

*SONG OF PRAISE

(Ma - si - thi:) A - men, si - ya - ku - du - mi - sa. (Ma - si - thi:)
 (Sing a - men:) A - men, we praise your name, O God. (Sing a - men:)

A - men, si - ya - ku - du - mi - sa. (Ma - si - thi:) A - men, Ba - wo,
 A - men, we praise your name, O God. (Sing a - men:) A - men, a - men,

A - men, Ba - wo, A - men, si - ya - ku - du - mi - sa.
 a - men, a - men, A - men, we praise your name, O God.

THE GIFT OF THE WORD

STORY FOR ALL AGES

Kim Looney

After the story, kids through 3rd grade can head upstairs for Chapel Time.

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 3:17-4:1

One: The word of God for the people of God

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Arioso
Plymouth Bells

Mary McCleary

SERMON

Enemies of the Cross

*HYMN

On a Hill Far Away

No. 195

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.

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

CALL TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Prayer of St. Patrick

Mark Schweizer

*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

*CLOSING HYMN

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

No. 190

*BENEDICTION

CARRYING OUT THE LIGHT

POSTLUDE

Präludium

Arcangelo Corelli



Plymouth Runs On YOU

USHERS: Gert Danzy and Doreen Todorov

LITURGIST: Christine Richardson **ACOLYTE:** Elias Mannion

FLOWERS given by Peggy and Larry Kinner in celebration of their 40th anniversary. They were married at Plymouth 40 years ago on March 17. And in celebration of Peggy's son Robert Klock's 51st birthday on March 19.

OFFERING COUNTERS: Keith Jakway and Sarah Whitton

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.

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.

☞ Some Things You Ought to Know ☞

TODAY following worship:

- Learning Community
- Community Time – Memorial Hall
- Bible Study - Facing down the enemies of God in Philippians 3:17-4:1 and Luke 13:31-35, with Rev. John Terry - Parlor

Nominations are being sought for the Pastoral Search Committee: Church Council has decided to follow a process similar to the Discernment Committee selection, beginning by soliciting names from the congregation in March. Inserted in the bulletin is a nomination form detailing Church Council's goals for this process as well as the opportunity to nominate five individuals for consideration. **TODAY is the deadline for submitting nominations.** Your input is important!

The 2019 UCC Lent Devotional Book *Take Nothing With You*, written by UCC authors, is available on the table in the back of the Sanctuary for a suggested price of \$4 each (let us know if that price is prohibitive for you!)

Plymouth Directory: Updated directories have been sent via email. A limited number of hard copies are available at the back of the sanctuary. Those listed can access an always up-to-date edition online! (Call Church office for details.)

Lenten Bible Study will take place following worship through April 7:

- March 17: Facing down the enemies of God in Philippians 3:17-4:1 and Luke 13:31-35, with Rev. John Terry
- March 24: Exodus Story with emphasis on Passover story, Chapter 12, with Rev. David Pasinski
- March 31: Psalm 46, with special focus on verse 10, "Be still and know that I am God," with Rev. Rick Cowles and Rev. Caroline Cargo
- April 7: Topic to be announced, with Rev. Jim Tschudy

ACTS Spring Banquet - Reserve your seat at a Plymouth table! The Alliance of Communities Transforming Syracuse (ACTS) annual banquet is on Tuesday, April 9 at Drumlins (more info in March *Plymouth Story*.) Tickets are \$75 each and can be purchased by writing a check to Plymouth Church with "ACTS dinner" in the memo line. If you have questions or want more information about the ACTS banquet, please contact Nancy Gwin or Gert Danzy.

ACTS Race Matters Book Club will meet on Monday, March 25th, 7pm at Beth Shalom Chevra Shas, 18 Patsy Lane (off Jamesville Rd.), Dewitt. This month's book is "White Fragility" by Robin DiAngelo. The 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 on the book club, go visit our website acts-syracuse.org.

Ushers, Greeters and Community Time hosts are needed EVERY Sunday so that we can continue our mission of “Welcoming all.” Volunteer today by:

- 1) Signing up online (Visit our website: www.plymouthsyr.org; click on GET INVOLVED at the top of the screen, scroll down to GREETERS, USHERS and HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS, click on SIGN UP and follow the prompts OR
- 2) Contacting a Deacon (an usher can connect you with one!) OR
- 3) Contacting the church office

Sign up with a friend, or partner with someone who has done it before. Please consider a couple-times-a-year commitment. Thanks!

Rides needed to church:

- 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.
- Tom McVene lives on East Seneca Turnpike near Nob Hill. If you can give him a ride, call him at 315-706-6916. He is also looking for an apartment mate.

THIS WEEK AT PLYMOUTH

- Mon. March 18 Deadline for April *Plymouth Story*
Food Pantry – 2:00pm – 4:00pm
- Tues. March 19 Church Council – 5:30pm, Parlor
Discernment Committee – 6:00pm – Adult Ed Room
Board of Christian Formation – 7:00pm, Parlor
- Thurs. March 21 Bell Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm
Choir Rehearsal, 7:00pm
- Sun. March 24 Worship/PrayGround
Learning Community – 11:00am
Youth Justice Work - Serving Lunch at Rescue Mission,
depart at 10:15am
Bible Study – 11:15am - Exodus Story with emphasis on
Passover story, Chapter 12, with Rev. David Pasinski
Board of Deacons retreat

❧ 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!

The Rev. Dr. John A. Terry, Interim Pastor; jterry@plymouthsyr.org
Dr. Joseph Downing, Director of Music
Kim Looney, Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries
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