

Plymouth Congregational Church

PENTECOST

Faith Formation Sunday

June 9, 2019 - 10:00am



*“And suddenly
from heaven
there came a
sound like
the rush of a
violent wind...”*

*“Divided
tongues, as of
fire, appeared
among them...”*



THE GATHERING



RINGING OF THE BELL – Church is about to start!



BRINGING IN THE LIGHT – We carry God’s light into worship

Violet Giroux



PRELUDE – We come together to worship

Come Holy Spirit
Happy Birthday

Allen Orton Gibbs
Elias Mannion, piano



* OPENING HYMN – We sing to God

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

No. 282

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

A black outline of a speech bubble pointing downwards.

Hi God. We
are here!

Amelia Wright

One: We gather together

All: From all over, in one place, in your name, O Lord.

One: As surely as the wind blows,

All: Rustling in the leaves,

One: Dancing with the dandelion puffs,

All: Twirling with the helicopter seeds from the maple trees,

One: Creating new hairstyles,

All: We feel your presence, even though we cannot see you.

One: As surely as the sun shines,

All: Bringing light to the earth,

One: Shedding warmth on our bodies,

All: Providing food for the plants,

**Please rise if you are able*

One: Pouring joy into our souls,

All: We see the works of your Spirit, even though we cannot see you.

One: Fill us with your Spirit today, O Lord

All: That we all might speak and hear, listen and understand the language of your Spirit - LOVE.



* INVOCATION (*unison*) - We pray together

Abigail Otte

Creator God, you paint a picture of love on our hearts. Keeper of promises, you came to us in the flesh and showed us how to live. You said that we would never be alone, that you would send another to be with us forever. God of wind and fire, you breathed onto us the gift of your Holy Spirit so that we might know your presence and follow your ways always. Fill our hearts with gratitude and joy as we celebrate the gift of the Spirit and the gifts of those among us. Alleluia! Amen.



WORDS OF WELCOME - We are glad you are here!

Kim Looney



NURSERY WORKER RECOGNITION

Jim Dunne

Laksmi Harton
Arianna Suarez



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

***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



DRAMATIC SCRIPTURE READING – We listen to the Word of God
 Acts 2:1-12



***SONG – We sing to God**

You Gotta Sing

Swing



You got-ta sing when the Spi-rit says sing. You got-ta sing when the Spi-rit says sing. When the
 You got-ta shout
 You got-ta clap
 You got-ta pray
 You got-ta sing



Spi-rit says sing, you got-ta sing, you got-ta sing. You got-ta sing when the Spi-rit says sing.

GIVING THANKS



BIBLE PRESENTATION

Preschool/Kindergarten:

David Dunne
Johnathan Harton
Oliver Kurt
Alannah Redondo
Austin Waters
Eli Wright
Jacob Wright

Third Grade:

Jazmine Harton (4th grade)
Elias Mannion
Abigail Otte
Kaleigha Spinner



VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Chapel Time:

Ed S. Bogucz
Jim Dunne
Lisa Neerukonda

Substitutes (All Programming)):

Chris Hopkins
Peggy Kinner
Scott Looney
Milanne Morange
Stephanie Pasquale

Learning Community:

Preschool/Kindergarten:

Jim Dunne
Stacey Otte

Youth Group:

Dana Griffith
Rebecca Mannion

Elementary:

Kim Dill
Christine Dunne
Abigail Hind
Emily Lang
Jim Watts

Special Events:

Kathy Ferro
Chris Hopkins
Kirsten Hubel



ACOLYTE RECOGNITION

Gert Danzy

Harry Crawford
Adena Giroux
Violet Giroux
Elias Mannion

Abigail Otte
Kaleigha Spinner
Braedan Tryon



HYMN – We sing to God

This Little Light of Mine

No. 524

Verse 1 – Olive Crawford, Maya Fredette, Bobbi Griffith
The congregation stands and joins in for verses 2 & 3



RECOGNITION OF THE GRADUATES

Carly Alicea
Ava Giglio

Mariah Pasinski
Micah Pasinski

Kyle Seniw



PASTORAL PRAYER – We pray together

Jazmine Harton
Johnathan Harton



PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR – We pray together

Bryson Griffith

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

Jaya Rogala
Kaleigha Spinner

Today we are receiving a special offering for the ongoing work of the United Church of Christ: The Strengthen the Church Offering. Checks made out to Plymouth and marked Strengthen the Church, or any offering put in the specially marked envelopes in the pews, will help the UCC fulfill its commitments to creating a just world for all by investing in new ministries and practices that meet the emerging needs of local communities. Offerings not so marked will go to do all that same work and more locally, here at Plymouth.



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come Holy Ghost

Orlando Gibbons



*DOXOLOGY – We sing “Praise God”

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 – We bless our gifts

Alannah Redondo



*CLOSING HYMN – We sing as we go

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

No. 293



*BENEDICTION – We go out in God’s name

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



CARRYING OUT THE LIGHT - We carry God's light out into the world



POSTLUDE – We go in peace

Sunday School March in G

Alexander Schreiner



Cover Art: Adena Giroux and Emily Otte

Display Art: Harry Crawford, Alice Dunne, Violet Giroux



Plymouth Runs On YOU

GREETERS: David Dunne, Eli Wright, Jacob Wright **ACOLYTE:** Violet Giroux

USHERS: George Bain, Adena Giroux, Galen Giroux,
Oliver Kurt, Austin Waters, Kailyn Wright

FLOWERS given by the Shave family in celebration of Pentecost and in memory and celebration of the life of Carola Shave

COMMUNITY TIME: Christian Formation Board

OFFERING COUNTERS: Sue Bogucz and Keith Jakway

*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. At Plymouth we try to engage All 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:

- Community Time

Next week is Baseball Sunday! After a baseball-themed worship service, John Terry invites you to join him at the 1:00 Syracuse Mets game – just \$13 for prime seats! It is a fun Father's Day event AND it is a kids eat free day. Email Kathy kferro@plymouthsyr.org in the office **TODAY** if you would like to attend.

Show your pride! **June 22** is the **Central New York Pride parade and festival** and this is a wonderful opportunity for Plymouth to celebrate our open and affirming commitment. As the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising, this is a particularly meaningful year for all to celebrate. The celebration will be at the Inner Harbor. The parade itself is at 12 PM, and we will also have a table from 1-4 PM. Please sign up to march and/or sit at the table to help the community learn about Plymouth. You can sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4AAEAE28A6FE3-pride> or in the back of the sanctuary. For more information, contact Lori Forrester (loriaforrester@gmail.com), John Mannion (jmannion@syr.edu) or Linda Milosky (milosky@syr.edu).

Summer Picnics! The July potluck picnic is on **Wednesday, July 24**, 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! Plus 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. RSVPs decrease planning stress so **please let Juliet know if you are coming by July 22** at 315-682-5501 or julietgiglio@gmail.com

We welcome a host for an August potluck picnic! If you are willing to host, please contact Deacon Kailyn Wright, kailyn.wright@gmail.com.

Plymouth ROCKS: We will be serving lunch at the Rescue Mission on **Sunday, June 23**. 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.)

Volunteers needed to support the work of Plymouth!

- Worship bulletins & sermon podcasts are posted on the Plymouth website each week. The current volunteer has written out detailed instructions. If interested, please email rsmannion@gmail.com.
- **Ushers** make worship run smoothly, from before you arrive (unless you're in the choir) until after you leave. They pass out bulletins; answer questions and direct traffic; monitor who enters the Bell Tower, keeping you safe; collect the offering; and clean up afterward. Interested? Fill out the **BLUE** bulletin insert and place it in the offering plate.
- More than sixty volunteers are needed to staff the Arts and Crafts Festival; sign up on the **IVORY** bulletin insert and put it in the offering plate or on the chart at the back of the sanctuary (more info in June *Plymouth Story*.)

The Food Pantry is in need of reusable bags and manual can openers for our clients. Donations of these items can be dropped off in the food pantry basket at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you!

Rides needed to Church:

- **Gert Danzy** is back on her feet and eager to return to church, but doesn't yet have a new car! Give her a call if you can pick her up on a Sunday morning – 315-491-7650.
- **Rebekah Tanner** and **Andrea Stoeckel** would love to participate in worship. They live in the Lyncourt area. If you can give them a ride to church, call them at 315-450-5708.

Don't forget to wear your nametag! Please wear it as a sign of your warm welcome for visitors and for us long-time members who have trouble holding on to names. If you

don't have a nametag, prefer a different style (clip vs. lanyard) or have a preferred version of your name, make a note on the pad on the table below the nametags. Visitors are encouraged to fill out a "stick-on" tag.

THIS WEEK AT PLYMOUTH

- Mon. June 10 Food Pantry, 2pm – 4pm
- Tues. June 11 Board of Deacons, 5:30pm – Parlor
Board of Trustees, 5:30pm – Adult Education Room
- Wed. June 12 Pastoral Search Committee, 5:30pm - Parlor
- Sun. June 16 Worship – Baseball Sunday!
Community Time
Syracuse Mets Game – 1pm

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 All 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

Kathy Ferro, Church Administrator

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