



# Plymouth Congregational Church

*A Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

Service of the Word  
June 19, 2022  
Second Sunday after Pentecost  
Juneteenth  
10:00 am - Worship

RINGING OF THE BELL

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT

PRELUDE

Steal Away

Arr. H. T. Burleigh

\*OPENING HYMN

In Christ There Is No East or West

No. 394

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Darnisa Amante-Jackson

One: God sends light to us this day  
and invites us to meet one another in this light.

**All: Light breaks forth like the dawn,  
drawing us into a relationship with one another.**

One: Humble yourselves for the worship of God,  
that you may be empowered to serve.

**All: God calls us to trust with steady hearts  
and to serve with righteous compassion.**

One: Seek not for lofty words of wisdom,  
but for powerful demonstrations of God's way.

**All: God makes us be the salt of the earth  
to show God's works to the world.**

\* PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*unison*)

**Lord God, you call your people to tasks we would not ourselves choose. Give us the grace to love you enough to follow when you call. You know our weakness and have promised to give us resources for that which you ask of us. We praise you for your generous care. Like Samuel, let us say, "Here I am." God, here we are.**

**We are surrounded, O God, with people who need to hear the story, people who need to meet the one from Nazareth, Jesus our Lord. Make our places of worship places of hospitality and welcome. Make our words and actions, words and actions of invitation. Like Philip, let us say, "Come and see." God, here we are. Amen.**

WORDS OF WELCOME

Therese Howington

\*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.*

*\* Please rise if you are able*

**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 return to their seats following the story.)*

SCRIPTURE

John 1:43-51

ANTHEM

“Freedom is Coming”

African Freedom Song

SERMON

Eric Jackson

\*HYMN

“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

No. 593

**THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER**

CALL TO PRAYER

One: God be with you.  
**Many: And also with you.**  
One: Lift up your hearts.  
**Many: We lift our hearts to God.**  
One: Let us pray...

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 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.**

PRAYER RESPONSE

Words: attributed to Richard of Chichester (1197-1253)  
Tune: SUMNER by Arthur H Briggs (1906-1954)

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to  
see thee more clear - ly, love thee more dear - ly,  
fol - low thee more near - ly, day by day.

## OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

### CALL TO THE OFFERING

*Throughout the month of June we are receiving the Strengthen the Church Offering, a special UCC offering that supports leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. Checks can be made payable to Plymouth Church with STC in the memo line.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Gabi, Gabi”

African Freedom Song

\*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

\*CLOSING HYMN

“O God of Every Nation”

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\*BENEDICTION

CARRYING OUT THE LIGHT

POSTLUDE

“Francis”

Francis Johnson



*This morning we welcome the worship leadership of Chaplain Therese Howington,  
Member in Discernment*

Worship resources provided by:

- State College Presbyterian Church in Pennsylvania (Call to Worship)
- Lift Your Hearts: Worship and Spirituality Site of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (Prayer of Invocation)

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### Plymouth Runs On YOU

**USHER:** Gertrude Danzy **LITURGIST:** Darnisa Amante-Jackson

**DEACON ON DUTY:** Nancy Gwin

**COUNTERS:** Patty Brannan and Keith Jakway

**ONLINE WORSHIP COORDINATORS:** Myron Holmes and Tom Zorn

# O God of Every Nation

1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,  
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,  
3 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem your whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand;  
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,  
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

where hate and fear di - vide us, and bit - ter threats are hurled,  
from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,  
till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign,

in love and mer - cy guide us, and heal our strife - torn world.  
de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.  
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

WORDS: William W. Reid, Jr. (1923- )  
MUSIC: Welsh melody; harm. David Evans (1874-1948)  
Words © 1958, Ren. 1986 The Hymn Society (Admin. Hope Publishing Company)  
Music Harm. © 1927 Oxford University Press

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## ☞ Some Things You Ought to Know ☞

**In-person worship:** We ask that you wear a mask when inside the building. **We continue to offer worship on Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/plymouthUCCsyracuse/>.

In addition, the service is simultaneously streamed on YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCd2EK14jkbQdNw5LYZU7fVA>

**Return of a Beloved Institution - Community Time!** Community Time will return to Memorial Hall this Sunday with coffee, lemonade, and cake to celebrate Pastor Eric's completion of his doctoral degree. You are invited to determine your level of comfort with regard to masks and distancing.

**Strengthen the Church Offering:** This special offering reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults. Plymouth will collect this special offering throughout the month of June. Make checks payable to Plymouth Church with STC in the memo line or place cash in the special envelopes found in the pews.

**Show your pride! June 25 is the Central New York Pride parade and festival** and this is a wonderful opportunity for Plymouth to celebrate our open and affirming commitment. The celebration will be at the Inner Harbor. The parade itself is at 11AM, and we will also have a table from 12noon -5pm. Contact the Church Office for more information and to let us know how/when you can help. Volunteers are needed to:

- Staff our booth for a two-hour shift or more between 12noon and 5pm
- March in Plymouth's contingent in the parade:
  - Line-up by 10:15am in the furthest Destiny USA parking lot on Solar Street. The lot is located on Solar Street between Bear Street and Hiawatha Blvd., and is the lot closest to Bear St. and the Onondaga Creek. (Parking info: [cnypride.org/parking](http://cnypride.org/parking))
  - Parade ends at the Festival at the Inner Harbor on Kirkpatrick Street

**CNY Pride Interfaith Service:** This is an opportunity for all to meaningfully come together for an LGBTQIA+ inclusive and supportive spiritual service. We gather to celebrate togetherness in the spirit of Pride month. All faiths and traditions welcome on Tuesday, June 21 at 7pm at All Saints Church, 1340 Lancaster Ave., Syracuse.

**Food Pantry Update:** The Food Pantry is requesting donations of hygiene items of DEODORANT, SOAP, MOISTURIZING SKIN LOTION, SHAMPOO & CONDITIONER. They can be placed in the basket at the back of the sanctuary. Your heart-felt provisions & prayers are always appreciated.

**Arts and Crafts Festival – Plymouth fundraiser:** Plymouth is once again participating in the Downtown Arts and Crafts Festival the last weekend in July. This fundraising effort requires MANY volunteers. Sign-up today on the bulletin insert, chart in the belltower or online [by clicking HERE](#).

**Support for Ukraine:** Plymouth is collecting general trauma first aid supplies – bandages, tourniquets, dressings to send to Ukraine. Place donations in the bin at the back of the sanctuary. Specifically requested:

- CAT tourniquets (suggestion - <https://www.amazon.com/Tourniquet-Tourniquets-Lifesaving-Hemostasis-Single-Handed/dp/B09WDL49Z8/>)
- Israel bandage 4", 6" (suggestion - <https://www.amazon.com/EVERLIT-Emergency-Compression-Vacuum-Sealed-Packaging/dp/B086994M1Y>)
- Quick clot (suggestion - <https://www.amazon.com/QuikClot-Advanced-Clotting-Gauze-24/dp/B07WV5P9RS>)
- Hyfin Vent (suggestion - <https://www.amazon.com/North-American-Rescue-Hyfin-Chest/dp/B00KQS2NGK>)
- Compressed Gauze (suggestion - <https://www.amazon.com/North-American-Rescue-30-0052-Compressed/dp/B006X64PIS/>)

## THIS WEEK AT PLYMOUTH

- Mon. June 20      Food Pantry, 2pm – 4pm  
                         Church Council\*, 5:30pm via Zoom  
                         Board of Christian Formation\*, 7pm via Zoom  
                         Deadline for the **JULY/AUGUST Plymouth Story**
- Tues. June 21      CNY Pride Interfaith Service, 7pm at All Saints Church
- Sat. June 25        CNY Pride Parade, line-up by 10:15am  
                         CNY Pride Festival, 12-5, Inner Harbor
- Sun. June 26        Worship, 10am, in-person in the sanctuary  
                         and livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube  
                         Learning Together With Our Neighbors, 1pm – 8pm, Temple  
                         Beth Sholom-Chevra Shas

\* 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.

### 🎵 Music Notes for Sunday, June 19, 2022 🎵

Harry Thacker Burleigh (1866-1946) was the grandson of Hamilton Waters who had been discarded by his enslavers when he became blind. This grandfather taught Harry spirituals which he cherished all his life. Harry sang at the Episcopal church in Erie, PA. Music lovers there enabled him to go to New York to continue his musical studies at the National Conservatory of Music. Its director, Antonin Dvorak, asked Harry to sing him the old spirituals, and this chance encounter led to Dvorak's fascination with spirituals (seen especially in the New World Symphony.) Harry would go on to publishing a collection of spirituals, and it is from this collection that our **prelude** comes. As happens in many spirituals, there is a dual meaning in the text: while ostensibly speaking of “stealing away to Jesus,” the secondary meaning was to “Steal Away” from the enslavers to freedom.

Both our **anthem** and **offertory anthem** are freedom songs from South Africa, reminding us that people of dark skin have been the subject of subjugation and persecution on every continent. Like many American spirituals, the idea of freedom coming is linked to the hope that Jesus is coming.

*O freedom! Freedom is coming, oh yes I know!  
O Jesus! Jesus is coming, oh yes I know!*

*Gabi Gabi (Praise, Praise) the Father, liberator Lord.  
He frees all the captives, and gives the hungry bread.*

Francis “Frank” Johnson (1792-1844) was an American musician and prolific composer during the Antebellum period. African American composers were rare in the U.S. during this period, but Johnson was among the few who were successful. Performing as a virtuoso of the (now rare) keyed Kent bugle and the violin, he wrote more than two hundred compositions of various styles—operatic airs, Ethiopian minstrel songs, patriotic arches, ballads, cotillions, quadrilles, quicksteps and other dances. Only manuscripts and piano transcriptions survive today. Johnson was the first African American composer to have his works published as sheet music. He also was the first African American to give public concerts and the first to participate in racially integrated concerts in the United States. Our **postlude** is from “A Collection of New Cotillions” published in 1818.

## ☞ 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 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).