

# **Plymouth Congregational Church**

*A Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

Service of the Sung Word

October 17, 2021

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Hymn Sing Sunday

10:00 am

RINGING OF THE BELL

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

Amelia Wright

This Little Light of Mine (vs. 1)

No. 524

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.**

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.**

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.**

**Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

\*OPENING HYMN

When In Our Music God Is Glorified

No. 561

**When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride,  
It is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**How oft in making music we have found a new dimension in the world of sound  
As worship moved us to a more profound Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**And did not Jesus sing a psalm that night when utmost evil strove against the  
light?**

**Then let us sing for whom he won the fight, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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*\* Please rise if you are able*

**Let ev'ry instrument be tuned for praise! Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!**

**And may God give us faith to sing always Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

WORDS OF WELCOME

I Come to the Garden Alone (vs. 1)

No. 237

**I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;  
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.  
And he walks with me, and he talks with me, and he tells me I am his own,  
And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let There Be Peace on Earth

(Methodist 431)

*Please share a physically distanced sign of peace with those around you as you sing.*

**Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God as our creator, children all are we.  
Let us walk with each other, in perfect harmony.**

**Let peace begin with me; let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow:  
To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.**

\*SONGS OF PRAISE

How Great Thou Art (vs. 1, 2)

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds thy hands hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;**

*Refrain (sung after each verse)*

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,  
How great thou art! How great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee,**

**How great thou art, how great thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,  
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (vs. 1, 2)

No. 439

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing,  
Our present help amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe  
With craft and power great, and armed with cruel hate,  
On earth without an equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,  
But there is one who takes our side, the One of God's own choosing.  
You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus sets us free!  
With mighty power to save, victorious o'er the grave,  
Christ will prevail triumphant.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Just As I Am (vs. 1, 2)

No. 207

**Just as I am, without one plea but that your blood was shed for me,  
And that you called inviting me, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**

**Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Amazing Grace (vs. 1, 2, 3)

No. 547

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

The Old Rugged Cross (vs. 1)

No. 195

**On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.**

*Refrain:*

**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
Till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
And exchange it some day for a crown**

It Is Well With My Soul (vs. 1, 2)

No. 438

**When peace, like a river, upholds me each day,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll,  
Whatever my lot, you have taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."  
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.**

**Though evil should tempt me, though trials should come,  
Let this blessed assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And has paid life and blood for my soul:  
It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.**

STORY FOR ALL AGES

*God's Creations*

To You, O God, All Creatures Sing (vs. 1-4)

No. 17

**To you, O God, all creatures sing, and all creation, everything  
Sings your praises, alleluia!**

**Your burning sun with golden beam, your silver moon with softer gleam  
Sing your praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Your wind that blows the tempest by, your clouds that sail across the sky  
Sing your praises, alleluia!**

**Your morning rises with a song, and lights of evening sing along,  
Sing your praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Your flowing waters, crystal clear, make melodies for you to hear,  
Sing your praises, alleluia!**

**Your fire, ...bountiful and bright, remembering your warmth and light,  
Sings your praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**To you, O God, day after day, your planet earth in every way,  
Sings your praises, alleluia,  
As savory fruit and fragrant flower show forth your glory and your power,  
Singing praises, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

God's Eye Is On the Sparrow (vs. 1)

No. 475

**Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,  
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home,  
When God is ever my portion? My constant friend will be:  
God's eye is on the sparrow, and I know God watches me;  
God's eye is on the sparrow, and I know God watches me.**

**I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,  
God's eye is on the sparrow, and I know God watches me.**

Response Antiphon: Robert Train Adams, 1994

G C F Gsus4 G C

Unison

Sing to God a new song.

ANTHEM

O Happy Day

Edwin Hawkins

SERMON IN SONG

*The Gift of Music*

My Life Flows On In Endless Song (vs. 1, 2, 4)

No. 476

**My life flows on in endless song; above earth's lamentation,  
I hear the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.  
Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear the music ringing;  
It finds an echo in my soul-- how can I keep from singing?**

**What though my joys and comforts die? My Savior still is living.  
What though the shadows gather 'round? A new song Christ is giving.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that Rock I'm clinging;  
Since Love commands both heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?**

**I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin; I see the blue above it;  
And day by day this pathway smooths, since first I learned to love it.  
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing;  
All things are mine since I am Christ's-- how can I keep from singing?**

This Is My Song

No. 591

**This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
A song of peace for lands afar and mine.**

**This is my home, the country where my heart is;  
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
But other hearts in other lands are beating  
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.**

**My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;  
But other lands have sunlight, too, and clover,  
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine  
O hear my song, O God of all the nations,  
A song of peace for their land and for mine.**

Lord of the Dance

(Methodist 261)

**I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth.  
At Bethlehem I had my birth.**

*Refrain (sung after each verse):*

**Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said He.  
And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
And I'll lead you all in the dance, said He.**

**I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,  
But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;  
They came with me and the dance went on.**

**I danced on a Friday and the sky turned black;  
It's hard to dance with the devil on your back;  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,  
But I am the dance, and I still go on.**

**I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,  
The holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high;  
And they left me there on a cross to die.**

**They cut me down and I leapt up high;  
I'm the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said He.**

## **THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER**

CALL TO PRAYER

Hear Our Prayer, O God

No. 769

**Here our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God;  
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

## **OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS**

CALL TO THE OFFERING

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer  
*Tara Sandlin, soprano*

Albert Hay Mallotte

\*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

God Of Grace, and God of Glory (vs. 1, 4, 5) No. 436



**God of grace and God of glory, on your people pour your power;  
Crown your ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
For the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.  
Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be  
Armored with all Christlike graces, in the fight to set us free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
In the quest for liberty, in the quest for liberty.**

**Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
Let the search for your salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Serving you whom we adore, serving you whom we adore.**

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Here I Am Lord

(Methodist 593)

**I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

*Refrain (sung after each verse):*

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?**

**I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?**

PRAYER OF BLESSING

On Eagle's Wings

No. 775

**And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.**

\*CLOSING HYMN They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord;  
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored,**

*Refrain (sung after each verse)*

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side;  
And we'll guard human dignity, and we'll save human pride.**

\*BENEDICTION

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Christian Lutkin

CARRYING OUT THE LIGHT


POSTLUDE

Prelude on "Duke Street"

Richard Knight



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## ☞ Plymouth Runs On YOU ☞

**USHER:** Gert Danzy    **ACOLYTE:** Amelia Wright

**DEACON ON DUTY:** Frank Leonard

**FLOWERS** given by Gert Danzy in remembrance of her sister Valeria Perez

**QUARTET:** Tara Sandlin, *soprano*; Christine Richardson, *contralto*;  
Nicolas Peta, *tenor*; Liam Hines, *bass*

**COUNTERS:** Patty Brannan and Sarah Whitton

**WORSHIP ZOOM COORDINATOR:** Tom Zorn

## ☞ 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/>.

**Mountain Goat Run is Next Sunday:** This annual 10-mile run includes rolling street closures throughout Syracuse between 9am and 1pm on Sunday, October 24. Allow extra time to get to church Sunday morning!

**A celebration of October birthdays:** Next Sunday at 11:30am we will gather virtually on Zoom to celebrate all those with October birthdays. Bring a treat to eat and silly party hats are welcome! Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6039333178>, Password: 13202.

**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](http://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.

**Flowers in Worship:** Our Sanctuary is beautiful, but you can make it even more so for the glory of God and in honor of whatever or whomever you choose. Simply reserve a Sunday for placing flowers in church by [CLICKING HERE or sign up](#) on the flower chart located in the bell tower entry no later than the Monday of the week of your choosing. Send in a check for \$25 to Plymouth Church with “flowers” noted in the memo line. (We order the flowers for you!). You can provide a short dedication to be included in that week’s bulletin.

**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](mailto:slee@ccoc.us) or 315.967.9771.

### THIS WEEK AT PLYMOUTH

- Mon. October 18      Food Pantry, 2pm – 4pm  
                                    Deadline for November *Plymouth Story*
- Tues. October 19      Church Council\*, 5:30pm, via Zoom  
                                    Board of Christian Formation\*, 7pm via Zoom

- Thurs. October 21 Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6pm, Kirtland Hall
- Sun. October 24 Worship, 10am, in-person in the sanctuary and  
livestreamed on Facebook  
Learning Community  
Celebration of October birthdays, 11:30am 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**

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

**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](mailto: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](mailto:giving@plymouthsyr.org).
- **Prayer Requests:** We are excited to be worshiping 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](mailto:office@plymouthsyr.org).