



# Plymouth Congregational Church

*A Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

Service of Word and Sacrament  
November 7, 2021  
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
10:00 am

RINGING OF THE BELL

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

Grace Myers

PRELUDE

“Enigma Variations: Nimrod”

Edward Elgar

\*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

Darnisa Amante-Jackson

One: Take heart! For we are gathered in the Father’s presence

**All: to proclaim the wonders of the Lord.**

One: Get up! For we are beckoned by the Risen Son

**All: to respond to grace undeserved.**

One: God is calling us! For we are united by the Spirit

**All: to follow Jesus on the way.**

One: Come, let us worship God.

\*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*unison*)

**Ever-calling God, we give thanks that you have gathered us into your church  
and graced us with your faithful presence. We ponder our history, ancient and still  
developing, and marvel at the many expressions of your church. Grant us the vision to be  
a part of this new moment in your Church that will bring ever more joy and justice to the  
world. Continue to gather us, the diverse lot of us,  
into Jesus’ vision and dream that your faithful people may be one in you. 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.*

**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

*(Children will return to their seats following the story)*

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10:46-52

One: They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaueus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

- ANTHEM "The Blind Man Stood on the Road and Cried" arr. Harry Burleigh
- SERMON "Wait! There's More" Eric Jackson
- \*HYMN "More Love to You, O Christ" No. 456

**More love to you, O Christ, more love to you!  
Hear now the prayer I make faith to renew.**

*Refrain (sung after each verse):*

**In all I say and do, more love, O Christ, to you,  
More love to you, more love to you!**

**Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;  
Now you alone I seek, give what is best:**

**Then shall my latest breath whisper your praise;  
This be the parting cry my heart shall raise:**

**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.**



Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God; in -  
cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

## OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

STEWARDSHIP WITNESS

Christine Herb

STEWARDSHIP PRAYER (*unison*)

**Holy and merciful God, and Jesus Christ the Son,**

**Let me be ever ready as Your hands on earth. I and all who know You and Your commandments and example cannot shirk our responsibilities:**

- **Where people are poor, and prevailing social and political currents do not care enough;**
- **Where people are hungry and sick;**
- **Where people live in awful and dangerous domiciles, or have no home at all, or fear that their home as it is may not be theirs tomorrow;**
- **Where people have no clothing other than that which they are wearing;**
- **Where people are injured and in despair;**
- **Where the Earth and all its creatures and creation cry out for deliverance from human destruction;**
- **Where people know mostly darkness and sadness and try to maintain hope.**

**I pledge my Stewardship gift when fulfilled to reach these difficult but not overwhelming needs, and also to support the ministries of Plymouth Congregational Church and the maintenance of its physical structure.**

**I will pray for all this, and I know that with Your abiding help my pledged gift will put my prayer into action. As You are my Lord and Savior, AMEN.**

CALL TO THE OFFERING

*Today we receive a special offering for Plymouth's Good Samaritan Fund. This fund is used for direct ministries of mercy and benevolence with Plymouth members and our neighbors. To contribute, please make out a check to Plymouth Congregational Church with the words "Good Samaritan Fund" in the memo line.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

"O Taste and See"

Ralph Vaughan Williams

**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

**THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

DISTRIBUTING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*CLOSING HYMN

“God’s Eye is on the Sparrow”

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.**

*Refrain (sung after each verse):*

**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.**

**“Let not your heart be troubled,” Christ’s tender word I hear,  
And resting on God’s goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;  
Though by the path... God leads me but one step I may see:  
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.**

**Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,  
When song gives place to sighing, when hope within me dies,  
I then draw close to my Savior, from care I am set free:  
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.**

\*BENEDICTION

CARRYING OUT THE LIGHT

POSTLUDE

“Prelude on Old Hundredth”

Adrian Vernon Fish



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## ✧ Plymouth Runs On YOU ✧

**USHERS:** Barb Genton and Cindy Perrine    **ACOLYTE:** Grace Myers  
**LITURGIST:** Darnisa Amante-Jackson    **DEACON ON DUTY:** Nick Signorelli  
**COMMUNION SERVERS:** Frank Leonard, David Palladino-Cowdery,  
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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/>.

**NEXT SUNDAY IS STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY:** Prayerfully consider the gifts of time, talent, and money you can give to Plymouth in 2022. We will receive pledge cards during worship. They can also be offered through the mail or in writing via email to George Bain at [georgesbain@gmail.com](mailto:georgesbain@gmail.com).

**A Call for Peace on Armistice Day, November 11:** Veterans for Peace invite all who wish to commemorate the true meaning of Armistice Day to gather at the WWI soldier statue in Billings Park, at the corner of S. Salina and E. Adams Streets on Thursday, November 11. There will be a vigil from 10:30am to 11:00am. At 11:00am we will be reminded of the true purpose of Armistice Day as bells ring eleven times in remembrance of the millions killed, wounded, widowed, imprisoned, orphaned and displaced by war. In the continual effort to reclaim Armistice Day we will honor military resisters as a step toward ending war. Appropriate social distancing and masks will be required. In remembrance of ALL victims of war, you are encouraged to wear white poppies.

**Ushers and Greeters are needed every Sunday so that we can continue our mission of “Welcoming all.”** Greeters say hello as people arrive and help direct them to the worship space. Ushers distribute the bulletin and help collect the offering. 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

**Get happy for the holidays!** We’re looking for some creative people who want to share their gifts by helping decorate the Plymouth sanctuary for the Advent and Christmas season. We have wreaths, garlands, lights, and bows. New ideas are welcome. We can meet in November to look at what we have and decide if we need to purchase supplies. Also needed are helpers who just want to fluff greenery and hang bows. Please contact the church office at 315 474-4836 or Susan Hawks at 315 481-2198 or [shawks@twcny.rr.com](mailto:shawks@twcny.rr.com).

**Call for Counters:** The deposit of donations and payments to Plymouth Church is prepared every week by volunteers. We have a core of experienced counters and we are looking to expand the group. No special experience is needed. It usually takes less than 30 minutes and is done directly after worship. This is an important ministry and contributes to the smooth operation of Plymouth. If you feel you could take on this important job, or if you would like more information, please contact Susan Hawks at 315-481-9148 or [shawks@twcny.rr.com](mailto:shawks@twcny.rr.com).

**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.

### THIS WEEK AT PLYMOUTH

- Mon. November 8      Bell Choir Rehearsal, 10am, Kirtland Hall  
Food Pantry, 2pm – 4pm
- Tues. November 9      Board of Trustees\*, 6pm, Adult Education Room  
Board of Deacons\*, 7pm via Zoom
- Thurs. November 11      Bell Choir Rehearsal, 6pm, Kirtland Hall  
Choir Rehearsal, 7pm, Memorial Hall
- Sun. November 14      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.*

- **Resources for Children:** 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.
- **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 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](mailto:office@plymouthsyr.org).

## ☞ 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!*

