



Plymouth Congregational Church

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

**Service of the Word
April 11, 2021
Second Sunday of Easter
10:00 am**

RINGING OF THE BELL

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

Gert Danzy

PRELUDE

“Priere a Notre Dame”

Leon Boellman

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

Dave Pasinski

This is the day
That our God has Made
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Let us worship!

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Living God, long ago, faithful women proclaimed the good news of Jesus' resurrection, and the world was changed forever. Teach us to keep faith with them, that our witness may be as bold, our love as deep, and our faith as true. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

“Come, We Who Love God’s Name”

No. 379

**Come, we who love God’s name, and let our joys be known;
Together God’s great love proclaim, and thus surround the throne.**

**Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;
But we our thanks and praise will bring for love so deep and broad.**

**God’s grace on earth is found, the seeds of glory sown;
Celestial fruits on earthly ground from faith and hope have grown.**

**The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets
Before we reach the heavenly fields, or walk the golden streets.**

**Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;
We’re traveling through Emmanuel’s ground to greater worlds on high.**

**Please rise if you are able*

THE GIFT OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:18-30

One: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

STORY FOR ALL AGES

Kim Looney

ANTHEM

“Comfort Ye One Another”

Jessie Mae Jewitt

SERMON

Eric Jackson

*HYMN

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

No. 43

**Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, on earth be found,
Fix in us a humble dwelling, all your faithful mercies crown;
Jesus, you are all compassion; pure, unbounded love impart.
Visit us with your salvation, enter every trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe your loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
Let us all in you inherit, let us find your promised rest;
Take away our love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, almighty to deliver, let us all your life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore your temples leave.
You we would be always blessing, love you as your angels love,
Pray and praise for your unfailing, wounded arms outstretched above.**

**Finish, then, your new creation; pure and spotless may we prove;
Let us see your great salvation perfectly restored in you;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Crowned as saints, we ever shall be lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN

"The Strife is O'er"

No. 242

Refrain (sung after each verse):

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!**

**The powers of death have done their worst, but Christ their legions has
dispersed:**

Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

**The three sad days are quickly sped, Christ rises glorious from the dead:
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!**

**Christ, by your wounds on Calvary from death's dread sting your servants
free,**

That we may live eternally. Alleluia!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Prelude in G major"

attr. Ludwig Krebs



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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 #

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.

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 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 19th.

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 or 315-481-9148.

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 TOMORROW** Monday, April 12. Meet on the front lawn of the MOST between 9:45-10:00AM on Saturday, April 24th 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, be sure to sign up for one of the following Part 3 sessions via [THIS LINK](#) or by calling the church office:

Sunday, 4/18 – 11:30am-1:30pm (registration deadline – Fri. 4/16 at noon)

Sunday, 4/25 – 11:30am-1:30pm (registration deadline – Fri. 4/23 at noon)

Monday, 4/26 – 5:30pm-7:30pm (registration deadline – Fri. 4/23 at noon)

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 12 Food Pantry, 2pm – 4pm
Safe Church Policy Working Group, 7pm via Zoom
- Tues. April 13 Board of Trustees, 6pm via Zoom*
Board of Deacons, 7pm via Zoom*
- Sun. April 18 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
WOW (Widening Our Welcome) session #3, 11:30am via Zoom
Confirmation, 3pm in Thornden Park
Youth Group, 7pm via Zoom

* Board meetings are 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 ❧

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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!



Welcoming All, Growing in Faith, Working for Justice and Peace