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Greeting

Greetings to you in the love and peace of Jesus Christ!

Call to Worship †§

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

P: And also with you!

L: Let us come into God's presence just as we are,

P: worn out or fresh and energetic, sad or happy, worried or carefree, we come before God as fully human, knowing we are loved just as we are.

Hymn 277

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PCnRYj3lMIQ>

**Holy, holy, holy, God the Almighty!
Early in the morning we praise your majesty.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! Saints adore you truly,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim bow before you only,
From the beginning, God eternally.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though we know but dimly,
Though the eyes of humankind your glory may not see,
You alone are holy, you alone are worthy,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy, God the Almighty!
All your works shall praise your name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

Prayer of Confession †§

Presence, Life, God of all, we confess that we have turned away from you. We gaze upon ourselves as if we are worthy of worship or unworthy of your love. We take your creation into our hands, not to love, but to use and then to discard. We go to the people of the land, not to serve, but to press them into our service or conform them to be like us. Because you are merciful, Flame of Love, purify us from sin and draw us into union with you. Transform us into faithful disciples who worship you alone. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon †§

L: The Holy Spirit comes with the breath of new life to cast away our sins to a place where they are forgotten. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all, you are forgiven!

The Service of the Word

Psalm 8

L: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

P: You have set your glory above the heavens.

L: Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

P: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

L: Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

P: You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

All: O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

New Testament Lesson

2 Corinthians 13:11–13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

Gospel

Matthew 28:16–20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Sermon

Sermon Hymn 273

“Praise with Joy the World’s Creator”

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ee_fmMI9trg

**Praise with joy the world’s Creator, God of justice, love, and peace,
Source and end of human knowledge, grace bestowing without cease.
Celebrate the Maker’s glory, power to rescue and release.**

**Praise to Christ who feeds the hungry, frees the captive, finds the lost,
Heals the sick, upsets religion, fearless both of fate and cost.
Celebrate Christ’s constant presence, friend and stranger, guest and host.**

**Praise the Spirit sent among us, liberating truth from pride,
Forging bonds where race or gender, age or nation dare divide.
Celebrate the Spirit’s treasure, foolishness none dare deride.**

**Praise the Maker, Christ, and Spirit, one God in community,
Calling Christians to embody oneness and diversity.
Thus the world shall yet believe when shown Christ’s vibrant unity.**

The Response to the Word

Offering (*You may send your offerings to the church, or drop them off in person.*)

The ancient prayer “Benedicta sit sancta Trinitas” (Blessed be the holy Trinity) is the historical introit for Trinity Sunday. It uses a bit of Psalm 8 (and draws from the apocryphal book of Tobias). Here is a musical setting of the text for 5 voices from Giaches de Wert (Flemish, but spent most of his professional life in Italy; 1535-1596): https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=81Y_rss17t0

Benedicta sit sancta Trinitas atque indivisa Unitas confitebimur ei quia fecit nobiscum misericordiam suam. Alleluia. Benedicamus Patrem et Filium cum Sancto Spiritu. Amen.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, and undivided Unity: we will give glory to Him, because He has shown His mercy to us. Alleluia Let us bless the Father and the Son with the Holy Spirit. Amen.

If you prefer something a little more modern, here’s a very unusual and quite exciting arrangement of “Holy, Holy, Holy” from the First Baptist Dallas Choir & Orchestra.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j5MEoJZo38M>

Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self †§

For all that you have given us, we thank you, gracious God, and return back a portion as a love offering to you and by building up your church and serving our neighbors. Let your Holy Spirit abide in our midst and work through our gifts, that all people may have joy and peace. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Benediction †§

L: The eternal Creator calls us. The risen Savior sends us.

P: **The dynamic Spirit empowers us.**

L: Go into all the world, making disciples for Jesus Christ.

P: **We go as the people of the church to be the church for others, serving their needs and inviting them into God’s family.**

All: Amen!

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This week we pray for:

- The leadership and staff of Plymouth United Church of Christ

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Who we are...

Plymouth UCC is an Open and Affirming congregation, embracing diversity and affirming the dignity and worth of every person, since we are all created in God's image. We welcome into full membership and participation in the Body of Christ persons of every race, ethnic background, age, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, socio-economic background, marital status and background. We welcome all to share in the life, leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, humor, and blessings of participation in our congregation.

Spiritual Care Package

Questions for Reflection

Review how you have learned about Earth throughout your life, giving thanks for each of your teachers and guides. In what ways does your way of living reflect gratitude for Earth? How might you enhance your care for God's creation?

Household Prayer: Morning

God of the living, from whom all blessings flow, I welcome a new day with thanksgiving because you have cared for me through the night. Wherever you send me today, whomsoever I meet, be in my going and my meeting. Grant me wisdom to cherish what you give me and generosity to share what I receive. Fill me with the Spirit so that I may show courage, kindness, and a sense of humor in the face of the day's hardships. In Christ's peace, may I withhold harsh judgment against those who would do me harm. Show me ways that I may serve you throughout the day and into the night so that, waking or sleeping, I live for you; in the name of the Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Ancient of days, these hours of light are passing into darkness. Thank you for being with me. Let me not forget the joys you put in my life today. Send your Spirit to fill my memories with comfort and peace as I prepare for the night. Where I have failed to please you, forgive me for the sake of your Son. If I have been of help to others, let them give thanks to you. May all night songs praise you; may we evening singers rejoice in your eternal glory. And I will celebrate with your whole creation in the name of Jesus Christ when the new day that you are bringing dawns. Amen.

God is still speaking,