



# Plymouth Congregational Church

*A Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

Service of Word and Sacrament

April 4, 2021

**EASTER SUNDAY**

10:00 am

RINGING OF THE BELL

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

Alice Dunne

PRELUDE

“A Joyful Alleluia”

Gordon Young

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

Dawn Franits

Christ is Risen! Hope is alive! God's love is eternal!

Hallelujah!

Let us give thanks for what God has done.

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

God of grace and power, we come rejoicing in Christ's empty tomb. We come trusting in the good news that tells us Christ is with us. For the Risen Christ is living proof that You care about our lives, O God. The Risen Christ offers to us glimpses of hope, even in our tears.

As the tomb is not quiet. It speaks. It proclaims! It is a promise of eternal life!

Thank you, gracious and almighty God. Amen.

\*OPENING HYMN

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”

No. 233

**Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!**

**Mortal tongues and angels say: Alleluia!**

**Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!**

**Sing, glad heavens, and earth reply: Alleluia!**

**Let the Victor's people sing, Alleluia!**

**Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!**

**Dying once, Christ lives to save, Alleluia!**

**Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!**

*\*Please rise if you are able*

**Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Christ rise, Alleluia!  
God has opened paradise, Alleluia!**

**Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!**

## **THE GIFT OF THE WORD**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:1-12

One: But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The word of God for the people of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

STORY FOR ALL AGES

Kim Looney

ANTHEM

"Oh, Mary, Don't You Weep, Don't You Mourn"

SPIRITUAL

SERMON

"Cancelled!"

Eric Jackson

\*HYMN

"Now the Green Blade Rises"

No. 238

**Now the green blade rises from the buried grain;  
Wheat that in dark earth for many days has lain;  
Love lives again, that with the dead has been:  
Love is come again like wheat that rises green.**

**In the grave they laid their Love whom hate had slain,  
Thinking that their Love would never wake again,  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again like wheat that rises green.**

**Christ came forth at Easter, like the risen grain,  
Jesus, who for three days in the grave had lain;  
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:  
Love is come again like wheat that rises green.**

**When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
Christ's warm touch can call us back to life again,  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
Love is come again like wheat that rises green.**

## **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 Food Pantry to support our weekly ministry to some of the most vulnerable in our community. To contribute, please make out a check to Plymouth Congregational Church with the words "Food Pantry" 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

"The Day of Resurrection"

No. 245

**The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;  
The Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,  
Our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.**

**Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright  
The Christ who reigns eternal in resurrection light;  
We listen for the teachings once heard so calm and plain,  
For we, too, want to follow and raise the victor strain.**

**Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin,  
The whole world keep high triumph, and all that is therein;  
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,  
For Christ again has risen, our joy that has no end.**

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hallelujah Chorus from “Messiah”

G. F. Handel



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## **~ Plymouth Runs On YOU ~**

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## **Flowers 2021**

***The Easter plants and Good Samaritan Fund contributions are given by:***

George Bain in loving memory of Caroline Bain

Harold Bristol – thank you, Joan, for the support you have given me since Noni’s death

Gert Danzy – Holy Spirit, I am ready to serve. Fill me with your power and insight. Change me for the better!

Tim and Kathleen Deters-Hayes in memory of Edward Hayes, Donald Deters, and Joan Deters

Kathy Ferro in loving memory of Mom and Dad

Juliet and Keith Giglio in memory of Keith’s dad, Joe Giglio and in honor of our parents, Randy & Ginny Aires and Riki Giglio.

Susan and Richard Hawks in celebration of our grandchildren – Orson, Pia and Oona

John and Rebecca Mannion – in loving memory of our Nana from Elias and Abigail

David Michel in honor of the Liuzzi/Michel Families

## ☞ 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 #

**GOOD FRIDAY** - The 7 Last Words of Jesus Christ service, at 6:00pm via Hopps Memorial CME Facebook live - <https://www.facebook.com/hopps.hopps.967>

### 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@twcny.rr.com](mailto:shawks@twcny.rr.com) or 315-481-9148.

**Save the Date!** Pastor Eric's long-anticipated Service of Installation will take place via Zoom on **Sunday, May 23** at 3pm. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

**Earth Week Cleanup:** Plymouth members and friends of all ages are invited to participate in this year's Earth Day Cleanup hosted by the Downtown Committee of Syracuse on **Saturday, April 24 at 10am**. Register [HERE](#) or by calling the Church Office **no later than** Monday, April 12. Meet on the front lawn of the MOST between 9:45-10:00AM on Saturday, April 24<sup>th</sup> to receive supplies and instructions for the cleanup. Supplies that will be provided are: trash bags, gloves, and large wooden tongs (to help pick up trash). If you have additional supplies you would like to use, feel free to bring those.

**RACIAL JUSTICE "WOW!" WORKSHOPS - PART 3:** If you have been a participant in the "WOW! Widening Our Welcome" workshop series, you are invited to sign up for one of the following Part 3 sessions:

Sunday, 4/18 – 11:30am-1:30pm

Sunday, 4/25 – 11:30am-1:30pm

Monday, 4/26 – 5:30pm-7:30pm

You will receive an email next week with a link to a sign up form.

**ACTS (Alliance of Communities Transforming Syracuse) Annual Spring Banquet is going virtual:** Each year ACTS hosts a Spring Banquet to celebrate social justice work in the community and to raise financial support for ACTS continuing efforts to change injustices and inequities. This year, the event will be virtual in a 3-part series "Seize 2021 for Social Justice" the evenings of Monday, April 19, Monday, May 17, Monday, June 21. More details to follow as they become available.

#### THIS WEEK AT PLYMOUTH

- Mon. April 5 Food Pantry, 2pm – 4pm
- Tues. April 6 Racial Justice Working Group, 5pm via Zoom\*
- Wed. April 7 Pastoral Relations Committee, 5:30pm via Zoom
- Sun. April 11 Climbing the Mountain:  
Exploring the Beatitudes, for children in 5th grade and younger, 9am via Zoom  
Worship, 10am via Facebook.... followed by community time on Zoom  
Youth Group, 7pm via Zoom

\* *Committee meeting is open to all; please contact the Church Office to be put in contact with the Chair who can receive your request for voice during the meeting and share online meeting information with you.*

## Welcome to Plymouth

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

*For an online and interactive worship experience*

*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).