



Plymouth Congregational Church

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

Service of the Word
April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter
10:00am - Worship

❧ Welcome to Plymouth ❧

We are delighted you have come to worship with us if you are here for the first time or one-thousandth time. At Plymouth you are welcome just as you are! no matter who you are or where you are on life's journey. We strive to fully live into our mission of "welcoming all, growing in faith, and working for justice and peace." Diversity is truly a gift to us here at Plymouth. It is a joy to worship together as one Body in Christ that may not think alike or look the same, understands Christianity and a life of faith in a variety of ways, and loves differently.

Sunday Worship is a sacred blend of the traditional and the modern. We seek to nourish mind, body, and spirit through our singing, praying, preaching, and teaching. We strive to make the ancient story come alive for the soul of the modern world.

You are invited to join us for Community Time for coffee, tea, and refreshments in Memorial Hall after worship, attend another gathering listed below, take a tour of the church, and more. There are many opportunities to engage and connect with this community, nourish your soul, serve God in this place and in the world, grow in faith, work for justice and peace.

Opportunities to Grow and Serve

Following Worship This Morning:

- Community Time, Memorial Hall
- Learning Together with Our Neighbors (LTWON) Event and Dinner, 12:45-7pm, Congregation Beth Sholom–Chevra Shas, 18 Patsy Lane, Jamesville, NY 13078

THIS WEEK AT PLYMOUTH

Mon. April 15	Food Pantry, 2-4pm
Wed. April 17	Evening Light Service, 6pm, Sanctuary
Thur. April 18	Bell Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, 7pm, Memorial Hall
Sat. April 20	Earth Day Clean-Up, 11am, Downtown East
Sun. April 21	Worship 10am, in-person in the Sanctuary, and livestreamed on Facebook, YouTube, and via telephone on Zoom** Endowment Committee Presentation, 11:30am, Memorial Hall

****Call: 1-646-876-9923#; Meeting ID: 603 933 3178#; Participant ID: #; Password: 13202#**

2024 ONEIDA SPRING ASSOCIATION GATHERING: The 2024 Oneida Association Spring Gathering will be held Saturday, April 27, 2024. Our event will be held in-person at the Federated Church of West Winfield (452 E Main St, West Winfield, NY 13491). Our time together will begin with registration at 9:30am, with an anticipated start time of 10:00am for worship, followed by a business meeting. There is no registration fee to attend the Spring Gathering, however donations will be accepted to help offset the cost of this gathering and support the work of the Association, a suggested donation is \$10 per person. Please email ahinman10@outlook.com to register.

AN EVENING WITH JOHN DEAR: He will be discussing his new book "The Gospel of Peace" on April 18th at 7pm at St. Lucy's Church, 432 Gifford St. in Syracuse. John Dear is a peace activist who's been arrested more than 75 times for non-violent civil disobedience. He has been nominated several times for the Nobel Peace Prize including by Bishop Desmond Tutu in 2008. This event is free and is sponsored by St. Lucy's Church, All Saints Church, and the Nuclear Free World Committee of the Syracuse Peace Council.

EARTH DAY CLEAN-UP: The Downtown Committee's annual Earth Day clean-up will take place on Saturday, April 20. The clean-up is open to all ages. If you can volunteer at your time starting at 11am, please contact Tara with your name and T-shirt size. Sooner is better so that we can register our group in a timely manner!

EVENING LIGHT: You're invited to be refreshed by the light of God's presence during this Easter season with a service of evening prayer. We will experience God's presence with meditation, silence, prayers, and Holy Communion at 6pm in the Sanctuary of Plymouth Church starting every Wednesday from April 3 until May 15, 2024.

PLYMOUTH WELCOMES JEFF LEBBY: Jeff Leiby recently joined Plymouth as a Cleaning Services Contractor. He is the Owner of L&W Building Maintenance Services, LLC. He has over twenty years' experience in the business. Some of his other clients include the United Church of Fayetteville and First Unitarian Universalist Church of Syracuse. He is quite familiar with the needs of churches and looks forward to helping to maintain our facility. He will be working flexible hours through the week to accommodate our schedule. Please say "hi" when you meet him!

RICHARD HAWKS MEMORIAL SERVICE: You are invited to celebrate the life of Richard Hawks at 1pm. on Saturday, May 18, in the Sanctuary of the Plymouth Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. All are invited to a reception in Memorial Hall immediately following the service. In lieu of flowers, contributions in honor of Richard may be made to Plymouth Congregational Church and to the ESF College Foundation, Richard Hawks Fund for Scholarships.

SYRACUSE VOCAL ENSEMBLE CONCERT (SVE): The Syracuse Vocal Ensemble presents Kids' Stuff – including selections from *Mother Goose*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Goodnight Moon*, and *The Velveteen Rabbit* – in two performances. Texts will be read by actors Michael and Susan Barbour, followed by vocal performances. Concerts are: 3pm Saturday, April 27, at May Memorial Unitarian Universalist Society, 3800 E. Genesee St., Syracuse, and 3pm Sunday, April 28, at the Earlville Opera House, 18 E. Main St., Earlville. For the Saturday performance, tickets are \$10 (under 18 free), available at the door. Ticket information for Sunday's performance can be found by contacting the Earlville Opera House: 315-691-3550. For more information, go to www.syracusevocalensemble.org

VOTE FOR GRANT FOR COMMUNITY GARDEN TODAY: Please join us in supporting the **Growing & Educating Umoja Community Garden project started by our very own Mabel Wilson** in our mission to uplift and empower Pioneer Homes residents! When you cast your ballot, you will be deciding how you want to allocate \$21,050 to support food justice initiatives in Syracuse, Onondaga County, and Onondaga Nation given out by SOFSA Food Justice Fund. We can all meet at the Salt City Market on April 18th when the winners will be announced! I believe if Plymouth people spread the word, our Mabel will be rewarded with a grant. Vote online: <https://pbstanford.org/2024-sofsa>

- **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.
- **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 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.

Order of Worship

PRELUDE

“Sonata II: Ruhig Bewegt”

Paul Hindemith

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Eric Jackson

*OPENING HYMN 241

“Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day”

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Gary Allen

One: Let us fill our hearts and minds with hope as we hear the Words of Jesus Christ.

All: “Peace be with you.”

One: When peace and justice seem uncertain, let us hear anew the Words of Jesus Christ.

All: “Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds?”

One: Let us be comforted by the presence of Christ, whose love, and light dwells within us.
Who awakens us to encounter new life through his revealed presence.

All: Let our lives be witnesses of these things.

One: Help us to be instruments of Christ’s peace to all in need of God’s healing love.

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION (*unison*)

Risen Christ, create in us a clean heart so that we can meditate in your peace; grab our attention so we will abide in your mercy; be awakened with your justice; and be made new by your love. In your name, we pray. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Peace be with you.

All: And, also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with those around you in any way you feel comfortable.

If you don’t want to shake hands, indicate that to others by smiling and offering your elbow or by crossing your arms over your heart and wishing them Peace.

*SONG OF PRAISE

Come Out!

Tanya Linn Bennett & Mark Miller Mark A. Miller

Come out! Come out of your comfor - ta - ble spac - es.
Have you not heard? Ev - 'ry val - ley's ex - alt - ed;
Come out! Come out of your well - to - do plac - es.
Come out! The king - dom of God is up - on ____ us.

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Come__ meet Je - sus in the dif - fi - cult plac - es.
Moun - tains made low__ but the low - ly are lift - ed.
Come__ meet Je - sus in the strug - gl - ing spac - es.
Come out of the wil - der - ness and fol - low__ Je - sus.

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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (*Unison*)

“We acknowledge with respect the Onondaga Nation, Firekeepers of the Haudenosaunee, the Indigenous People, on whose ancestral land Plymouth Church now stands.”

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

THE GIFT OF THE WORD

STORY FOR ALL AGES

Following the Story for All Ages, children preschool through grade 5 will depart for Learning Community

SCRIPTURE	Luke 24:36b-48	Gary Allen
ANTHEM	“He Is Not Here”	Crawford Gates
SERMON		Rev. Dr. Eric Jackson
*HYMN 85	“I Woke Up This Morning”	<i>insert, pg. 9</i>

THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

CALL TO PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

SINGING OUR LORD’S PRAYER Mark Miller and Laurie Zelman

5 Our God in hea-ven, Ho - ly is your name. Your
 9 reign come, your will done on earth as in hea - ven.
 14 Give us to-day our dai - ly bread, and help us for-give as we have been for - giv - en. —
 19 In the time of tri - al, lead us in - to light, for yours is the
 24 king - dom, and the pow - er, and the glo - ry, for ev - er. Our
 God in hea - ven. ho - ly is your name; ho - ly is your name.

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OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

“We Know That Christ Is Raise”

arr. Hal Hopson

*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

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

Sy Miller

**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 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, may 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.**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“ Marche Royale”

Jean-Baptiste Lully

Kyle Jones, trumpet



☞ Plymouth Runs On YOU ☜

USHER: George Bain **LITURGIST:** Gary Allen

DEACON ON DUTY: Cindy Perrine and Les Wright

COUNTERS: Patty Brannan and Sarah Whitton

FLOWERS: Bernie Peterson

In memory of Geraldine Sophia Pasternacki and Franklin Delano Peterson

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🎵 Music Notes for Sunday, April 14, 2024 🎵

Paul Hindemith (1895-1963) was a German-born composer, violist, and teacher. During the 1930s, the Nazi regime made life in Germany more and more uncomfortable for him. Some officials banned his music, while a few championed his use of folk songs in his compositions. Around 1938, he left Germany, first for Turkey, then Switzerland, then the USA, where he taught at Yale. His students included Yehudi Wyner, Sam Adler (who later taught at Eastman), Howard Boatwright (who became Dean at Syracuse University's School of Music) and Wernher von Braun (who would become the famous rocket scientist.) It was there he composed his three sonatas for organ, with much of the harmony based on the interval of the 4th (rather than intervals of 3rds common for the previous 300 years.) Our **prelude** is written with this “quartal” harmony.

Crawford Gates (1921-2018) was an American composer and conductor who earned his doctorate from Eastman. Our **anthem** is his setting of Matthew 28:5-7 and Luke 24:2-7.

Our **offertory anthem** uses the tune *Engelberg* by Charles Villier Stanford (1852-1924) in an arrangement by Hal Hopson (b. 1933). Stanford was one of the major composers of English church music. Hopson has published over three thousand works, mostly for church choirs.

*We know that Christ is raised and dies no more
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold.
And our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia.*

*We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life
As living members of a living Christ. Alleluia.*

*The Father's splendor clothes the Son of Life.
The Spirit's power shakes the Church of God.
Baptized, we live with God, the Three in One. Alleluia.*

*A new creation comes to life and grows
As Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing Alleluia.*

Jean-Baptiste Lully (1632-87) was conducting's first fatality: in a dance rehearsal for one of his operas, he was thumping his cane to keep the musicians and dancers on the beat when he accidentally hit his toe. It became infected, and he died of gangrene. (It would be another hundred years before “conductors” waved their hands in the air to give the beat.) Lully was the court musician for Louis XIV – “the Sun King” – and served both at Versailles and at the Louvre.

🎵 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!

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

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Latin, c. 5th century

Luke 24:36-37

Transl. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt.

1 Joy dawned a - gain on Eas - ter Day, the sun shone
2 O Je - sus, Sav - ior, Gen - tle One, come take our
3 O Sov - ereign One, with us a - bide in this our

out with bright ar - ray; For when the A - pos - tles
hearts to be your own, That we may give you
joy - ful Eas - ter - tide; From ev - ery weap - on

hid in fear, the Ris - en Christ to them ap - peared.
all our days the will - ing trib - ute of our praise.
death can wield, your own re - deemed for - ev - er shield.

The musical score is written in treble and bass clefs with a key signature of two sharps (D major) and a 3/4 time signature. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, corresponding to the three parts of the hymn.

I Woke Up This Morning

African-American traditional

Leader (Unison) *All (Harmony)*

1 I woke up this morn-ing with my mind stayed on
 2 Sing-ing and pray-ing with my mind stayed on

Hal-le - lu - jah,

Je - sus, Woke up this morn-ing with my mind stayed on Je - sus,
 Je - sus, Sing-ing and pray-ing with my mind stayed on Je - sus,

Woke up this morn-ing with my mind stayed on Je - sus,
 Sing-ing and pray-ing with my mind stayed on Je - sus,

Hal-le-lu - jah,

Hal-le - lu, hal-le - lu, hal-le - lu - jah.

Hal-le, hal-le - lu - jah.

The spirituals that were passed down through the African-American oral tradition were not only enduring but also adaptable. During the civil rights movement of the 1960s this spiritual was sung as "Woke up this morning with my mind on freedom."

Tune: WOKE UP THIS MORNING Irr.
 African-American spiritual
 Arr. Jeffrey Radford, 1993