



Plymouth Congregational Church

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

WORSHIP
AUGUST 5, 2018
10:00 AM

The desert ammas were subversives.
 They were subversives as the gospel is subversive ...
 'The desert is a place of spiritual revolution, not of personal retreat.
 It is a place of inner protest, not outward peace.
 It is a place of deep encounter, not of superficial escape.'

Mary C. Earle, The Desert Mothers

PREPARING TO MEET GOD

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

INVOCATION (by J. Philip Newell)

Leela George

**ALL: O God of new beginnings,
 who brings light out of night's darkness**

**and fresh green out of hard winter earth,
 there is barren land between us
 as people and as nations this day,
 and there are empty stretches of soul within us.**

**Give us eyes to see new dawns of promise.
 Give us ears to hear fresh soundings of birth.**

* HYMN 73 Enter, Rejoice and Come In

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Craig French

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

*PRAISE SONG

* Please rise if you are able

LISTENING FOR GOD

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (*from The Desert Mothers by Mary Earle*)

ALL: Gracious God, in Jesus you called us to be your friends.
Make me a lover of souls,
and grant me the teachers I need
for this moment in walking the path of life. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Psalm 1 (*The Inclusive Bible*)

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

Be still and know that I am God.

(F) A (C) E (Dm) F#m (Em) G#m (Fmaj7) Amaj7 (G7) B7

Be still and know that I am God.

SERMON

RESPONDING TO GOD

*HYMN 501

We Are Dancing Sarah's Circle

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

O God, hear us;

hear our prayer.

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

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION and BLESSING

SHARING THE MEAL

Our communion table is open to everyone. All you have to be to feast at this table is hungry. Please come forward by the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and eat before returning to your seat via the side aisles. The cups contain non-alcoholic grape juice; an egg and gluten-free option is available instead of bread. If you cannot come forward but would like to partake, simply raise your hand and servers will come to you.

*HYMN (insert page 5)

I Shall Not Be Moved

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



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

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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☞ 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!

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 through September 2.

☞ Some Things You Ought to Know ☞

THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP: *We welcome Glenn Armstrong as our guest organist today while Joe Downing is away with family. Glenn recently retired after more than 35 years as organist and music director at The Church of the Assumption.*

Hymns:

- 73 Enter, Rejoice and Come In
- 501 We Are Dancing Sarah's Circle
I Shall Not Be Moved (*insert*)

Scripture Psalm 1 (*The Inclusive Bible*)

Ushers: Barb Genton and Cindy Perrine Liturgist: Leela George
Communion Servers: Funmi Afelumo, George Bain, Frank Leonard, Kailyn Wright
Flowers given by Gert Danzy – Happy Birthday, August!
Community Time: Gert Danzy ~ come celebrate August birthdays!
Offering Counters: Sue Bogucz and Sarah Whitton

Our music today is Prelude: Reflection on Forest Green by Alice Jordan; Offertory: I Walk With God Today by Jane Bingham Abbott; Postlude: Divertissement by Janet M. Correll and played by Stephen Block. Michael Chellis is our soloist this morning.

TODAY following worship:

- Forum – Fuller Center for Housing – Memorial Hall
- Children's activity upstairs and extended Nursery coverage until noon

Hiroshima Day 2018 – gather behind City Hall Commons at 11:30am on **Monday, August 6**; procession steps off at 12:00noon.

Syracuse Chiefs Game: Come to this **churchwide** event on **Sunday, August 12** at 1:05pm. The cost is \$5 per ticket (children young enough to not need their own seat do not need a ticket.) Please turn in your payment to Kim Looney or write a check and include "Chiefs game" in the memo line. Kids age 12 and under eat free on Sundays! **RSVP to Kim Looney ASAP** since we have to purchase the tickets in advance.

Susan and Richard Hawks are excited to host the **August Plymouth picnic** on **Wednesday August 15, 6:00-8:00pm** at **104 Westminster Ave., 13210** in the university neighborhood. Park across the street from the house. Please bring a dish to share, anything you want to grill, your place settings and a chair or blanket. Beverages, cups, a hot grill and s'more ingredients will be provided. Please RSVP to 475-4032 by Monday August 13 so they can buy enough marshmallows.

We are requesting school supplies for children in need. This is the best time of year to pick up discounted school supplies at Target, Office Max, etc. Suggested items include crayons, pencils, highlighters, pocket folders, glue sticks, colored pencils, plastic pencil cases & safety scissors. Supplies will be delivered to Syracuse City students. Classrooms always need sanitizing wipes, tissues and filler paper if you happen to see any on sale! There will be a bin in the back of the sanctuary. Thank you from the Learning Community kids.

The Food Pantry is collecting TOOTHBRUSHES during the month of August. Please place your contributions in the basket in the back of the sanctuary.

The Alliance of Communities Transforming Syracuse (ACTS) and the Alternatives to Violence Project is co-sponsoring **the Alternatives to Violence basic workshop**

- WHEN:** Friday, August 10—5:00pm—9:00pm
Saturday, August 11—8:30am—9:00pm
Sunday, August 12—8:30am—1:00pm, followed by a celebratory picnic
- WHERE:** Brown Memorial United Methodist Church, Davis St., Syracuse
- FEE:** \$20-\$40 sliding scale; scholarships available;

To register and for more information, contact Coran Klaver—ccklaver@gmail.com or 315-396-7070.

THIS WEEK AT PLYMOUTH

- Mon. August 6 Food Pantry – 2pm – 4pm – second floor
- Tues. August 7 Board of Christian Formation – 7pm - Parlor
- Sun. August 12 Worship/Chapel Time – 10am
Syracuse Chiefs Game – 1:05pm

Note: The Church Office will be open for limited hours (9am – 12noon) on Monday, August 6 while Kathy Ferro is away with family (thanks to the volunteers who are covering!)

I Shall Not Be Moved

The musical score is written for voice and piano in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of music. The first system contains the first line of the song. The second system contains the second line. The third system contains the third line. The fourth system contains three numbered verses. The fifth system contains the final line of the song, marked with a 'D. S.' (Da Capo) instruction. The lyrics are: 'I shall not be, I shall not be moved. I shall not be, I shall not be moved; like a tree plant-ed by the wa-ter, I shall not be moved. (be moved.) 1. When my cross is heav-y, I shall not be moved, 2. When my bur-den's heav-y, I shall not be moved, 3. If my friends for-sake me, I shall not be moved, when my cross is heav-y, I shall not be moved; like a when my bur-den's heav-y, I shall not be moved; like a if my friends for-sake me, I shall not be moved; like a'.

WORDS and MUSIC: African-American spiritual

I SHALL NOT BE MOVED
Irr.