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The Family of God Gathers

Prelude *Please let the prelude be a signal to prepare for worship.*

Call to Worship †§

- L: Rejoice and be glad! For God is our salvation.
P: **Rejoice and be glad! For God is great.**
L: Even when we are separated, God's Spirit unites us.
P: **The Lord does marvelous things!**

Prayer of Confession †§

Gracious God, you are all light and wonder and glory. You are our strength and our delight; you give us all we need to live. Yet we are distracted by all that glitters, continually grasping for more. Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own happiness. Forgive us, Lord, and turn us back to you. Ease our anxious yearnings so that we will be satisfied with your goodness and your grace so that our hearts will be turned toward you and away from worldly temptations. Amen.

*Assurance of Pardon §

- L: In all things, God is gracious: in Jesus' name, you are forgiven!
P: **You are forgiven!**
L: May the peace of Christ be with you!
P: **And also with you!**

The Sign of Peace

Greetings *Please be sure to read the newsletter and this bulletin to get all the news you need.*

Centering Music

The Service of the Word

Psalm 70:1–5

- L: Be pleased, O God, to deliver me.
P: **O Lord, make haste to help me!**
L: Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life.
P: **Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire to hurt me.**
L: Let those who say, "Aha, Aha!" turn back because of their shame.
P: **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you.**
L: Let those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"
P: **But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God!**
L: You are my help and my deliverer;
P: **O Lord, do not delay!**

Gospel

Matthew 25:1–13

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Sermon

Musical Offering

“Take My Life, that I May Be”

Please mail your offerings and pledge cards to the church or drop them off at the office.

**Take my life, that I may be Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my voice and let me sing Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour At thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for thee.**

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The Response to the Word

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.

Musical Amen

Benediction †§

L: Keep awake!

P: Christ is coming to gather us to his welcome table, where we will feast in joy.

L: May the grace of Christ surround you, the love of God uphold you, and the Holy Spirit spark you with unquenchable fire as you wait and work for the fullness of God's realm.

P: Amen!

Postlude

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Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. David Huber • Ministers: All the people of Plymouth • Pianist: Lynn McFadyen

We of Plymouth extend to you our hand of fellowship and an invitation to become a member. If you are interested, or have any questions, please speak with or send a note to Pastor David or our Moderator, Barb Kleist. Our table always has room for more.

This Week at Plymouth

Sunday, November 8

Prayers for the People

Monday, November 9

7:00 P.M. Leadership Team via Zoom

Tuesday, November 10

9:00 A.M. Coffee & Conversation

Thursday, November 12

3:30 P.M. Coffee & Conversation

Sunday, November 15

OCWM offering

Cross illumination for November is sponsored by Mimi Pederson in loving memory of her sister Trudy Brewer.

We pray for:

- The General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ Rev. John Dorhauer and Wisconsin Conference Minister Rev. Franz Rigert, along with all UCC staff at the national and Conference level
- Paul Holmen battling stage four cancer
- John & Sandy Moore and their daughter Katie who lost her mother-in-law to Covid.
- The Jaenke family dealing with health concerns
- These individuals/families: Ken Snart, Pete Spitt, Jamie Stafford, George & Sue Stecher, Steve Strassman, Benji & Cathy Stygar

Coffee and Conversation is a virtual gathering via Zoom for folks who miss the Sunday morning coffee time at church. There is no set topic of conversation, and it's a nice way to keep in touch while we have to maintain social distance. Pastor David hosts the gatherings and posts the link on the church Facebook page. Check it out!
<https://tinyurl.com/y2e87nm>

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

In our fast-paced world, daily encounters with delay are sometimes difficult to accept. How can we be intentional in practicing the presence of God, cultivating steadiness and peace in our lives and the world while extending God's hospitality and love? How can such spiritual attributes empower us to be better advocates in working to create a more just and equitable world?

Household Prayer: Morning

I give thanks for the gift of life this day and for the privilege of loving you by serving others. Give me an opportunity to grow in right relationship with you by promoting justice in the world today through my life, my choices, and my witness. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

It is evening, and it is time to sleep. Throughout this day, I have endeavored to serve you by making a difference in the world. Thank you for all caregivers and workers who devote themselves tonight to the well-being of so many. Help me to rest in peace this night and rise tomorrow ready to serve your justice. Amen.

God is still speaking,