



# Plymouth Congregational Church

*A Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

Service of the Word  
February 10, 2019  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
10:00 am

## THE GATHERING

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

Retrospection

Florence Price

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

Kaleigha Spinner

\*OPENING HYMN

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

No. 345

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*based on Psalm 138*)

Stephanie Pasquale

One: I will give the Lord thanks with my whole heart.

**All: Before all the gods of this world I will sing God's praise.**

One: I will bow down toward God's holy temple and give thanks to his name for his steadfast love and faithfulness.

**All: When I call upon the Lord, he answers me.**

One: He answers my call and strengthens my soul.

**All: Though I walk in the midst of trouble God preserves me against the anger of my enemies.**

One: God stretches out his hand and delivers me.

**All: His purpose for me he will fulfill;**

One: his steadfast love endures forever.

**All: Let all of God's people call upon his name and rejoice and be glad in him.**

\*INVOCATION (*unison*)

**Faithful God, you have appointed us your witnesses, to be light that shines in the world. Let us not hide the bright hope you have given us, but tell everyone of your love, revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

WORDS OF WELCOME

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

\*SONG OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

**Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit Three in One;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

## THE GIFT OF THE WORD

*\*Please rise if you are able*

STORY FOR ALL AGES

*After the story, kids through 5th grade can head upstairs for Chapel Time.*

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| SCRIPTURE | Luke 5:1-11                         |                  |
| ANTHEM    | Follow Me!                          | Arr. John Carter |
| SERMON    | Gone Fishing                        |                  |
| *HYMN     | You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore | No. 173          |

**THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER**

CALL TO PRAYER

- One: God be with you.
- Many: And also with you.**
- One: Lift up your hearts.
- Many: We lift our hearts to God.**
- One: Let us pray...

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, 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 “trespasses” through the first part of 2019.*

**OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS**

CALL TO THE OFFERING

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| OFFERTORY ANTHEM | Shelter in the Storm | Arr. Joel Raney |
| *DOXOLOGY        | Old Hundredth        |                 |

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below!  
Praise God for all that love has done!  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit one. Amen.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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| *CLOSING HYMN | Jesus Calls Us, O’er the Tumult | No. 172 |
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\*BENEDICTION

CARRYING OUT THE LIGHT

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| POSTLUDE | Euphonic Sounds | Scott Joplin |
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## ☞ Some Things You Ought to Know ☞

### **TODAY following worship:**

- Learning Community
- Discernment Conversations – Who is Our Neighbor? 11:15 – Memorial Hall

**Pastoral Search:** Today following worship, the Discernment Committee will facilitate a listening session to gather input around the question, “**Who is Our Neighbor?**” Please join the conversation – your input is valued and important!

**At the Forum next Sunday** we will receive an update from InterFaith Works staff on the status of the refugee resettlement house project that we are funding through the Mission Giving portion of our Capital Campaign that concluded last spring.

**Plymouth ROCKS:** We will be serving lunch at the Rescue Mission on **Sunday, February 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! **RSVP to Chris Hopkins ([christinehopkins03@gmail.com](mailto:christinehopkins03@gmail.com) or 315 476-5139.) ahead of time. The Rescue Mission needs to have the names of the individuals who are volunteering.**

**Lent is nearly upon us!** On **Sunday, March 3**, in preparation for this season of fasting and reflection as we get ready for Easter, we continue two traditions; the Brazilian Ensemble will join us in worship and children and youth will “bury the alleluias.” After worship, all are invited to gather in Kirtland Hall (downstairs) for a Mardi Gras luncheon and an intergenerational activity that will help set us on the path to walk through Lent. Stay tuned for information about Lenten Bible study as well.

**The Plymouth Food Pantry depends on donations...** Our food pantry is open one day a week, serving approximately 80 people per month. We appreciate donations of money as well as non-perishable food items. Hearty soups and canned chicken are most needed, as they are not often available from the Food Bank. For the most part, money donations go further in feeding more people since we purchase food in bulk. A donation of **\$15.00 provides a 5 day/15 meal pantry package for 1 person**, and **\$40.00 provides that package for a family of 4.** Please consider donating, as you are able, to support our pantry.

**Ride to church needed!** Rebekah Tanner and Andrea Stoeckel live in the Lyncourt area. If you can give them a ride to church, call them at 315-450-5708.

**Home communion:** If you are unable to be in church on communion Sunday and want to receive communion, Keith Jakway will be happy to bring it to you – just give him a call at 315-382-0843. Or email him at [Krij1158@aol.com](mailto:Krij1158@aol.com).

**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*.

**The ACTS “Race Matters” Book Club** will read and discuss “OUR KIDS: The American Dream in Crisis” on **Monday, February 25** at 7pm at Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church, 5299 Jamesville Road, in Dewitt. Author Robert Putnam is the renowned Harvard scholar who earlier wrote “Bowling Alone: The Collapse & Revival of American Community.” The discussion will be facilitated by Peter Sarver, ACTS Executive Director and Kelly Ward, Chair of the ACTS Equity in Education Task Force. The 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month book club is open to all willing to tackle tough social issues in the context of white privilege and systemic racism. There is no expectation

of participation from session to session. The gathering site varies from month to month. For more information contact Peter Sarver at [petersarveracts@gmail.com](mailto:petersarveracts@gmail.com).

### THIS WEEK AT PLYMOUTH

- Mon. Feb. 11 Food Pantry – 2pm – 4pm
- Tues. Feb. 12 Board of Deacons – 5:15pm – Parlor  
Board of Trustees – 6:30pm - Parlor
- Thurs. Feb. 14 Bell Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm  
Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm
- Sun. Feb. 17 Worship/PrayGround  
Learning Community – 11:00am  
Youth Justice Work at Haven at Skanda – 11am  
Forum – update on the InterFaith Works refugee house project -11:15 in Memorial Hall

## ☞ Plymouth Runs On YOU ☞

**GREETER:** Sarah Whitton **USHERS:** Cindy Perrine and Kailyn Wright

**LITURGIST:** Stephanie Pasquale **ACOLYTE:** Kaleigha Spinner

**COMMUNITY TIME:** The Discernment Committee

**FLOWERS** given by the Woolverton family in memory of Ross D. Woolverton

**OFFERING COUNTERS:** Keith Jakway and Audrey Kane

*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.*

**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. At Plymouth we try to engage people of all ages in different ways. **Worship activity kits** and age-appropriate **children’s bulletins** are available at our *worship activity shelf* in the back of the Sanctuary for our young children and youth (and for any adults who feel led to use them!). We hope that these activities will help worshipers connect with the service in ways that are meaningful to them. **PLEASE** return the activity kits with all of the supplies to the shelf at the end of the service.

**Nursery Care:** Infants and toddlers have a special place in worship, too, and are always welcome. Sound is piped into Memorial Hall next door to the sanctuary for those who would welcome a space apart. We also offer Nursery care for infants and toddlers at 9:45am. There are changing tables in the restroom just off the sanctuary, in the nursery, and in the men’s restroom in the basement.

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.

## ☞ Music Notes for February 10, 2019 ☞

In recognition of African-American History month, we enjoy music from various black-church traditions.

Florence Price (1887-1953) was born in Little Rock and taught piano by her mother. By the time she was fourteen, she had entered the New England Conservatory (where she told people she was Mexican to avoid prejudice against blacks). She became head of the Clark Atlanta University’s music department, then moved back to Little Rock when she married. Several racially motivated incidents in Little Rock, including a lynching, led the family to move to Chicago where she continued her studies. In 1933 Frederick Stock premiered her first symphony with the Chicago Symphony, making her the first African-American female

to have her music performed by a major orchestra. She developed friendships with Langston Hughes and Marian Anderson, and had a very successful career. After she died, changing musical tastes caused her music to be largely forgotten. In 2009, a large quantity of her music, including two violin concertos and her fourth symphony, was found in a dilapidated house in rural Illinois. Like most of her music, our **prelude** is written in the lush harmonies of late Romanticism with hints of Impressionism.

Our **anthem** is an arrangement of a spiritual by John Carter (b. 1930) who is the Director of Music at University Baptist Church in Columbus, Ohio.

Joel Raney (b. 1956) grew up in rural Alabama and did a bachelor's degree in choral conducting at the University of North Alabama, followed by a master's degree in piano performance at the Juilliard School in New York City. He is Director of Music at First Baptist Church in Oak Park, Illinois. Our **offertory anthem** is a gospel arrangement of the well-known hymn.

Scott Joplin (1867/68-1917) was known as the King of Ragtime. He was born near the Texas/Arkansas border, the second of six children. His father was a freed slave, and his mother had been born free. Julius Weiss gave him free music lessons and exposed him to the world of classical music. The family struggled financially and his father encouraged him to pursue practical work that would supplement the family income while his mother encouraged him to pursue his music. By the late 1880s, he quit his job working for the railroad to work as full-time musician. He supported himself by playing in churches and brothels. In 1893 he attended the World's Fair in Chicago and, although it was hard for blacks to perform at the actual fair, he became known in the bars and brothels surrounding the fair. His music started the national craze for Ragtime. He also wrote two operas: the first was confiscated along with all his belongings in payment of a debt. It is now lost. The second was never performed in his lifetime. By 1916, syphilis had driven him to insanity and he died the following year. His music faded from popularity until the 1970s when the movie *The Sting* helped to revive interest in ragtime. Our **postlude** is one of the few rags that adapts well to the organ.

## ❧ 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 Immigrant Welcoming** We seek to learn, support, and develop practices and programs that facilitate the respectful welcome and inclusion of all immigrants into our congregation and community.

**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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