



Plymouth Congregational Church

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 2024

10:00 am

Welcome!

Welcome to Summer Sunday Worship at Plymouth. At Plymouth we celebrate diversity of faith traditions, financial means, race, gender, ability, and whom one loves as gifts from God. We fully accept and welcome you just as you are!

This Summer we will give worship in Memorial Hall like we did many years ago. In a time where there is so much disconnect, we will worship around tables, breaking bread, praying, singing, and proclaiming the Word to deepen the bonds of community. Please stay afterward for a time of community building after worship!

If this service was a blessing, then please take a postcard and spread the news. The easiest way to spread the word is to share one thing that inspired you about the service on Facebook (with a photo would be even better!)

Children are accepted and welcomed in worship! Parents can pick up worship activity kits and other resources for children at the Children's Welcome Table.

Thank you for being here!

Order of Worship

This Sunday, you get to shape the sermon! we're bringing back a popular practice from Pastor Quinn's time with us - "Ask the Preacher"! As you enter Memorial Hall, take a moment to write down a question about the Christian faith, Scripture, or the world. Place your question in the basket and Pastor Eric will randomly select questions from 'the hat'. He'll offer a 1–2-minute response to as many questions within 15 minutes. Don't miss this engaging opportunity to explore your faith in a dynamic way!

PRELUDE	“Come to the Waters”	G.F. Handel
WORDS OF WELCOME		Rev. Dr. Eric Jackson
PRAYER OF INVOCATION		
LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (Unison)		
	<i>“We acknowledge with respect the Onondaga Nation, Firekeepers of the Haudenosaunee, the Indigenous People, on whose ancestral land Plymouth Church now stands.”</i>	
PASSING OF THE PEACE		
OPENING SONG (seated)	“There’s a Spirit in the Air”	<i>Insert, pg. 4</i>
SCRIPTURE READING	John 6:51-58	Kate O’Conner
DUET	“Give Me Jesus”	arr. Lloyd Larson
SERMON	<i>Ask the Preacher</i>	Pastor Eric
PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER (Debts/Debtors)		
CALL TO OFFERING		
OFFERTORY DUET	“Shall We Gather at the River”	American Folk Hymn
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE		
CLOSING SONG (seated)	“Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”	<i>Insert, pg. 4</i>
BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	“Variations on a Dorian Theme”	Court Stone

***We thank Carole Brzozowski and Christine Richardson
for their singing and playing ukelele.***

Join us next week for more Sunday Brunch Church at 10am at the Memorial Hall. The Church Council meeting is on Tuesday, Aug 20 at 5:30pm in the Parlor. This week the Food Pantry is open on Wednesday from 2-4pm. On Saturday, Aug 24 at 1pm in the Sanctuary, we celebrate the life of Harold Bristol.

Plymouth Runs On YOU

USHER: Gert Danzy **LITURGIST:** Kate O'Conner
DEACON ON DUTY: Andrea Abbott and Cindy Perrine
COUNTERS: Patty Brannan and Sarah Whitton
COMMUNITY TIME HOSTS: Eleanor Russell and Gert Danzy
FLOWERS: Gert Danzy
August Celebration: Happy Birthday!
ONLINE WORSHIP COORDINATOR: Tom Zorn

*Parking is available in the Diocese lot next door. The code is 5097**

Opportunities to Grow and Serve

(More details and announcements available in the weekly e-newsletter or via the church office)

PLYMOUTH DIRECTORY APP INSTRUCTIONS: Download the Plymouth Directory app today to have contact info and more right at your fingertips! 1) Go to the App Store (iPhone) or Play Store (Android); 2) Search for "Instant Church Directory"; 3) Click "download" (or "install") button; 4) Click "open"; 5) If you've never used the directory before, click "create login"; 6) Type in the email address that's in your church's directory. If you don't have an email address on file, you won't be able to access the directory. If you want to access the directory but can't, you can email our Church Administrator at pkoirala@plymouthsyr.org, and ask her to add your email address to the directory. After that, you'll be able to come back and take these next steps; 7) Once you've created your login, you will be prompted to check your inbox for a confirmation email; 8) Follow the link in your confirmation email, and then you should be able to sign into your account; 9) Voila! You're all set.

SHARE YOUR SUMMER MEMORIES: Are you traveling? Are you sitting on a bench at Barry Park? On a beach towel at Green Lake? In a folding chair in your back yard? On your front steps or your Auntie's front porch? Take a Postcard to write and mail it to us at Plymouth Church. We'll share them all on a board in Memorial Hall!

HELP REV. ANDREA STOECKEL: Hi, this is Andrea Stoeckel, and I need some help. Would anyone from church be willing to open their home to me for short term? I don't bite, shed or have fleas. I could help with cooking and maybe some cleaning and would be willing to offset some income. I'm on a lot of lists for possible apartments but there's a waiting time involved and my time in "safe housing" is almost up. I can be reached via email (revals125.as@gmail.com) or by phone (no voicemail but texting accepted) 315-925-2973. Thank you!

"Maybe that's enlightenment enough: to know that there is no final resting place of the mind; no moment of smug clarity. Perhaps wisdom...is realizing how small I am, and unwise, and how far I have yet to go." ~Anthony Bourdain

Rev. Dr. Eric Jackson, Pastor, ejackson@plymouthsyr.org (917-804-2459)

Dr. Joseph Downing, Director of Music

Pratiksha Koirala, Church Administrator

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There's a Spirit in the Air

There's a spirit in the air, telling Christians everywhere:
"Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working in our world"

Lose your shyness, find your tongue; tell the world what God has done:
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today.

When believers break the bread, when a hungry child is fed:
Praise the love that Christ revealed, living working in our world.

Still the Spirit gives us light, seeing wrong and setting right:
God in Christ has come to say. Live tomorrow's life today.

When a stranger's not alone, when the homeless find a home:
Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working in our world.

May the Spirit fill our praise, guide our thoughts and change our ways.
God in Christ has come to stay. Live tomorrow's life today.

There's a Spirit in the air, calling people everywhere:
Praise the love that Christ revealed, living, working in our world.

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace:
Oh, refresh us, oh refresh us, travelling through this wilderness.

We give thanks and adoration for your gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruit of your salvation in our hearts and lives abound:
Ever faithful, ever faithful to the truth may we be found.

So that when your love shall call us, Savior, from the world away,
Fear of death shall not appall us, glad your summons to obey:
May we ever, may we ever live with you in endless day.