



Plymouth Congregational Church

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

**Service of Word and Sacrament
January 3, 2021
Second Sunday After Christmas
10:00 am**

RINGING OF THE BELL

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

Elias Mannion

PRELUDE

Noel III in G

Louis-Claude Daquin

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

There are angels hov'ring round. (*sung 3 times*)

To carry the tidings home. (*sung 3 times*)

Of a new Jerusalem. (*sung 3 times*)

Let all who see it come. (*sung 3 times*)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Christine Dunne

Sing aloud with gladness

God is gathering the people!

From the farthest parts of the earth we come

All who struggle; all who labor with new life!

Those who are weeping, God will console;

Those who get lost find a clear path home.

Let us worship the God who gathers us!

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

O Holy One, heavenly angels spoke to earthly shepherds and eternity entered time in the child of Bethlehem. Through the telling of the Christmas story, let our temporal lives be caught up in the eternal in that same child, that we might join shepherds and all the heavenly host in praising the coming of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN To You, O God, All Creatures Sing (vs. 1, 2, 3, 4)

No. 17

To you, O God, all creatures sing, and all creation, everything

Sings your praises, alleluia!

Your burning sun with golden beam, your silver moon with softer gleam

Sing your praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Your wind that blows the tempest by, your clouds that sail across the sky

Sing your praises, alleluia!

Your morning rises with a song, and lights of evening sing along,

Sing your praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Your flowing waters, crystal clear, make melodies for you to hear,

Sing your praises, alleluia!

Your fire, ...bountiful and bright, remembering your warmth and light,

Sing your praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

To you, O God, day after day, your planet earth in every way,

Sings your praises, alleluia,

As savory fruit and fragrant flower show forth your glory and your power,

Singing praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Please rise if you are able*

THE GIFT OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 31:7-14

Jim Dunne

One: For thus says the Lord:
Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O Lord, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”
See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.
With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.
Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,
and declare it in the coastlands far away;
say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him,
and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.”
For the Lord has ransomed Jacob,
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,
over the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and over the young of the flock and the herd;
their life shall become like a watered garden,
and they shall never languish again.
Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,
and the young men and the old shall be merry.
I will turn their mourning into joy,
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.
I will give the priests their fill of fatness,
and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,
says the Lord.
The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

STORY FOR ALL AGES

Kim Looney

ANTHEM

A New Year's Carol

Traditional

Janet Brown, soprano; Michael Chellis, bass

SERMON

*HYMN

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

No. 127

**Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming from tender stem has sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming as saints of old have sung.
It came a floweret bright,
Amid the cold of winter, when half spent was the night.**

**Isaiah had foretold it, the Rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it, the Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright,
She bore to us a Savior, when half spent was the night.**

THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

CALL TO PRAYER

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 2021.

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.

*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.**

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

CALL TO THE OFFERING

Today we receive a special offering for Plymouth's Good Samaritan Fund. This fund is used for direct ministries of mercy and benevolence with Plymouth members and our neighbors. To contribute, please make out a check to Plymouth Congregational Church with the words "Good Samaritan Fund" in the memo line.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

DISTRIBUTION OF BREAD AND CUP

Bring your host and cup. We will eat the host and drink the cup respectively at the same time.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*CLOSING HYMN

Joy to the World

No. 132

**Joy to the world! The Lord is come; let earth its praises bring;
Let every heart prepare Christ room, and heav'n and nature sing
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth! The Savior reigns! Let all their songs employ.
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains repeat the sounding joy
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy!**

**Christ rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the nations prove
The glories of God's righteousness and wonders of God's love
and wonders of God's love, and wonders, wonders of God's love!**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Noel VI in d minor

Louis-Claude Daquin



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~ Plymouth Runs On YOU ~

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- **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 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
- **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.

☞ 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

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 #

Stewardship Campaign Passes \$255,000: We have received 85 pledges for \$257,470 toward Plymouth's operating budget for 2021. There is still time for you to make a pledge. 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, even if you don't have a pledge card.

Open Enrollment for Covenant Community Groups! In January each year new members are welcomed into the Covenant Community Groups. These groups of eight to twelve committed listeners meet monthly in members' homes to discuss "life's big questions" and share whatever is on their hearts and minds.

If you are considering this wonderful opportunity to get to know other Plymouth people in a small and confidential environment, you are invited to an informational session with Susan Hawks and Rich Jaeger on January 10 at 11:30 am after church on Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2475181919?pwd=akE3NVNhUWc0OGZYdFJncHhkS0NQUT09>

Meeting ID: 247 518 1919

Passcode: A3Xm7r

If you are unable to attend the January 10 gathering but have questions, contact Susan (315-475-4032 or shawks@twcny.rr.com) or Rich (315-528-2638 or Rich.Jaeger@equitable.com). **Please let us know by Sunday, January 17** if you want to participate in a Covenant Community Group during 2021 so groups can be formed and be ready to meet in February.

