



# Plymouth Congregational Church

*A Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

**Service of the Word  
November 22, 2020  
Reign of Christ Sunday  
10:00 am**

RINGING OF THE BELL

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

Alice Dunne

PRELUDE

Come Ye Thankful People Come

Joseph Downing

*Kyle Jones, Anthony Romagnuolo, trumpets*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

Eric Jackson

One: Peace be with you.

**All: And, also with you.**

*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.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lori Forrester

This place of worship has been prepared for us  
to come with songs of thanksgiving before our God.  
Bring your gifts to the altar and share your stories of blessings!  
God has provided so much—even this beautiful day—  
So let's raise our voices and celebrate!

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O God of steadfast love, we entered this space today to worship you in gladness. We come into your presence singing your praises. You are our creator; we are your people. Be with us, O God, as we celebrate all of creation: We give thanks for the sun, water, air, and winds that nourish your earth which provides the bounty we enjoy. Bless us as we bless your name. Amen.

\*OPENING HYMN

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

No. 259

**A hymn of glory let us sing, new hymns throughout the world shall ring;  
By a new way none ever trod Christ shares once more the throne of God.**

**You are a present joy, O Christ, triumphant love once sacrificed,  
And great the light in you we see to guide us to eternity.**

**O risen Christ, ascended now, to your blessed name all knees shall bow;  
You are, while endless ages run, in Triune Godhead ever One.**

*\*Please rise if you are able*

## THE GIFT OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 1:15-23

Maurice Forrester

One: I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all. The word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

STORY FOR ALL AGES

Kim Looney

ANTHEM

Now Thank We All Our God

J. S. Bach

*Carole Brzozowski, Tara Sandlin, Christine Richardson,*

*Rick Cowles, Michael Chellis, singers;*

*Kyle Jones, Anthony Romagnuolo, trumpets; Julia Ross, timpani*

SERMON

\*HYMN

My God, Accept My Heart This Day

No. 352

**My God, accept my heart this day, and make it always yours,  
That I from you no more may stray, as long as life endures.**

**Before the cross of One who died, I bow in deep regret.  
Let every sin be crucified, and every wrong offset.**

**Anoint me with your love and grace, adopt me for your own,  
That I in heaven may find my place and worship at your throne.**

**Let every thought and work and word be given, O God, to you.  
In life and death, may I be stirred your purpose to pursue.**

## THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

CALL TO PRAYER

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.**

**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.**

**OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS**

CALL TO THE OFFERING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN

We Praise You, O God

No. 420

**We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;  
We bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

**We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers;  
Through life's storm and tempest our guide you have been.  
When perils o'ertake us, you never will forsake us,  
And with your help, O God, in life's struggles we win.**

**With voices united our praises we offer,  
And gladly our song of thanksgiving we raise.  
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing;  
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

My Spirit Be Joyful

J. S. Bach

*Kyle Jones, Anthony Romagnuolo, trumpets*



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**~ Plymouth Runs On YOU ~**

**LITURGISTS:** Lori and Maurice Forrester **ACOLYTE:** Alice Dunne  
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## ☞ Some Things You Ought to Know ☞

### Accessing Sunday Worship:

Go to Plymouth Church's Facebook PAGE:

<https://www.facebook.com/plymouthUCCsyracuse/>

OR

Click on the Facebook logo



on the home page of Plymouth's website,

[www.plymouthsyr.org](http://www.plymouthsyr.org)

You can also join worship via telephone as well:

- Dial 1-646-876-9923
- You will hear "Enter your meeting ID followed by pound." Enter 603 933 3178 #
- You will hear "Enter your participant ID followed by pound, otherwise just press pound to continue." Press #
- You will hear "Enter the meeting password followed by pound" Enter 13202 #

**2021 Stewardship Update:** We have received 36 pledges for \$86,410 toward Plymouth's operating budget for 2021. The lack of in-person worship has disrupted the normal receipt of pledge cards this year. A year ago, we had received 51 pledges by Stewardship Sunday. You may mail your pledge card to the church office or to the stewardship secretary, George Bain, or contact George by email with your pledge amount.

**WOW! Widening our Welcome – Journey Inward, Journey Outward, Journey Together:** The final opportunity to participate in this first of three workshops offered by the Plymouth Racial Justice Group is **Monday, November 30 from 5:30pm-7pm**. Register online via <https://forms.gle/LMAbeJbKSevhDEwk9> or by calling the church office. You'll receive a Zoom invite via email the day of the workshop.

In Part 1: The Journey Inward, we will talk about our own experiences with bias, develop shared language as a faith community, reflect on where we are and what kind of faith community we could see, and leave with our own story of self and commitment to widening our welcome at Plymouth.

REMINDER: You must participate in this first workshop (Journey Inward) in order to join the subsequent sessions offered in December (Journey Outward) and January (Journey Together).

**Chat with the Pastor** – Eric would love to connect with you! You're invited to join him for conversation and/or prayer from noon until 1pm on November 25. ZOOM Meeting ID: 603 933 3178; Password: 13202.

**CAN YOU HELP FEED THE NEED?! The Food Pantry is looking for volunteers** who can help serve people in the downtown community on Monday afternoons (1:30-4 pm), and/or for unloading deliveries once or twice a month. Tasks include setting up, registering and interacting with clients, packing and carrying boxes. Any Spanish language knowledge is helpful! We operate with 2 or 3 volunteers working each week handing out pre-packed boxes of food as well as fresh produce and toiletry items. Clients are served from a table in the vestibule at the main church entrance, with the front door open and the clients staying outside the building. The volunteers wear masks, and we require that clients also wear masks and stay at a 6' distance. If you are available and willing to help on Mondays (it does not have to be every week!) to keep the food pantry open and serving, or if you have any questions, please contact Cyndi Signorelli at [signorelli4@verizon.net](mailto:signorelli4@verizon.net) or 315.446.1121. Thank you!!

**Advent-Christmastide Devotional Book:** From the writers of the popular online Daily Devotional, *Draw Near* includes a biblical text, reflection, and prayer for each day of Advent through Epiphany. You can order a copy for \$4.50 plus shipping from [Pilgrim Press](#).

**Order your Christmas poinsettia through Plymouth!** Plans are underway to decorate the sanctuary for virtual worship during the Advent season. This will include adorning the altar area with poinsettias for the December 20 service. Place your order today via <https://forms.gle/hn711uTAt2ffvZXa8> and send in a check payable to Plymouth with “poinsettia” in the memo line. Order deadline is December 11 at noon. You can pickup your poinsettia between 1pm and 3pm on Saturday, December 19 (the service is recorded prior to Sunday!) by driving by the church and receiving the flowers curbside from awaiting Deacons.

#### THIS WEEK AT PLYMOUTH

- Mon. November 23 Food Pantry, 2pm-4pm – Bell Tower door
- Wed. November 25 Chat with the Pastor, 12noon via Zoom
- Thurs. November 26 Church Office CLOSED – Thanksgiving
- Fri. November 27 Church Office CLOSED – Thanksgiving holiday
- Sun. November 29 Advent Storytime for families with children and youth,  
9am via Zoom  
First Sunday of Advent - Worship, 10am via Facebook  
... followed by Community Time on Zoom

### **Welcome to Plymouth**

232 E. Onondaga Street | Syracuse, NY 13202 | 315-474-4836

*For an online and interactive worship experience*

***We are Open and Affirming, Just Peace, Immigrant Welcoming, Progressive Christians, and a Sanctuary Congregation.***

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!***

- **Resources for Worship:** Today’s worship bulletin can be found on the church’s website.
- **Visiting for the First Time?** We are so glad to meet another member of our extended global family. Please email [office@plymouthsyr.org](mailto:office@plymouthsyr.org) to add your name to our mailing list so we can know how to best serve you!
- **Giving:** Part of worshipping God is through giving. We can only live into our mission to impact the world TOGETHER with the generosity of all! You can share your gifts with Plymouth Church at the address above or via PayPal to [giving@plymouthsyr.org](mailto:giving@plymouthsyr.org)
- **Prayer Requests:** We are excited to be worshipping together both with members of Plymouth Church and the wider world via Facebook Live. Public Prayer Requests you’d like the community to pray for can be submitted in the comments section of this posting. Private prayer requests can be sent via Facebook Message to Plymouth or email. To add a name to our Prayer List contact [office@plymouthsyr.org](mailto:office@plymouthsyr.org).