlym@rochester.rr.com or 585-208-0529.

THIS WEEK AT PLYMOUTH

- Mon. May 28 Memorial Day – OFFICE CLOSED
- Thurs. May 31 Bell Choir Rehearsal – 5:30pm – Sanctuary
Choir Rehearsal – 7:00pm – Memorial Hall
- Sun. June 3 Worship/Communion/Chapel Time – 10am
Learning Community – preparation for Children's Sunday
Forum - Poor People's Campaign, with Bonnie Shultz of the Zen Center

🎵 Music Notes for May 27, 2018 🎵

Chorale preludes are music – often for organ – that are based upon a pre-existent hymn tune (or chorale.) Our **prelude** uses the tune “Nicaea,” which is our opening hymn today. John Marsh (b. 1939) is the music director at the Lord Mayor's Chapel in Bristol, England.

Our **anthem** is a short excerpt from the Utrecht Te Deum, which was written by Georg Frideric Handel (1685-1759) in 1713 to celebrate the Treaty of Utrecht which ended the War of Spanish Succession. It was commissioned by the Royal Family, and was the first sacred work written by Handel in English. This piece secured Handel's success and popularity in Britain.

*To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry:
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Sabaoth.
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of Thy glory.*

Georg Joseph Vogler (1749-1814) has been described as one of the most bizarre characters in the history of music. He studied law and theology, and was ordained a priest and was appointed chamberlain to the pope, but his real life's work was always in music. He had new ideas of how to build organs, and of how music theory should be taught. (Mozart thought he was a fraud.) Vogler visited most countries of Europe, and also Greece, Armenia, Asia, Africa and Greenland to study “primitive music” so that he could better understand the ancient roots of European music. (Of course,

this Euro-centric view of the superiority of western European music is no longer accepted.) Our **offertory anthem** is written in style typical of the late Baroque, or early Classic period:

*Holy, holy, holy is thy name, O Lord.
Heaven on high is thy abode.
Angels praise thy holy name.
Heaven and earth thy power proclaim.
Heaven and earth, and all creation praise thy name with one accord.
Holy is thy name, O Lord.*

If you know anything about music theory, if you understand the terms, triad, inversions, tonic, dominant, relative major and minor, you can thank Jean-Philippe Rameau (1683-1764.) His 1722 *Treatise on Harmony* provides a way to understand music from 1600-1900. He was also a brilliant composer, although his music was forgotten after his death until the twentieth century. Our **postlude** is one of his hundreds of character pieces written for the keyboard.

🌀 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', LGBT, 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 Jesus Christ.

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

We are Open and Affirming We believe God 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 Just 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 Sanctuary 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 Movement.

We are Progressive Christians We try to walk in the way of Jesus Christ, our brother and savior. We believe God speaks new meanings for new days, and that She 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 God has granted us a purpose, and that life is too short for long-faced religion. Join us!

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