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The Family of God Gathers

Prelude

“Arise, Your Light Is Come”

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

Call to Worship †

- L: Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint. Let us worship the Lord our God!

Prayer of Confession †

- L: God, you are everlasting, the creator of all that is. Your understanding is beyond measure. We confess to you that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. In your compassion, forgive us, for we place our hope in your steadfast love. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon §

- L: You are God's beloved: in Jesus' name, you are forgiven!

The Sign of Peace

- L: May the peace of Christ be with you! Please take a moment and share the peace with those in your household and/or offer a moment to send prayers of peace to those you love who are not with you.

Centering Music

“Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming”

The Service of the Word

Psalm 147:1–11, 20c

- L: Praise the Lord!
- P: How good it is to sing praises to our God; for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.**
- L: The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
- P: He heals the brokenhearted, and binds up their wounds.**
- L: He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.
- P: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.**
- L: The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.
- P: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.**
- L: He covers the heavens with clouds, prepares rain for the earth, makes grass grow on the hills.
- P: He gives to the animals their food, and to the young ravens when they cry.**
- L: His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner; but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.
- P: Praise the Lord!**

Gospel

Mark 1:29–39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Sermon

Musical Offering

"This Little Light of Mine"

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

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.

Closing Hymn

"Brightest and Best"

Benediction §

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

Postlude

"Good Christian Friends Rejoice"

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Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. David Huber • Ministers: All the people of Plymouth • Guest Preacher: Jim Oliver • 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, February 7
Community Table offering

Sunday, February 14
Prayers for the People

Cross illumination for February is sponsored by Mike & Marybeth Tschumperlin.

We pray for:

- The leadership and staff of Plymouth United Church of Christ

While Pastor David is on vacation, you can contact Rev. Mark Pirazzini at 715-598-2270 if you have a pastoral emergency.

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

Question for Reflection

What does Paul mean when he says that he became all things to all people so that he could save some (1 Cor. 9:22)?

Household Prayer: Morning

In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. As I turn to you in prayer this morning, God, bless me with a sense of purpose. As I go out into this day, show me what I am to do. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Everlasting God, you have been here from the foundations of the earth. I give to you this day now ending, with all its gifts and failings. As I rest through the night, renew my strength and, in my dreams, lift me up on the wings of eagles. Amen.

God is still speaking,