



Plymouth Congregational Church

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

Service of Word and Sacrament

June 6, 2021

Second Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am

PRELUDE "There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit In This Place" Doris Akers
Kyle Jones, trumpet

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 (Psalm 138) Christine Herb

One: Come, let us worship our God with joy and thanksgiving:
Everything in us says,

All: **Thank you!**

One: At worship in this sacred place we say it again:

All: **Thank you!**

One: For your love, for your faithfulness;

All: **Thank you!**

One: When earth's rulers hear what you have to say, O GOD,
They'll sing of what you've done:

All: **How great the glory of GOD!**

One: Finish what you started in us, GOD.

Your love is eternal—stay with us, now, that we may say,

All: **Thank you!**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Your hand is upon your people, O God, to guide and protect them through the ages. Keep in your service those you have called and anointed, that the powers of this world may not overwhelm us, but that, secure in your love, we may carry out your will in the face of all adversity. Amen.

OPENING HYMN "Be Now My Vision" No. 451

**Be now my vision, O God of my heart;
Nothing surpasses the love you impart--
You my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, your presence my light.**

**Please rise if you are able*

**Be now my wisdom, and be my true word;
Ever within me, my soul is assured;
Mother and Father, you are both to me,
Now and forever your child I will be.**

**Riches I need not, nor life's empty praise,
You, my inheritance, now and always;
You and you only are first in my heart,
Great God, my treasure, may we never part.**

**Sovereign of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

THE GIFT OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

One: But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM "Be Still And Know That I Am God" Rick Sowash
Plymouth Choir

SERMON Eric Jackson

HYMN "Called as Partners in Christ's Service" No. 495

**Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.**

**Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.**

**Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.**

**So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.**

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 "debts" through the end of summer.

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 debts as we forgive our debtors, 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

DISTRIBUTING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

CLOSING HYMN

"Let us Talents and Tongues Employ"

No. 347

**Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy:
Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

Refrain (sung twice after each verse)

Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again,

Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

**Christ is able to make us one, at his table he set the tone,
Teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.**

**Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Immanuel) everywhere!**

BENEDICTION



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✧ Plymouth Runs On YOU ✧

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✧ Some Things You Ought to Know ✧

Reception following worship today: We finally celebrate Eric’s installation as our pastor and teacher immediately following worship today. And, as with every Plymouth event, any and all help with clean-up is much appreciated – many hands make light work as we work to leave the park cleaner than we found it.

Outdoor In-person Worship planned for June: As Plymouth continues the journey of determining how and when it is safe to re-open the physical church, plans are in place for in-person worship outdoors as a first step toward being together again. Worship will continue to be streamed live on Facebook and available by phone via Zoom:

June 13: Onondaga Lake Park - Bay View Shelter

June 20: Onondaga Lake Park - Sawmill Creek Shelter

(both shelters are accessed from the Willow Bay Park parking area)

June 27: The “point” at Plymouth

*In the event of rain, please check your email Sunday morning at 8am
or listen to the church voicemail’s message for the plan for that particular Sunday*

In order to help us plan and to worship safely together, please:

- 1) Register by calling the church office or signing up [HERE](#);
- 2) Bring your own chair or blanket and sit socially distanced from those not in your household;
- 3) Wear a mask when not seated (there are some adults in our community and all children under 12 who have not been vaccinated)

Next Sunday, June 13, is Confirmation and Faith Formation Sunday: We celebrate this exciting day at the Bay View Shelter at Onondaga Lake Park with a worship service primarily led by the children and youth and including the Rite of Confirmation, Bible Presentations, Volunteer Recognition, Acolyte Recognition, and Graduate Recognition. After worship you are invited to stick around for a socially-distanced picnic lunch (bring your own meal). In case of rain, we will worship together via Zoom.

Need a ride to outdoor worship services in the park? Contact the church office and we'll work on connecting you with a driver.

Want to stay informed about the news and events at Plymouth Church? Sign up for Plymouth's weekly email newsletter by contacting George Bain at georgesbain@gmail.com and provide your email to the church office (office@plymouthsy.org) in order to receive the monthly newsletter *The Plymouth Story*.

Juneteenth campaign is underway: With the help of AT&T and the City of Syracuse, the Syracuse Ignite Juneteenth campaign is celebrating freedom by highlighting Black-owned businesses in food, film, and fashion. From now through June 19, celebrate and ignite the spirit of Juneteenth by nominating Black-owned entrepreneurs and creatives, competing in contests, and sharing on social media that we are supporting our communities. This link <https://mailchi.mp/a615fd96d65b/syracuse-ignite-juneteenth-campaign> describes the celebration in more detail.

United We End Racism is a NEW event presented by the El-Hindi Center for Dialogue at InterFaith Works. The event combines the visions of the annual Duck Race to End Racism and Racial Justice Awards to present a unique event in which the community celebrates the work being done to eliminate racism and bring about justice. The event will be held on Saturday, June 26th, streamed on YouTube at 11:00 a.m., and rebroadcast on Facebook at 7:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT PLYMOUTH

- Mon. June 7 Food Pantry, 2pm – 4pm
- Tues. June 8 Board of Trustees*, 6:00pm via Zoom
Board of Deacons*, 7:00pm via Zoom
- Fri. June 11 Church Office CLOSED – staff vacation
- Sun. June 13 Confirmation and Faith Formation Sunday, Worship 10am
in-person at Bay View Shelter at Onondaga Lake Park and streamed live on Facebook... immediately followed by a picnic lunch (bring your own)
Widening Our Welcome (WOW) – make-up for Session 2 12:30pm 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!

- **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.