



*“Love
each other
as I have
loved you.”*

JOHN 15:12, NIV



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May 9, 2021

10:30 A.M.

The Family of God Gathers

Gathering Music

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

“Jesus Loves Me”

arr. Lorie Line

Greeting

Call to Worship †

L: Sing to our God a new song.

P: God has done marvelous things!

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord!

P: Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

L: Let the sea roar and all that fills it.

P: Let the world and its people sing together for joy!

Opening Music

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

Refrain

Jesu, Jesu fill us with your love,

show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Knelt at the feet of his friends, silently washing their feet,

Jesu, you acted as servant to them. *Refrain*

Neighbors are rich and poor, varied in color and race,

neighbors are near and far away. *Refrain*

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love;

all these are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain*

Loving puts us on our knees, showing our faith by our deeds,

serving the neighbors we have from you. *Refrain*

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet,

this is the way we should live with you. *Refrain*

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*Prayer of Confession †

Loving God, we have not loved you or each other with our whole hearts. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness, that we may be filled with your joy. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

** Those who are able are invited to stand.*

*Assurance of Pardon §

L: Through Jesus, God sang to us a new song of the good news of God's love and grace: in his 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

Centering Music

"We Come to Hear Your Word"

We come to hear your word: Lord, open up our hearts and lives again.

So let your voice be heard: we're ready to receive this daily bread.

Refrain:

Your word is truth and life to us, so light the way. As we believe your promises, renew our faith.

We come to hear your word: let revelation shape our hearts anew.

We long to know you more: come, Spirit, lead us deeper into truth. *Refrain*

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The Service of the Word

Psalm 98

L: O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

P: His right hand and his holy arm have gotten him victory.

L: The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.

P: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

L: All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

P: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

L: Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

P: With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

L: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

P: Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth.

L: He will judge the world with righteousness,

P: and the peoples with equity.

Gospel

John 15:9–17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Sermon

Musical Offering

“We Are One in the Spirit”

You may place your offering in the plate on the table by the doors.

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:**

Refrain:

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: *Refrain***

**We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
And we'll guard human's dignity and save human's pride: *Refrain***

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: *Refrain***

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Joys and Concerns

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: Live in the joy of Christ's love,

P: **and in all the marvelous things that God is doing!**

L: May the righteous fairness of God, the loving friendship of Christ, and the gift of the Holy Spirit go with you all.

All: Amen!

Postlude

“Hope Will Rise Again”

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Worship Leaders

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

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, May 9

Prayers for the People

10:30 A.M. Worship

Monday, May 10

7:00 P.M. Leadership Team

Tuesday, May 11

9:00 A.M. Coffee & Conversation

10:00 A.M. Quilters

Thursday, May 13

3:30 P.M. Coffee & Conversation

Sunday, May 16

OCWM offering

10:30 A.M. Worship

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
- These individuals/families: Judy Instenness, Rob & Linda Jaenke, Larry & Barb Kleist, Susie Kleist, Charline Kozlowski

Coffee and Conversation is a virtual gathering via Zoom for folks who miss the Sunday morning coffee time at church. 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/y2e87nrn>

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

In our Gospel lesson this week, Jesus speaks of his extreme love for us, calls us his friends, and says that he makes known to us everything that he hears from God. How does thinking of Christ as our friend and lover—or Lord and Master—affect our daily living?

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy One, I begin today breathing in your love for me, for others, and for the world. Keep me mindful of all the marvelous things you are doing around and within me today. Help me to feel my friendship with Jesus and his confidence in me. Maintain in my heart the image of myself as a tree, bearing the fruit of Christ's love everywhere I go today. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God, you are both judge and friend. Even as I review my day, I give it over to you. I let go of the good, the bad, and the in-between, trusting in your care for me. I am content this night to abide in your love. I breathe in your joy and your peace. Whatever I need, I ask of you in Jesus' name. Amen.

God is still speaking,