



# Plymouth Congregational Church

*A Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Communion

September 1, 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

Please welcome **Klark Johnson**, our new Soprano Soloist at Plymouth.

PRELUDE	“Prayer”	H. Leslie Adams
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)	“As We Gather at Your Table”	<i>Insert, pg. 4</i>
SCRIPTURE READING	John 6:25-34	Gertrude Danzy
SOLO	“What’s The Use”	Florence Price
SERMON	“ <i>When Jesus Gets in Your Way</i> ”	Pastor Eric
PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER (Debts/Debtors)		
CALL TO OFFERING		
OFFERTORY	“I Don’t Feel No-Ways Tired”	Arr. Harry Burleigh
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION		
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE		
CLOSING SONG (seated)	“Break Now the Bread of Life”	<i>Insert, pg. 4</i>
BENEDICTION		
POSTLUDE	“Prelude in G”	Dietrich Buxtehude

*Join us next week for more Sunday Worship at 10am at the Sanctuary. This week the Food Pantry is open on Wednesday from 2-4pm.*

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## **Plymouth Runs On YOU**

**USHER:** Barbara Genton and Cindy Perrine **LITURGIST:** Gertrude Danzy

**DEACON ON DUTY:** Mike Mahaney and Nancy Gwin

**COUNTER:** Sarah Whitton

**COMMUNION COORDINATOR:** Cindy Perrine

**COMMUNION SERVERS:** Leslie Lawrence and Frank Leonard

**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 is Friday, August 30, 2024, as she 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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

## **As We Gather at Your Table**

As we gather at your table, as we listen to your word,  
help us know, O God, your presence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
Nourish us with sacred story till we claim it as our own;  
teach us through this holy banquet how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness in the sacrament of life;  
send us forth to love and serve you, bringing peace where there is strife.  
Give us, Christ, your great compassion to forgive as you forgave;  
may we still behold your image in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon other guests to share that feast  
where triumphant Love will welcome those who had been last and least.  
There no more will envy bind us nor will pride our peace destroy,  
as we join with saints and angels to repeat the sounding joy.

## **Break Now the Bread of Life**

Break now the bread of life, Savior, to me,  
as you once broke the loaves beside the sea;  
Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord;  
My spirit yearns for you, O Living Word.

Bless now the truth, dear Christ, to me, to me,  
as you once blessed the bread by Galilee;  
Then shall all bondage cease, all shackles fall,  
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.