



Plymouth Congregational Church

A Congregation of the United Church of Christ

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 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

PRELUDE	“My Jesus, I Love Thee”	A. J. Gordon
WORDS OF WELCOME		David West
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)	“Lead On Eternal Sovereign”	<i>Insert, pg. 4</i>
SCRIPTURE READING	Ephesians 6: 10-20	Mack Richardson
SOLO	“Give Me Jesus” <i>Andrew Sievers, Vocals and Viola</i>	Fernando Ortega
SERMON	“CIA- Not What You May Think!”	David West
PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER (Debts/Debtors)		
CALL TO OFFERING		
OFFERTORY	“At the River”	Aaron Copeland
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE		
CLOSING SONG (seated)	“Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus”	<i>Insert, pg. 5</i>
BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	“Ashokan Farewell”	Jay Ungar

We thank Dawn Franits and Andrew Sievers for their music and David West for leading the worship.

*Join us next week for **the last Sunday Brunch Church of the year** at 10am at the Memorial Hall. This week the Food Pantry is open on Wednesday from 2-4pm.*

Plymouth Runs On YOU

USHER: Frank Leonard **LITURGIST:** Mack Richardson
DEACON ON DUTY: Esther Zorn and Leslie Lawrence
COUNTERS: Jennifer Hamlin-Navias and Sarah Whitton
FLOWERS: Dawn Franits

In memory of my son Sean Johnson whose 40th birthday was August 22nd

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)

CELEBRATING OUR CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR: Pat's last day in the office will be Friday, August 30, 2024, as Pat leaves us to continue her parenthood journey. In the Plymouth Tradition, we are inviting everyone to make financial contributions (using the pew envelopes or making an electronic contribution via PayPal to giving@plymouthsyr.org) towards a "purse" for Pat starting this Sunday. Donations will be received until Sunday, September 8. After worship on Rally Day, Sunday, September 8, there will be an opportunity for us to say thank you to Pat for her service and wish Pat and family well as they embark on this wonderful new journey! We thank Pat for her faithful and dedicated service. She will be missed in this role!

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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Lead On Eternal Sovereign

Lead on eternal Sovereign, we follow in your way;
loud rings your cry for justice, your call for peace this day:
Through prayerful preparation, your grace will make us strong,
to carry on the struggle to triumph over wrong.

Lead on eternal Sovereign, we follow not with fear,
for in each human conflict your words of strength we hear:
That when we serve with gladness, you will not let us fall,
Our trust is in your promise that love will conquer all.

Lead on eternal Sovereign, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
and all your saints together will sing a hymn of peace;
Then all in your dominion will live with hearts set free,
to love and serve each other for all eternity.

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross;
Life high his royal banner, it must not suffer loss;
From victory unto victory His army shall he lead,
Till every foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict, in this his glorious day;
Ye that are men now serve him against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, stand in his strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own;
Put on the gospel armor, each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls or danger, be never wanting there.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle. The next, the victor's song;
To him that overcometh, a crown of life shall be;
He with the King of glory shall reign eternally. Amen.