



Plymouth Congregational Church

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

**Service of Word and Sacrament
October 10, 2021
Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
10:00 am**

RINGING OF THE BELL

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

Emily Otte

PRELUDE

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

arr. Dale Wood

*OPENING HYMN

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

No. 7

**All people that on earth do dwell, sing out your faith with cheerful voice;
Delight in God whose praise you tell, whose presence calls you to rejoice.**

**Know that there is one God, indeed, who fashions us without our aid,
Who claims us, gives us all we need, whose tender care will never fade.**

**Enter the sacred gates with praise, with joy approach the temple walls.
Extol and bless our God always as people whom the Spirit calls.**

**Proclaim again that God is good, whose mercy is forever sure,
Whose truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Havilah Carroll

One: Who comes to this house today?

**All: We come from the east to celebrate our God who has created the rising sun and
has given us a new day.**

One: Who comes to this place of worship?

**All: We come from the north to remember that the One who made us has also
shaped the face of icy mountains and snow-swept valleys.**

One: Who enters into this place of sanctuary?

**All: We come from the west, singing of our Maker’s love and dancing with the red
sun at our backs.**

One: Who gathers as the church today?

**All: We come from the south, our voices rising with the desert winds as we praise
the Giver of all life.**

One: Let us now join together as one body.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*unison*)

Creator, you made all people of every land. It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect to those who first occupied this land we are upon. We give thanks for the Haudenosaunee, the first people of this land. We offer our respect to those ancestors who may be interred in this land. We are also thankful for the gifts of the People of the land. Creator, may this time of worship cause us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced. With thankful and respectful hearts we pray in Your name, Your son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

Eric Jackson

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Peace be with you.

All: And, also with you.

Please share a physically distanced 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.**

THE GIFT OF THE WORD

STORY FOR ALL AGES

Eric Jackson

(Children will depart for Learning Community following the story)

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 11:1-9

One: Now the whole earth had one language and the same words. And as they migrated from the east, they came upon a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there. And they said to one another, "Come, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly." And they had brick for stone, and bitumen for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower with its top in the heavens, and let us make a name for ourselves; otherwise we shall be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth." The LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which mortals had built. And the LORD said, "Look, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them. Come, let us go down, and confuse their language there, so that they will not understand one another's speech." So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they left off building the city. Therefore it was called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

"Now I Walk in Beauty"

Navajo prayer

Tara Sandlin, Christine Richardson, Nicholas Peta, Liam Hines

Many Native American meetings and rituals begin with extended thanksgiving.

This is from the Navajo tradition:

Now I walk in beauty; Beauty is before me.
Beauty is behind me, above and below me.

SERMON

"Building Tomorrow's World Today"

Eric Jackson

**Many and great, O God, are your works, Maker of earth and sky;
Your hands have set the heavens with stars;
Your fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at your word the waters were formed; deep seas obey your voice.**

**Grant unto us communion with you, O star abiding One;
Come unto us and dwell with us:
With you are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life with you.**

THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

CALL TO PRAYER

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

No. 769



OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

CALL TO THE OFFERING

the United Church of Christ that supports the Council for American Indian Ministries and UCC Justice and Witness Ministries.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Huron Carol”

Jean Brebeuf

’Twas in the Moon of Wintertime,” generally considered the first Canadian carol, was originally written in the Wyandot language (a dialect of Huron) by Father Jean de Brebeuf. In retelling the story of the Nativity, Father Brebeuf used symbols and figures that could be understood by the Hurons, and the hymn entered the tribe’s oral tradition until 1649, when the Iroquois killed Father Brebeuf, wiped out the Jesuit mission and drove the Hurons from their home. In Quebec, to which many of the Hurons escaped, the carol re-emerged and was translated into English and French. This version is still sung today throughout Canada and is considered a national treasure.

'Twas in the moon of wintertime, when all the birds had fled,
that mighty Gitchi Manitou sent angel choirs instead;
before their light the stars grew dim, and wandering hunters heard the hymn:
 Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born,
 In excelsis gloria.

Within a lodge of broken bark the tender Babe was found;
a ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped his beauty round,
but, as the hunter braves drew nigh, the angel song rang loud and high:

The earliest moon of wintertime is not so round and fair
as was the ring of glory on the helpless infant there.
The chiefs from far before him knelt with gifts of fox and beaver pelt.

O children of the forest free, the kin of Manitou,
the holy child of earth and heaven is born today for you.
Come kneel before the radiant boy, who brings you beauty, peace and joy.

*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.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN OF BAPTISM “Child of Blessing, Child of Promise” (verse 1)

No. 325

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit’s sign;
With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

John Stanley Schmidt

Child of Amy and Benjamin Schmidt

LITANY OF BAPTISM

One: Members and friends in Christ, we gather now to celebrate the gift of grace in the sacrament of baptism.

There is one body and one Spirit. There is one hope in God’s call to us.

The sacrament of baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God. Inasmuch as the promise of the gospel is not only to us but also to our children, baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of their acceptance into the care of Christ’s church, the sign and seal of their participation in God’s forgiveness, and the beginning of their growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.

This is the water of baptism. Out of this water we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ’s body.

Baptismal questions to the parents:

One: Do you promise to live by the good will and love of God so that your son may grow in the love and nurture of God? Do you promise to grow with him in the Christian faith through regular prayer, study of Holy Scripture, and participation in Christian fellowship?

Parents: We do.

Congregational Response

One: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you who witness and celebrate this sacrament promise your love, support, and care to the one about to be baptized, as he lives and grows in Christ?

People: We do.

THE ACT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER FOR THE BAPTIZED

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*CLOSING HYMN

“O For a World”

No. 575

**O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.**

**O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.**

**We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.**

**The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.**

**O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Festival Finale”

Malcolm Archer



We welcome the music leadership of Stephen Block while Joe Downing is away.

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✧ Plymouth Runs On YOU ✧

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☞ Some Things You Ought to Know ☞

We continue to worship both in person and streamed live on Facebook: We ask that you wear a mask when inside Plymouth and to practice physical distancing with those who do not live in your household since there are those 11 years of age and younger as well as other individuals who are not able to be vaccinated. The worship service can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/plymouthUCCsyracuse/>.

BUILDING A CULTURE OF REPAIR: Reparations and a Faithful Response to Systemic Racism: Join us for the fourth and final session in a series of spiritually grounded, open conversations about transformative, faithful anti-racist action for reparation, restoration, and reconciliation. **This week's topic is "Plymouth Church's history with racism."** We'll meet via zoom from 4:00-5:30 pm on Sunday - Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6039333178>, Password: 13202. All are welcome! Watch a brief video invitation here: <https://vimeo.com/602135413>.

NEXT Sunday is "Hymn Sing" Sunday and this Sunday, October 10 is the deadline for nominations: Nominate up to five of your favorite hymns by completing the nomination form in the bulletin and placing it in the offering plate, emailing the church office, or by [CLICKING HERE](#). We'll sing as many of the "winners" as possible during worship on October 17.

Neighbors in Need Special Offering: This special mission offering of the United Church of Christ supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Plymouth will collect this offering throughout the month of October. Write a check payable to Plymouth Church with "NIN" noted on the memo line or make cash contributions in the special envelopes enclosed in your bulletin.

Ushers and Greeters are needed every Sunday so that we can continue our mission of "Welcoming all." Volunteer today by:

- 1) Signing up online (Visit our website: www.plymouthsyr.org; click on GET INVOLVED at the top of the screen, scroll down to GREETERS, USHERS and HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS, click on SIGN UP and follow the prompts OR
- 2) Contacting the church office

***Me and White Supremacy* by Layla F. Saad available through the Racial Justice Working Group's (RJWG) lending library:** The RJWG is enthusiastically embarking on their second book study this fall, reading *Me and White Supremacy* by Layla F. Saad. Group members encourage individuals, covenant groups, committees, and boards to join them in reading this important resource and have a limited number of copies available to borrow. Books and sign out sheets are on the welcome table at the back of the sanctuary Contact the RJWG for more information!

Want to purchase a Plymouth pew? There are 4 pews stored on the first-floor elevator landing that are no longer needed and can be purchased for \$100, or best offer, with the proceeds going into the stained glass window restoration fund. The pews measure ten feet long (3) and eleven feet long (1), are "as is" and without cushions. If interested, please contact the church office. You must provide your own physical labor and vehicle for removal.

Support for Afghan refugees settling in Syracuse: The Refugee Resettlement program of Catholic Charities at Northside CYO is urgently asking the community to offer donations for incoming refugee families including those from Afghanistan. Personal hygiene products, kitchenware, cleaning supplies, PPE, furniture, and household items are all welcome. Contact Samantha Lee at slee@ccoc.us or 315.967.9771.

THIS WEEK AT PLYMOUTH

- Mon. October 11 OFFICE CLOSED – Indigenous People’s Day holiday
Food Pantry, 2pm – 4pm
- Tues. October 12 Board of Trustees*, 6pm, Adult Education Room
Board of Deacons*, 7pm via Zoom
- Thurs. October 14 Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6pm, Kirtland Hall
- Sun. October 17 Worship, 10am, in-person in the sanctuary and
livestreamed on Facebook
Learning Community

** 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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***We are an Open and Affirming, Just Peace, Immigrant Welcoming,
Progressive Christian, and Sanctuary Congregation.***

Plymouth was founded in 1853 by a group of Syracusans who wanted to create a Christian abolitionist bulwark fighting slavery. Since then, we continue to live our faith by standing against racism, white supremacy culture, poverty, and war; standing up for the rights of immigrants, indigenous people, workers, women, and LGBTQ folk; and seeking to be agents of mercy in a hurting world. We believe in beauty, laughter, the struggle for peace with justice, taking risks for building a diverse, equitable, and inclusive Beloved Community in God, and the Way of Jesus Christ which is love and compassion for ourselves and our neighbors.

Our faith is over 2,000 years old; our thinking is not!

- **Resources for Worship:**
 - Worship Activity Kits are available for children ages 3 - 5th grade on the shelves in the back of the sanctuary. We ask that your children put their names on the blank label on the box the first time they use a kit, take that kit each week, and return it at the end of worship.
 - Due to safety concerns, hymnals and Bibles are available on a cart in the back of the sanctuary. You are invited to take them to your seat in the pew to use during the service. Please return them to the cart as you leave.
- **Visiting for the First Time?** We are so glad to meet another member of our extended global family. To add your name to our mailing list so we can know how to best serve you, please fill out the card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate or email office@plymouthsyr.org.
- **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 during the morning offering, or by mailing a check to 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. To add a name to our Prayer List, fill out the card found in the pew and place it in the offering plate or contact office@plymouthsyr.org.