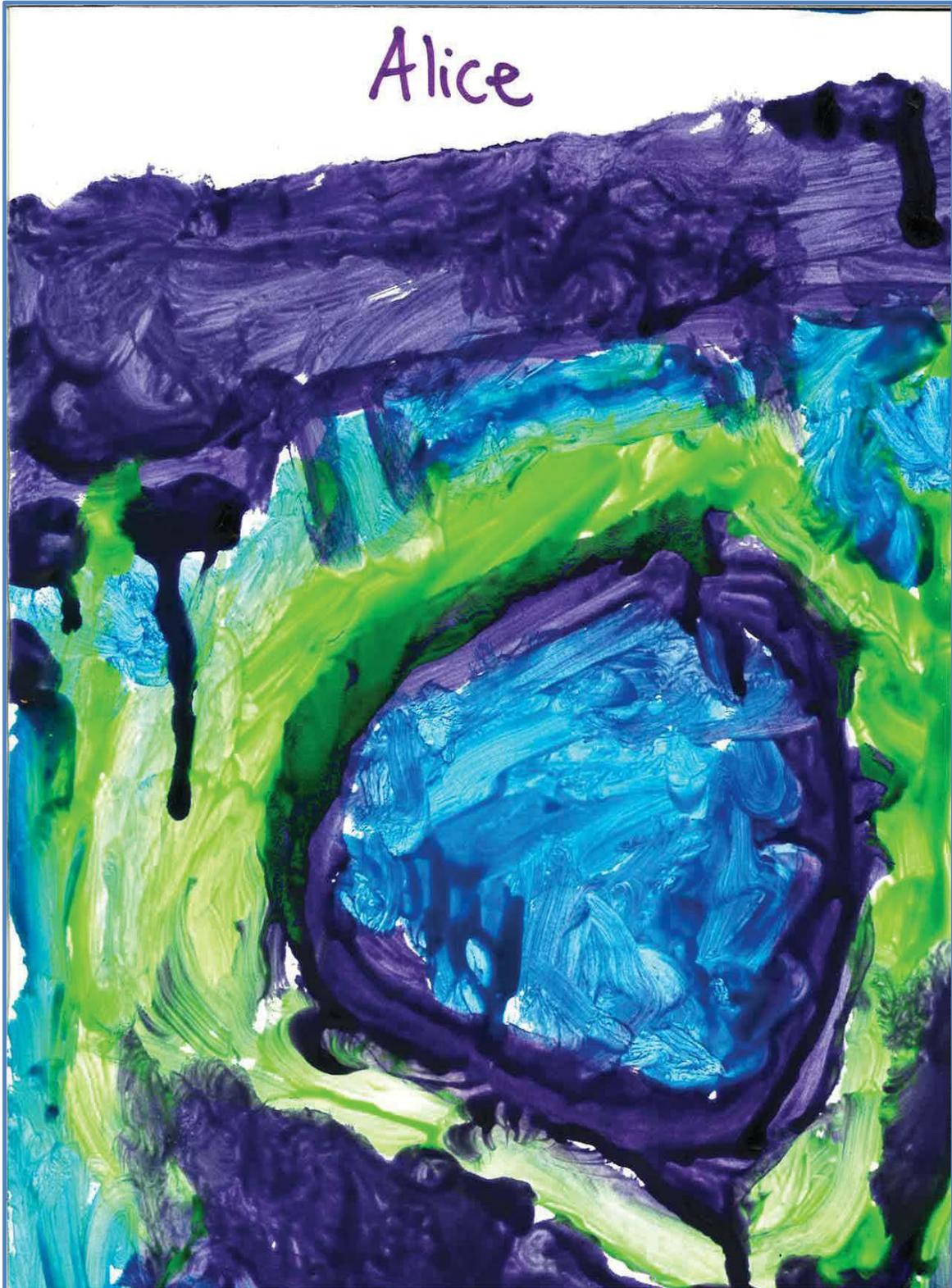


Plymouth Congregational Church
Children's Sunday ~ June 10, 2018
10:00am



Artwork by Alice Dunne

THE GATHERING



RINGING OF THE BELL – Church is about to start!



PRELUDE – We come together to worship
Sunday School March in E \flat
Rainbows

Alexander Schreiner
adapted from Frederic Chopin

Elias Mannion, piano



* OPENING HYMN – We sing to God

Praise to God

No. 5



* CALL TO WORSHIP – Hi, God! We are here.

Billy Balduf

One: For the places where we meet: Learning Community, Chapel Time, and the PrayGround.
For nice classrooms and the church,

All: We give you thanks, O God.

One: For the people we meet and the friends we make, the choir and the songs,

All: We give you thanks, O God.

One: For the things that we do: coloring and making cards, eating yummy snacks, getting dressed up for church, helping in Chapel Time and Worship, and going into lots of detail about God and Jesus,

All: We give you thanks, O God.

One: For getting to know young people at Plymouth and calling them by name; for being a part of their faith journey; for creating a space that is welcoming, loving, and stimulating; for seeing God and the world and the Bible through different eyes,

All: We give you thanks, O God.

**Please rise if you are able*

One: For the people of all ages who make the church who she is today and for the young people who are shaping the church of tomorrow,

All: We give you thanks, O God.

Compiled from responses from Plymouth children and volunteers with children.



WORDS OF WELCOME – We are glad you are here!

Kim Looney



THE REFRESHMENT OF FORGIVENESS



PRAYER OF CONFESSION – We say we are sorry

Laine Wojcik

One: For the times we do not notice the many gifts in our lives, big and small, material and immaterial, we ask for your grace and mercy.

All: Come, God, come and help us to see.

One: For the times we think that we must do something to earn a gift and the times that we give a gift expecting something in return, we ask for your grace and mercy.

All: Come, God, come and help us to understand the meaning of your grace.

One: For the times we feel disappointed or ungrateful for a gift freely given with no strings attached, we ask for your grace and mercy.

All: Come, God, come and open our hearts to receive with thanksgiving.

One: For the times we forget to say “thank you” or don’t show we are grateful, we ask for your grace and mercy.

All: Come, God, come and help us to pass on the grace that’s been given to us.

One: Your gifts are boundless; they know no end.

All: We praise you, God, for your abundant blessings!



SILENT PRAYER



*ASSURANCE OF GRACE – We are forgiven!



*PASSING OF THE PEACE – We share God’s peace

Spring is in the air! As you pass the Peace of Christ, with joy and laughter. rather than shaking hands with your neighbor, pass or toss a beach ball to one another as you say, “You are a blessing, I am thankful for YOU!”



*PRAISE SONG

This is the Day

**This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice, Let us rejoice
And be glad in it, and be glad in it;
This is the day that the Lord has made,
Let us rejoice and be glad in it;
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.**



THE GIFT OF THE WORD



SCRIPTURE – We listen to the Word of God

Luke 17:11-19

Craig French
and the children of Plymouth

*SONG – We sing to God

Simple Gifts

'Tis a gift to be simple, 'tis a gift to be free
'Tis a gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

Refrain:

When true simplicity is gain'd,
To bow and to bend we shan't be asham'd,
To turn, turn will be our delight,
Till by turning, turning we come 'round right.

'Tis a gift to be loved and that love to return,
'Tis a gift to be taught and a richer gift to learn,
And when we expect of others what we try to live each day,
Then we'll all live together and we'll all learn to say,

Refrain

'Tis a gift to have friends and a true friend to be,
'Tis a gift to think of others not to only think of "me",
And when we hear what others really think and really feel,
Then we'll all live together with a love that is real.

Refrain



STORY FOR ALL AGES

Kim Looney

GIVING THANKS

BIBLE PRESENTATION



Preschool:

Liliana Gillespie
Manny Lang
Emily Otte
Ranae Tryon

Third Grade:

Harry Crawford
DaCoda Weller



VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Chapel Time:

Ed S. Bogucz
Jim Dunne
Lisa Neerukonda

Learning Community:

Preschool:

Jim Dunne
Stacey Otte

Elementary:

Janet Bucher
Kim Dill
Kathy Ferro
Abigail Hind
Scott Looney

Stephanie Pasquale
Doreen Todorov

Youth:

Dana Griffith
James Rada

Substitutes (All Programming):

Christine Dunne
Barbara French
Barb Genton
Geri Hall
Chris Hopkins
Kirsten Hubel
Carol Johnson
Christi Jureller
Peggy Kinner
Milanne Morange
Cindy Perrine
Kailyn Wright

Special Events:

Carole Brzozowski
Gert Danzy
Jim Dunne
Kathy Ferro
Nancy Gwin
Chris Hopkins
Kirsten Hubel
Carol Johnson
Dave Pasinski
James Rada
Matt Tooley



* HYMN – We sing to God Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

No. 4



RECOGNITION OF THE GRADUATES

Craig French

Treva Signorelli
Anna Wojcik



PASTORAL PRAYER – We pray with our leader



THE PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR – We pray together

Kaleigha Spinner and Jaya Rogala

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.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS



CALL TO THE OFFERING – We thank God and bring our gifts

Billy Balduf

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

We See the World Through Younger Eyes

James Vedder



*DOXOLOGY – We sing "Praise God"

Old Hundredth

**Praise God in whom we all do dwell,
Including kids we know so well,
Whose tears and smiles reveal God's grace
And show to us God's glorious face. Amen.**



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION – We bless our gifts

Craig French



ACOLYTE RECOGNITION

Kathy Ferro

Hunter Carr	Abigail Mannion
Ray Carr	Elias Mannion
Harry Crawford	Kaleigha Spinner
Bobbi Griffith	DaCoda Weller
Bryson Griffith	



*CLOSING HYMN – We sing as we go

This Little Light of Mine

No. 525



*BENEDICTION – We go out in God's name

Kim Looney

Children are invited to come forward and assist with blessing the congregation.



POSTLUDE – We go in peace

Habanera

Georges Bizet

Chloe Carr, trombone



Christian Formation Open House

All are invited to a Christian Formation Open House
immediately following the service!

Join a tour group in the back of the Sanctuary and enjoy your tour of the second and third floors where the children and youth spend much of their time. The kids and their families will be your tour guides and show you our wonderful space!

After your tour is complete, we will gather in Memorial Hall
for a time of celebration and fellowship.

☞ Plymouth Runs On YOU ☞

GREETERS: Jaya Rogala and Kaleigha Spinner **ACOLYTE:** Hunter Carr

USHERS: George Bain, Luckner Morange, Adena Giroux, Violet Giroux,
Abigail Otte, Emily Otte, Amelia Wright

COMMUNITY TIME: Christian Formation Board

FLOWERS given by Peggy and Larry Kinner in celebration of our granddaughter Jennifer Leigh's birthday on June 12 and all of our children and grandchildren

OFFERING COUNTERS: Sue Bogucz and Audrey Kane

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:

- Learning Community Open House – join a tour group at the back of the sanctuary!

Today, we will be receiving Plymouth's annual **Covenant Share** offering. The New York Conference approved this special offering at its 2013 annual meeting. The Conference recommends that local churches suggest that each member contribute a \$10 gift to the work of the United Church of Christ in New York.

Like to sing, but can't commit to a weekly rehearsal? June is the month for you! The choir gathers at 9am on Sunday morning to rehearse familiar pieces for worship that week. (No Thursday evening rehearsals!) All are welcome!

Plymouth ROCKS: We will be serving lunch at the Rescue Mission on **Sunday, June 24**. The group will leave Plymouth around 10:15am and will finish serving shortly after 12pm. Young (ages 12 and up) and old are welcome! AND, with spring upon us, **please note the dress code:** close-toed shoes (no sandals), long pants, capris or shorts to the knees, and no tank tops. **RSVP to Chris Hopkins (christinehopkins03@gmail.com or 315 476-5139.)**

2018 Arts and Crafts Festival, July 27-29: This is a **big fundraising effort** for Plymouth so don't miss the opportunity to help in order to ensure its success! MANY volunteers are needed to help by baking treats beforehand, setting up and taking down, welcoming people to our historic church, selling beverages and baked goods, and collecting donations for use of our restrooms. Sign up today by completing the form in the bulletin and placing it in the offering plate or by signing up on the master chart at the back of the sanctuary. If you have questions or want more information on how to get involved, please contact Kathy Ferro at fergood@twcny.rr.com or 315-481-7281.

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 have changed. This ministry is now offered every Monday from 2pm – 4pm except for holidays.

The 9th Annual CNY Pride Interfaith Service, with the theme "Love is..." a celebration of the spiritual lives of people who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Plus and Everyone, is being hosted by Temple Concord, 910 Madison St, Syracuse, on **Tuesday, June 12** at 7:00pm. Childcare and Children's Programming is provided. All are welcome.

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 [still remaining - June 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 (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/cnypopc/> (You do not need to join Facebook to see the page.) Send a message to cnypoorpeoplescampaign@gmail.com to be added to the email list. More details in the June *Plymouth Story*.

Help us live out our mission of “Welcoming All” by signing up to usher, greet, host community time or contribute flowers:

- 1) Visit our website: www.plymouthsyr.org
- 2) At the top of the screen, click on: GET INVOLVED
- 3) Scroll down to GREETERS, USHERS and HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS
- 4) click on SIGN UP
- 5) Scroll down to the date of your choice and click on SIGN UP next to the ministry of your choice
- 6) Click on SUBMIT AND SIGN-UP
- 7) Add your contact info and you are all set to go!

THIS WEEK AT PLYMOUTH

- Mon. June 11 Food Pantry – 2pm – 4pm – second floor
- Tues. June 12 Board of Deacons – 5:15pm – Parlor
Board of Trustees – 6:30pm – Parlor
- Thurs. June 14 Bell Choir Rehearsal – 5:45pm - Sanctuary
- Sun. June 17 Worship/Chapel Time – 10am
Forum – Building Men Program, with Joe Horan – 11:15am – Memorial Hall
Extended Chapel Time until 12noon
Learning Community Family Picnic – 3pm – 5pm – Thornden Park

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!

Rev. Craig French, Bridge Pastor
Dr. Joseph Downing, Director of Music
Kim Looney, Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
Kathy Ferro, Church Administrator
Mark Johnson, Sexton

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