



# Plymouth Congregational Church

*A Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

Service of the Word

October 27, 2024

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 am – Worship

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

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

### **Following Worship This Morning:**

- Community Time, Memorial Hall

### THIS WEEK AT PLYMOUTH

- Mon. October 28 Plymouth Story for November 2024 Deadline
- Wed. October 30 Food Pantry is closed.
- Thurs. October 31 *Halloween*  
Bell Choir Rehearsal, 5:30pm, Sanctuary  
Choir Rehearsal, 7pm, Memorial Hall
- Fri. November *All Saints Day*
- Sat. November 2 Singing Choir, 8-11am, Zoom mtg.  
**Daylight Savings Time ends**, remember to set your clocks back an hour before going to bed.
- Sun. November 3 Worship, in-person in Sanctuary, and livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube.  
Learning Community (children leave during worship)  
Prepared Church Dinner by Joe and Carol, 11:15am,  
Memorial Hall

**Farewell to Pastor Eric:** As we prepare to send Pastor Eric to new environs, we will celebrate his ministry with Plymouth on his last day with us, Sunday, November 3, 2024. All are asked to contribute towards a farewell purse to thank Pastor Eric for his ministry among us. You can place cash in an envelope or deliver a check with "Thank You, Pastor Eric" in the memo line. You can also give through PayPal to [giving@plymouthsyr.org](mailto:giving@plymouthsyr.org)

Additionally, we will celebrate with Pastor Eric right after the Service on November 3, 2024 with a prepared Church Dinner. (*See insert.*)

# ☞ Order of Worship ☞

PRELUDE "Aria" Felix Mendelssohn  
WORDS OF WELCOME Pastor Eric  
\*OPENING HYMN 86 "When Morning Gilds the Skies" *insert, pg. 9*  
\*CALL TO WORSHIP Kathy Ferro

One: Come, take refuge in the Lord, for God is good.  
**All: From the storms and struggles of life we come.**  
One: Come, rejoice in the Lord, for God will provide peace for you.  
**All: From fear and anxiety, we come to find peace.**  
One: Come, open your hearts to the Lord and you will be given blessing.  
**All: Thanks be to God for the many ways in which we are blessed. AMEN.**

## \*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**Open our eyes, Lord. Help us to see Jesus as he reaches out to heal our blindness. Help us to let go of all those things that keep us in darkness. This day, as your word is proclaimed, let our hearts and souls respond with joy. Transform our lives to do your will. In Jesus' Name, we pray. Amen**

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Peace be with you.  
**All: And, also with you.**

## \*LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT *(In unison)*

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

*Children, preschool through grade 5, will depart for Learning Community.*

## \*SONG OF PRAISE

GLORIA PATRI

**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

SCRIPTURE

Mark 10: 46-52

ANTHEM

"The Blind Man"

Spiritual

SERMON

Pastor Eric

\*HYMN 551

"Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"

*insert, pg. 10*

## THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

CALL TO PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

\* Please Stand if you are able

THE LORD’S PRAYER

*In an effort to pray in unison while respecting the different versions that many of us have prayed since childhood, we will cycle through the different versions over the course of a year. We will pray the prayer with “sins” through the end of 2024.*

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS**

CALL TO OFFERING

*Throughout the rest of October, we will receive the Neighbors in Need offering. This is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports the Council for American Indian Ministries and UCC Justice and Witness Ministries. Please write “NIN” on the memo line of your check or use the special envelopes in the pews.*

OFFERTORY “In Faith I Calmly Rest” J. S. Bach

\*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 81 “God Be with You” *insert, pg. 11*

BENEDICTION

CARRYING OUT THE LIGHT

POSTLUDE Hornpipe G. F. Handel



Rev. Dr. Eric Jackson, Pastor, [ejackson@plymouthsyr.org](mailto:ejackson@plymouthsyr.org)  
Dr. Joseph Downing, Director of Music  
Emily Evans, Youth and Children’s Ministries Coordinator  
Lori A Forrester, Church Administrator  
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**\* Please Stand if you are able**

## ☞ Plymouth Runs on YOU ☞

**USHER:** Frank Leonard

**LITURGIST:** Kathy Ferro

**DEACONS ON DUTY:** Kathy Ferro and  
Nancy Gwin

**COUNTERS:** Sarah Whitton and Elaine Wolf

**ONLINE WORSHIP COORDINATOR:**

Tom Zorn

**FLOWERS:**

**COMMUNITY TIME:** Gert Danz and  
Heather Evans

**FLOWERS FOR WORSHIP:** You can beautify the sanctuary on Sunday mornings by providing flowers in celebration of an occasion of your choosing! You pick a specific Sunday and send in a check for \$35 to Plymouth Church with “flowers” noted in the memo line. (We order the flowers for you!). Sign up ONLINE through Plymouth’s website or call the church office no later than the Monday of the week of your choosing. (See weekly newsletter for full instructions for signing up online.)

**Food Pantry Alert:** The Food Pantry periodically closes due to a lack of volunteers. Anyone who can help is greatly appreciated. Please call Plymouth Office 315-474-4836 or email the [office@plymouthsyr.org](mailto:office@plymouthsyr.org)

A message and invitation from **CNY RISE Center:** We lost a special soul, Honorable Fethullah Gulen on Sunday night, who was a big inspiration for the Turkish American community for decades in regards to interfaith and peace. We are organizing a memorial service next Monday night at 6 pm. We will be glad if our friends from Plymouth Church would join us. For the most up to date information contact [cnyrise@gmail.com](mailto:cnyrise@gmail.com)

### Music Notes for Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Jacob Ludwig Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809-1847) was the grandson of the renowned Jewish philosopher, Moses Mendelssohn. However, Felix’s father, Abraham renounced Judaism before Felix was born, and Felix was raised without religion until social expediency led to him being baptized at age 7. At the father’s insistence, the family also began to use the last name Bartholdy, which was the name of an estate that Felix’s mother’s brother had purchased. Abraham claimed, “There can no more be a Christian Mendelssohn than there can be a Jewish Confucius.” Felix would go on to revive the works of Bach (which were largely ignored at that time) and to found the Leipzig Conservatory. By the end of the nineteenth century, Mendelssohn’s music was largely ignored due to antisemitism - in spite of him having written the *Reformation Symphony*, and the oratorio *St. Paul!* Our **prelude** is from his other oratorio, *Elijah*.

Our **anthem** is one of the hundreds of spirituals collected by Harry T. Burleigh (1866-1949). He was the grandson of the enslaved Hamilton Waters who was discarded by his enslavers when he became blind. Harry led him through the streets of Erie, Pennsylvania, and the grandfather would sing the old spirituals to Harry. Harry moved to New York City where he studied at the National Conservatory of Music and met Antonin Dvorak. Especially in Dvorak’s *New World Symphony* one can see the influence of Burleigh, where the second movement is based on the very-spiritual-like *Going Home* theme.

If you go into any major library, you will see that the collected works of J. S. Bach (1685-1750) fill more than one hundred thick volumes. Our **offertory anthem** is one simple chorale from this work:

*In faith I calmly rest and put my trust in God,  
Although oft sore opprest with anxious care and  
dread.  
God’s friendship my reward, in God my joy I find.  
God keepeth watch and ward o’er me and o’er my  
house.*

*Therefore, I thank my God, and joy to do God’s  
will.  
I know whate’er befall, God’s love doth lead me  
still.*

*So, like a little child who clasps his father’s hand,  
Serene, I take my way, in faith untroubled stand.  
Great peace they surely have who in the Lord confide,  
Who cast on God all care, and in God’s love abide.*

Our **postlude** is from the Water Music, which Georg Frideric Handel (1685-1759) wrote to be played on a barge in the Thames River for King George I, who rode in another.

## Take a Field Trip!



A collaboration of All Saints Church, Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ, CNY Rise Center, Congregation Beth Shalom-Chevre Shas, Pebble Hill Presbyterian Church, Plymouth Congregational Church, and St. Lucy's Church

Have you ever been curious about another faith group's religious services? Learning Together with Our Neighbors invites you to attend services with us at the Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ on Sunday, November 10, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. There will be a debriefing session after the service.

**Sunday, November 10, 2024**  
**11:00 a.m.**  
**Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ**  
**347 Cortland Ave, Syracuse, 13202**

## ☞ 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.*

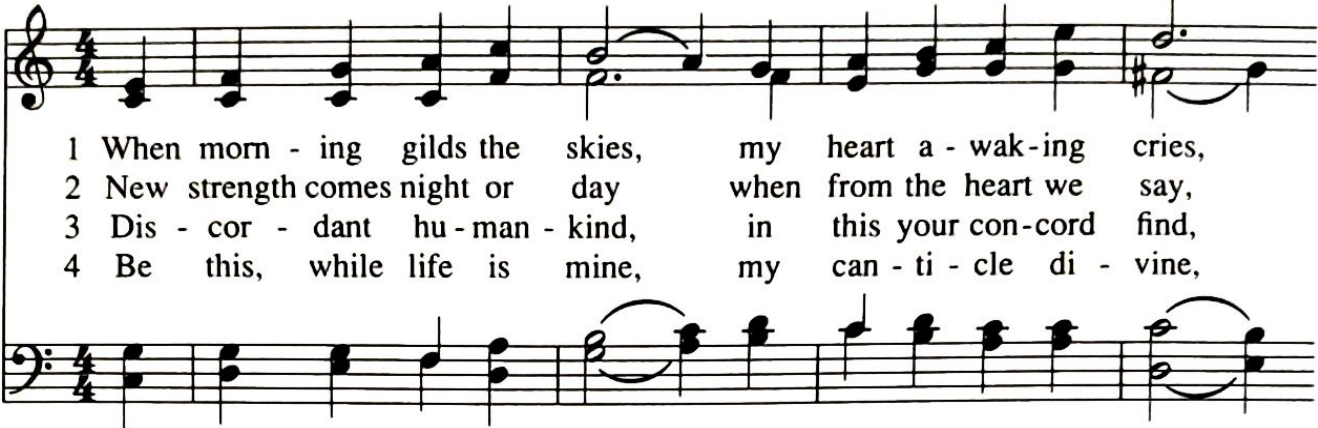
Plymouth was founded in 1853 by a group of Syracusans who wanted to create a Christian abolitionist bulwark fighting slavery. Since then, we continue to live our faith by standing against racism, white supremacy culture, poverty, and war; standing up for the rights of immigrants, indigenous people, workers, 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!*

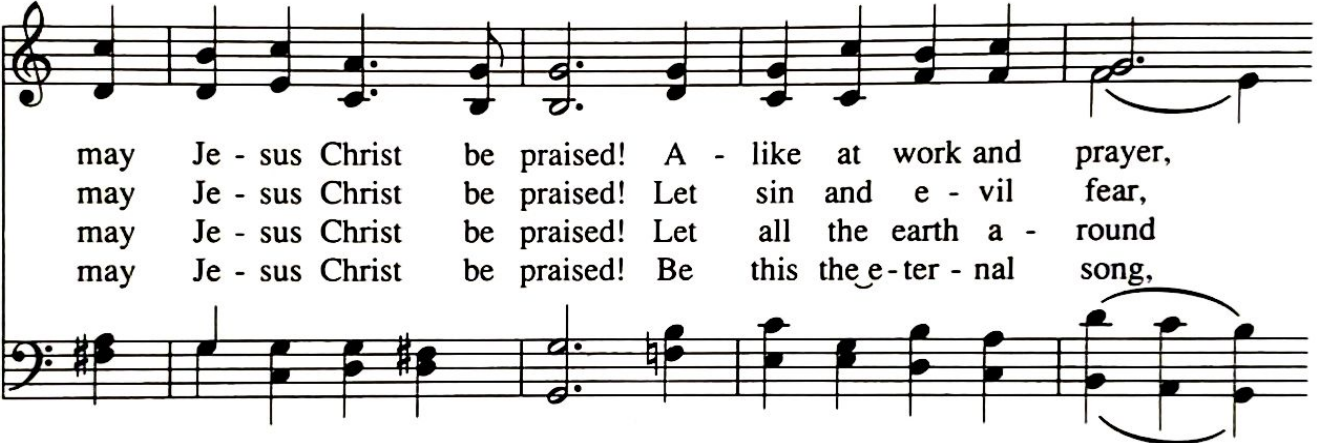
- **Resources for Children:** Worship Activity Kits are available for children ages 3 - 5th grade on the shelves in the back of the sanctuary. We ask that your children put their names on the blank label on the box the first time they use a kit, take that kit each week, and return it at the end of worship.
- **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).

## When Morning Gilds the Skies

Ps. 5:3; 59:16-17

Katholisches Gesangbuch, 1828  
Transl. Edward Caswall, 1854; alt.


1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries,  
2 New strength comes night or day when from the heart we say,  
3 Dis - cor - dant hu - man - kind, in this your con - cord find,  
4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di - vine,



may Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer,  
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let sin and e - vil fear,  
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round  
may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e - ter - nal song,



one pur - pose I de - clare: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
when this sweet chant they hear: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
through all the a - ges long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

*This anonymous German Catholic hymn was translated to English by Edward Caswall, an Anglican—and later, Roman Catholic—priest. Among the scripture references is Psalm 5:3, “O God, in the morning you hear my voice. . . .”*

Tune: LAUDES DOMINI 6.6.6.6.6.6.  
Joseph Barnby, 1868



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# Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior

Luke 18:35-43

Fanny Crosby (1820-1915); alt.

1 Pass me not, O gen - tle Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble cry;  
 2 Let me at your throne of mer - cy find a sweet re - lief;  
 3 Trust - ing on - ly in your mer - it, would I seek your face;  
 4 Be the Spring of all my com - fort, more than life - to me;

While on oth - ers you are call - ing, do not pass me by.  
 Kneel - ing there in deep con - tri - tion, help my un - be - lief.  
 Heal my wound - ed, bro - ken spir - it, save me by your grace.  
 Not just here on earth be - side me, but e - ter - nal - ly.

*Refrain*

Sav - ior, Sav - ior, hear my hum - ble cry;

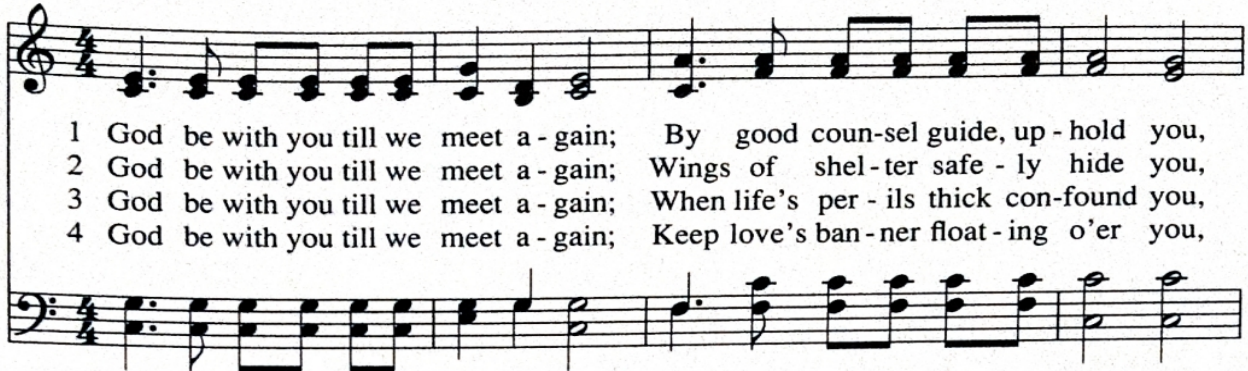
While on oth - ers you are call - ing, do not pass me by.

*Fanny Crosby was already a successful writer when she became associated with gospel hymnists Sankey, Sweney, Root, and others. She directed her talent to gospel songs in her early forties, and collaborated with William Doane on many hymns.*


Tune: PASS ME NOT 8.5.8.5. with refrain  
 William H. Doane (1832-1915)

## God Be with You

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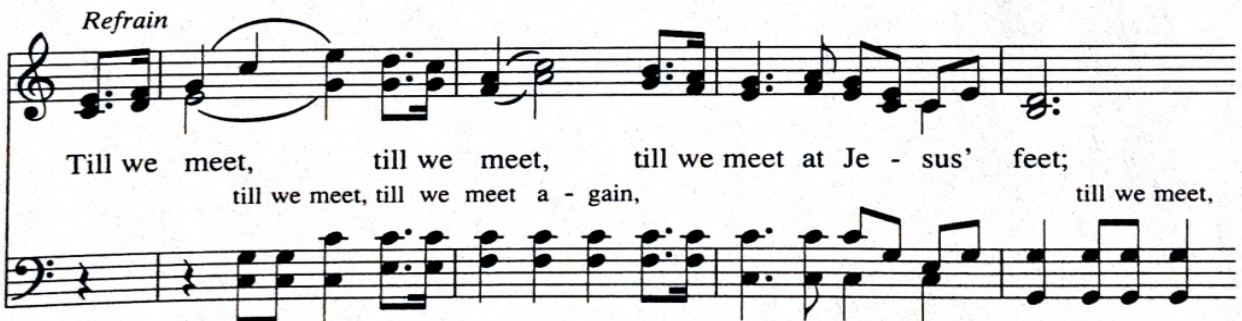
*Jeremiah E. Rankin, 1880; alt.*


1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; By good coun-sel guide, up - hold you,  
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; Wings of shel-ter safe - ly hide you,  
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; When life's per - ils thick con-found you,  
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; Keep love's ban-ner float - ing o'er you,



With a shep-herd's care en - fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 Dai - ly man - na still pro-vide you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 Put un - fail - ing arms a - round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 Smite death's threat-ening wave be - fore you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.

*Refrain*



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;  
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain, till we meet,



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

*Written during his last pastorate, at First Congregational Church in Washington, D.C., Jeremiah Rankin's hymn spread quickly throughout America and England by way of Moody and Sankey's revival meetings. Rankin later served as the seventh president of Howard University.*

Tune: GOD BE WITH YOU 9.8.8.9. with refrain  
 William G. Tomer, 1880

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## *Church Dinner in honor of Pastor Eric Jackson*

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After the Service on Sunday November 3, 2024

Dinner will be provided by Joe Downing, Carol Brzozowski, and others. No need to bring anything but yourselves. But we'd appreciate an RSVP (below). You can fill it out and put it in the offering plate, call the Office 315-474-4836, or email to [office@plymouth.org](mailto:office@plymouth.org)

\*What is your name?

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\*Can you attend?

Yes, I'll be there.

\*How many will be attending?

\_\_\_\_\_ # of children.

\_\_\_\_\_ # of adults.

\*Do you have any food allergies or dietary restrictions?

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Sorry, I can't make it.

\*What is your email address or telephone number.

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