



Plymouth Congregational Church

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

JULY 8, 2018 WORSHIP
10:00 am

*Within these walls we sit surrounded by numberless generations.
Our ancestors built (this church) as a visible sign of God's presence in their midst.
Throughout our long history, our endless wanderings it has endured,
a beacon of truth, love, and justice for all humanity.
Its presence guided our ancestors to lives of righteousness,
holding up to them a vision of their truest selves.
Now we, in our turn, come into this sanctuary to affirm the sacredness of our lives.
May we enter this place in peace.
May holiness wrap around us as we cross its threshold.
Weariness, doubt, the flaws within our human hearts, the harshness of the week—
let these drop away at the door.
In the brightness of (our Sabbath),
let peace settle upon us as we lift our hearts in prayer.*

adapted from A Reform Siddur (Prayer Book)

PREPARING TO MEET GOD

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

INVOCATION (*from Celtic Benediction, by J. Philip Newell*)

David Palladino-Cowdery

**ALL: In the beginning, O God,
your Spirit swept over the chaotic deep like a wild wind
and creation was born.
In the turbulence of my own life
and the unsettled waters of the world today
let there be new birthings of your Spirit.
In the currents of my own heart
and the upheavals of the world today
let there be new birthings of your mighty Spirit.**

* HYMN 8 Praise to the Living God

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Hottenstein

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

*PRAISE SONG

**God's still speaking, always speaking.
Do you hear? Do you hear?
Trust and you will hear God, crying out for justice.
God is love. Always love.**

* Please rise if you are able

LISTENING FOR GOD

PRAYER #858

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF GRACE and ASSURANCE

SCRIPTURE Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (NSRV)

SERMON

RESPONDING TO GOD

*HYMN 20 God of Abraham and Sarah

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SAVIOR'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 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 OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY

***Praise God, you saints, who summer love,
Refreshing gift from God above;
A time of rest for soul and mind,
A time in Christ to grow more kind.***

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN 410 If You but Trust in God to Guide You

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



During the summer months, the hymns and prayers will be listed in the bulletin insert.

We extend our gratitude to the following people who are leading us in worship during the month of July:

*John Hottenstein
Scott Looney*

*Emily McNeill
Jim Tschudy*

For Emergency Pastoral Care during the month of July, contact the church office or the following caregivers as noted:

*July 2-9 Dave Pasinski (315-663-1330, 315-637-7934)
July 14-21 John Hottenstein (315-263-0609, 315-474-6214)
July 27-29 Dave Pasinski (315-663-1330, 315-637-7934)*

***Please do not discard this bulletin!
If you don't want to take it home with you, please place it on the table
by the door at the end of the service for use throughout July.***

☞ Some Things You Ought to Know ☞

THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP:

John Hottenstein is leading us in worship while Craig French is away with family.

Hymns: 8 Praise to the Living God
 20 God of Abraham and Sarah
 410 If You but Trust in God to Guide You

Scripture: Mark 6:1-6a (NSRV)

Prayer: #858

Greeter: Sarah Whitton Usher: Luckner Morange

Liturgist: David Palladino-Cowdery

Flowers given by Joe Downing and Will Doswell in memory of Lee Dreamer

Community Time: Barbara Forsstrom, Dawn Franits and Chris Hopkins

Offering Counters: Sue Bogucz and Audrey Kane

Our music today is Prelude: Adagio by Alexandre Guilmant, Offertory: Adagio by J. S. Bach, Postlude: Rondeau by Jean Joseph Mouret. We express our appreciation to trombonist Nicolas Abelgore.

TODAY following worship: Community Time

Plymouth ROCKS: Plymouth ROCKS will be volunteering at Matthew 25 Farm in LaFayette on **Saturday, July 14 at 9am**, helping to harvest, weed, water, etc. Children are welcome between the ages of 5-17, but must be accompanied by a guardian. Contact Lisa Neerukonda to RSVP or for more details Lisa.Kelly115@gmail.com or 781-572-1208.)

We will be serving lunch at the Rescue Mission on **Sunday, July 22**. 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 summer 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.)**

The July potluck picnic is on **Wednesday, July 18**, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the home of Keith and Juliet Giglio, 4915 Bentbrook Drive, Manlius 13104 (it's off Route 173, near Fayetteville-Manlius High School). Bring a dish to pass, your own place setting(s) and a lawn chair. And it's a pool party! The Giglios have a swimming pool heated to 86 degrees and will provide towels if you forget yours (and they'll have ice cream, too). They will also provide a lifeguard if they know children are coming - please let Juliet know by July 15 at 315-682-5501 or julietgiglio@gmail.com.

Want to help make reusable bags for the food pantry? Sarah Wright is coordinating two dates to do just that! You can't sew, you say? No problem, we also need help cutting out pattern pieces, pinning pieces together, ironing seams, and general enthusiasm! If you're interested please email Kathy Ferro to let her know if Thursday, **July 19, 6-9pm**, or **Saturday, July 21, 1-4pm** works better for you. Location will be dependent on amount of interest.

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 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.

Plymouth is a stop on The Fuller Center for Housing cross country bike tour. Thirty- two cyclists will be camping out in Kirtland Hall Saturday, August 4 – Sunday, August 5. **We are seeking**

volunteers to help prepare and serve dinner to the riders on that Saturday. Please contact the church office if you are interested in helping provide this hospitality. Other donations welcomed by the group are listed in the July *Plymouth Story*.

ACTS is starting a monthly book club dealing with “Race Matters”: Join us on **Monday July 30 at 7 PM** at Temple Concord [entrance at rear of parking lot].

The first book to be discussed is “Tears We Cannot Stop – A Sermon to White America” by Michael Eric Dyson. There are 11 copies available through Onondaga County Public Library and new & used copies are available from Amazon ranging from \$11-15. More information is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway.

THIS WEEK AT PLYMOUTH

- Mon. July 9 Food Pantry – 2pm – 4pm – second floor
- Tues. July 10 Board of Trustees – 6:30pm - Parlor
- Sat. July 14 Plymouth ROCKS at Matthew 25 Farm – 9am
- Sun. July 15 Worship and Chapel Time – 10am

✎ ABOUT PLYMOUTH CHURCH ✎

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!

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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