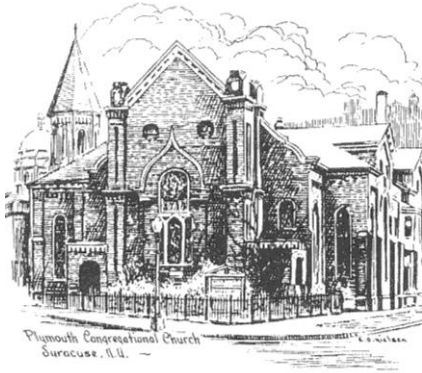


# Plymouth Congregational Church

*A Congregation of the United Church of Christ*



**Service of the Word**  
**March 28, 2021**  
**Sixth Sunday of Lent – Palm Sunday**  
**10:00 am**

RINGING OF THE BELL

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

Christine Dunne

PRELUDE

The Palms  
*Michael Chellis, bass*

Jean-Baptiste Faure

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

Keith Giglio

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Jesus Christ who came in peace, help us to accept what lies behind your peace that we may work to bring Good News to the poor, liberty to the captives, recovery of sight to those with blinded vision and so hasten the process of liberation for all people. Amen.

\*OPENING HYMN

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

No. 213

**“Hosanna, loud hosanna,” the little children sang;**  
**Through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang;**  
**To Jesus, who had held them close folded to his breast,**  
**The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.**

**From Olivet they followed amid a cheering crowd,**  
**The victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud.**  
**The one whom angels worship rode on in lowly state,**  
**And glad to see the children, slowed down the donkey’s gait.**

**“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song is ours.**  
**We hail our great Redeemer and sing with all our powers:**  
**“Hosanna, Christ, we praise you with heart and life and voice.**  
**Hosanna! In your presence forever we’ll rejoice!”**

## THE GIFT OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Mark 11:1-11

Juliet Giglio

One: When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

"Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

The word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

STORY FOR ALL AGES

Kim Looney

ANTHEM

He is Coming  
*Members of the Plymouth Choir*

Pauline Delmonte

SERMON

Eric Jackson

\*HYMN

Ride On! Ride On in Majesty

No. 215

**Ride on! Ride on in majesty! O Christ, with brave humility,  
On lowly colt, your road pursue, as palms and cloaks are spread for you.**

**Ride on! Ride on in majesty! As crowds of people come to see  
And shout hosannas, lifting high their praise for one about to die.**

**Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Ride on in humble dignity;  
Behold the ones you came to save from senseless life and endless grave.**

**Ride on! Ride on in majesty! For you have set your people free  
And we, remembering all your pain, now meet again to hail your reign.**

## THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

CALL TO PRAYER

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

## THE LORD'S 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 different versions over the course of a year. On the last Sunday of the month we pray the following, which is adapted from the New Zealand Prayer Book and uses contemporary, inclusive language. It is a paraphrase – not a translation – of the original Greek in the New Testament.*

**Eternal Spirit,  
Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver  
Source of all that is and all that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by people of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hopes and come on earth.  
With bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.  
May it be so. 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

*Throughout the month of March we will receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. Your OGHS contributions will be combined with those from several other Christian denominations to provide sources of clean water, food, education and health care, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation. To contribute, please make a check out to Plymouth Congregational Church and write "OGHS" in the memo line.*

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

No. 216

**All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!  
The people of the Hebrews with palms adorned your way;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems we offer you this day.  
O Promised One of Israel, of David's royal line,  
The one called "God's beloved," of flesh, and yet divine,  
To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
To you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.**

As you received their praises, receive our prayers today,  
Whose justice and whose mercy and sovereignty hold sway.  
All glory, laud, and honor to you, O Christ, we sing,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

When the Saints Come Marching In  
*Livio Fasullo, saxophone; Sam Ronan, piano; Basile Touratier, drums*



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**HOLY WEEK  
SERVICES  
AT  
PLYMOUTH**

**Maundy Thursday**

5:00pm: Family Service via Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82249360015>  
6:30pm: Tenebrae Service with Communion via Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6039333178>; Password: 13202

**Good Friday**

12noon: Stations of the Cross via Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6039333178>; Password: 13202  
6:00pm: The 7 Last Words of Jesus Christ service, via Hopps  
Memorial CME Church Facebook live  
<https://www.facebook.com/hopps.hopps.967>

**Easter**

10:00am: Worship with Communion via Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/plymouthUCCsyracuse>

- **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).

## ☞ Plymouth Runs On YOU ☞

**LITURGISTS:** Keith and Juliet Giglio   **ACOLYTE:** Christine Dunne  
**VIRTUAL DEACON ON DUTY/COMMUNITY TIME HOST:** Susan Hawks  
**WORSHIP ZOOM COORDINATOR:** Tom Zorn

*To give feedback and ideas about worship video production, you can contact our technician Ben Cooper at [av@plymouthsyr.org](mailto:av@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](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 #

**The final session of "Meeting Jesus Again for the First Time" book study is THIS Sunday, March 28 at 11:30am via zoom. The focus will be chapter 6.**

Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6039333178>; Password: 13202.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS INVITED FOR GRANTS FROM THE PLYMOUTH JUSTICE FUND:**

The Board of Deacons invites members of the congregation to recommend possible recipients of grants from the Plymouth Justice Fund. Please send your recommendations to [deacons@plymouthsyr.org](mailto:deacons@plymouthsyr.org) or by mail to the Plymouth office, 232 E Onondaga St., Syracuse NY 13202. We will receive your suggestions through April. The Deacons will review the recommendations during the first two weeks of May and send the list of proposed grant recipients to Church Council by mid-May with the goal of having the funds distributed by Juneteenth, June 19<sup>th</sup>.

As established by the Congregation, the Plymouth Justice Fund "shall be used exclusively and entirely for the benefit of those who have suffered economic hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic and/or the benefit of communities of Black, Indigenous and People of Color that continue to deal with historic economic inequity due to systemic and institutional racism." Please include the name of the organization and a brief reason why you have chosen it. If you have a personal connection or knowledge of the group, please include that information. This will help the Deacons in their deliberation. Each member of the congregation can submit up to three groups or organizations.

Any questions? Please contact Susan Hawks at [shawks@tweny.rr.com](mailto:shawks@tweny.rr.com) or 315-481-9148.

**Holy Week Prayer and Meditation:** You are invited for prayer and meditation in the Plymouth sanctuary during Holy Week. Gentle music will accompany your thoughts.

- Monday, March 29th, 6:00 pm (Carole Brzozowski playing piano)
- Tuesday, March 30th, 4:00 pm (Joe Downing playing organ)
- Wednesday, March 31st, 2:00 pm (Carole Brzozowski playing piano)

**Reservations are required** as seating will be limited to about 10 people, sitting at least 3 pews apart from each other. Those who attend will be let in at the appointed time and have 5-10 minutes to sit in silence before the music begins, which will last about 20 minutes. Attendees are asked to be masked and follow separation guidelines and to refrain from socializing in the sanctuary. Call the Church Office to reserve a spot.

**One Great Hour of Sharing**, the UCC's special offering to support disaster relief, refugee initiatives and more, will be collected throughout the month of March. Put OGHS on the memo line on your check.

**Easter Flowers:** Plans are underway to decorate the sanctuary for the virtual worship service on Easter Sunday with flowers from you! You can place your order for lilies, tulips or daffodils by clicking [HERE](#) or by calling the church office. DEADLINE for orders is end of day THIS Sunday, March 28.

#### THIS WEEK AT PLYMOUTH

- Mon. March 29 Food Pantry, 2pm – 4pm  
Beatitudes Scavenger Hunt, 3:30pm for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders  
Prayer and Meditation, 6pm (**reservation required**)
- Tues. March 30 Haven at Skanda, 1pm, Youth Group Justice Work  
Prayer and Meditation, 4pm (**reservation required**)
- Wed. March 31 Prayer and Meditation, 2pm (**reservation required**)
- Thurs. April 1 Maundy Thursday Family Service, 5pm via Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82249360015>  
Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service, 6:30pm via Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6039333178>; Password: 13202
- Fri. April 2 Stations of the Cross, 12noon via Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6039333178>; Password: 13202  
The 7 Last Words of Jesus Christ service, via Hopps  
Memorial CME Facebook live  
<https://www.facebook.com/hopps.hopps.967>
- Sun. April 4 Unburying the Alleluias and retelling the Easter story,  
for children at 9am via Zoom  
**EASTER** Worship with communion, 10am via Facebook  
.... followed by community time on Zoom  
<https://www.facebook.com/plymouthUCCsyracuse>

## 🌀 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!***