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June 27, 2021

10:30 A.M.

The Family of God Gathers

Gathering Music

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

“Little Prelude and Fugue”

Domenico Zipoli

Greeting

Call to Worship †§

- L: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
P: and great is God’s faithfulness!
L: The Lord brings new life to those who are weary,
P: and lifts up those who are weighed down.
L: God’s mercies are everlasting.
P: They are new every morning.

Opening Music Bulletin page 7

“We Are Called”

Prayer of Confession †§

Trusting you does not always come easy when each day we are faced with the ugliness of the world. We do not believe that love conquers fear. We are not convinced that power comes through weakness. We cannot conceive how you could heal us. Forgive our lack of faith, O God, and renew our trust in you, so we may become more faithful disciples of Jesus. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon §

- L: God does not judge by human standards, but by Divine Love: 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

Centering Music Bulletin page 8

“We Come to Hear Your Word”

The Service of the Word

Psalm 30

- L: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up, and did not let my foes rejoice over me.
P: O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.
L: O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol, restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.
P: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.
L: For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.

P: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

L: As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

P: By your favor, O Lord, you had established me as a strong mountain; you hid your face; I was dismayed.

L: To you, O Lord, I cried, and to the Lord I made supplication:

P: "What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?"

L: Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me! O Lord, be my helper!"

P: You have turned my mourning into dancing; you have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy, so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

All: O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

Gospel

Mark 5:21–43

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." So he went with him.

And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?' " He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Sermon

Baptism

Welcome and Presentation

L: Members and friends in Christ, we gather to celebrate God's gift of grace in the baptism of Harrison Thomas Cartmill. To us a child is given!

P: Thanks be to God!

Address

- L: Jesus said: Unless we are born anew, we cannot see the reign of God; unless we are born of water and the Spirit, we cannot enter God's new order. Paul the apostle said: All of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into Christ's death. We were buried therefore with Christ by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, to the glory of God, we too might walk in newness of life. The sacrament of baptism is an outward and visible sign of the grace of God. Inasmuch as the promise of the gospel is not only to us but also to our children, baptism with water and the Holy Spirit is the mark of their acceptance into the care of Christ's church, the sign and seal of their participation in God's forgiveness, and the beginning of their growth into full Christian faith and discipleship.
- P: This is the water of baptism. Out of this water, we rise with new life, forgiven of sin and one in Christ, members of Christ's body.**

Questions

- L: Do you desire to have your child baptized into the Christian faith and family of Christ?

Parents:

We do.

- L: As parents and sponsors of this child, will you encourage him to renounce the powers of evil and to receive the freedom of new life in Christ?

Parents and Sponsors:

We will, with the help of God.

- L: Will you teach him that he may be led to profess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior?

Parents and Sponsors:

We will, with the help of God.

- L: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to be Christ's disciples, to follow in the way of our Savior, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to witness to the work and word of Jesus Christ as best you are able?

Parents and Sponsors:

We do, with the help of God.

- L: Do you promise according to the grace given you, to grow with Harrison in the Christian faith, to share with him the church's life—worship, the Lord's Supper, and fellowship? Do you promise to instruct him in the Christian faith, so that living in the covenant of baptism and in communion with Christ's church, he may lead a godly life until the day of Jesus Christ?

Parents and Sponsors:

We do, with the help of God.

- L: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to help Harrison be a faithful member of the church of Jesus Christ, by celebrating Christ's presence, by furthering Christ's mission in the world, and by offering the nurture of the Christian church so that he may affirm his baptism?

Parents and Sponsors:

We do, with the help of God.

- L: Jesus calls us to make disciples of all nations and to offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Will you who witness and celebrate this sacrament stand in Christian solidarity with Austin and Meghan, and nurture one another in the Christian faith and include Harrison with your love, support, and prayer?

Congregation:

We promise our love, support, and prayer.

Prayer of Baptism

L: The Lord be with you.

P: **And also with you.**

L: We thank you, God, for the gift of creation called forth by your saving Word. Before the world had shape and form, your Spirit moved over the waters. Out of the waters of the deep, you formed the firmament and brought forth the earth to sustain all life. In the time of Noah, you washed the earth with the waters of the flood, and your ark of salvation bore a new beginning. In the time of Moses, your people Israel passed through the Red Sea waters from slavery to freedom and crossed the flowing Jordan to enter the promised land. In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus Christ, who was nurtured in the waters of Mary's womb. Jesus was baptized by John in the water of the Jordan, became living water to a woman at the Samaritan well, washed the feet of the disciples, and sent them forth to baptize all the nations by water and the Holy Spirit. Gracious God, bless this water. By your Holy Spirit save those who confess the name of Jesus Christ that sin may have no power over them. Create new life in Harrison who will be baptized this day that he may rise in Christ. Glory to you, Eternal God, the one who was, and is, and shall always be, world without end. Amen.

Harrison Thomas Cartmill, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all. The Holy Spirit be upon you, Harrison, child of God, disciple of Christ, member of the church.

Prayer for the Baptized

L: We give you thanks, O Holy One, mother and father of all the faithful, for this your child and for the grace acknowledged here today in water and the Holy Spirit. Embrace us all as sons and daughters of faith in the one household of your love. Grant us grace to receive, nurture, and befriend this new member of the body of Christ.

P: **Give Harrison strength for life's journey, courage in times of trouble, the joy of faith, the freedom of love, and the hope of new life; through Jesus Christ who makes us one. Amen.**

Baptism Hymn 351 Bulletin page 9

"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"

Offering "Pie Jesu" Andrew Lloyd Webber

Hannah and Sam Zehms

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God above ye heavenly host
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self †§

Generous God, from you we have received, and now we bring these offerings to you. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts and upon our lives that together we may bring healing and hope to the world. Amen.

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.

Closing Music 526 Bulletin page 10

“We Are Marching in the Light of God”

Benediction †§

L: My sisters and brothers, the Holy One has created you for good.

P: **Delight in God, work for justice, and walk in peace.**

L: May the blessing of God, who creates, redeems, and restores, be with you now and always.

All: Amen!

Postlude

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Worship Leaders

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

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.

Cross illumination for June is sponsored by Jim & Linda Oliver in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary.

This Week at Plymouth

Sunday, June 27

10:00 A.M. Coffee

10:30 A.M. Worship

Tuesday, June 29

10:00 A.M. Quilters

Sunday, July 4

Community Table offering

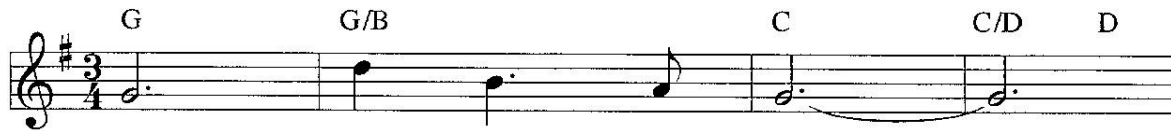
10:00 A.M. Coffee

10:30 A.M. Worship

We pray for:

- All houses of worship—churches, temples, and mosques in the Chippewa Valley who provide ecumenical and interfaith combined fellowship and service to our community.
- George Stecher and Sue Falch as they enjoy a week of Family Camp at Moon Beach.

We are called



1 Come! Live in the light!
 2 Come! O - pen your heart!
 3 Sing! Sing a new song!



Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord! We are
 Show your . . . mer - cy to all those in fear! We are
 Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will



called to be light for the king - dom, to
 called to be hope for the hope - less so all
 reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 ha - tred and blind - ness will be . . . no more.
 sis - ters and broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -




oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

We come to hear your word


Chris Juby

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1. We come to hear your word: Lord, o - pen up our
2. We come to hear your word: let re - ve - la - tion

Bm




hearts and lives a - gain. So let your voice be heard:
shape our hearts a - new. We long to know you more:

G D CHORUS




we're rea - dy to re - ceive this dai - ly bread. Your word is
come, Spi - rit, lead us dee - per in - to truth.

G D A Bm G



truth and life to us, so light the way. As we be - lieve your pro - mi

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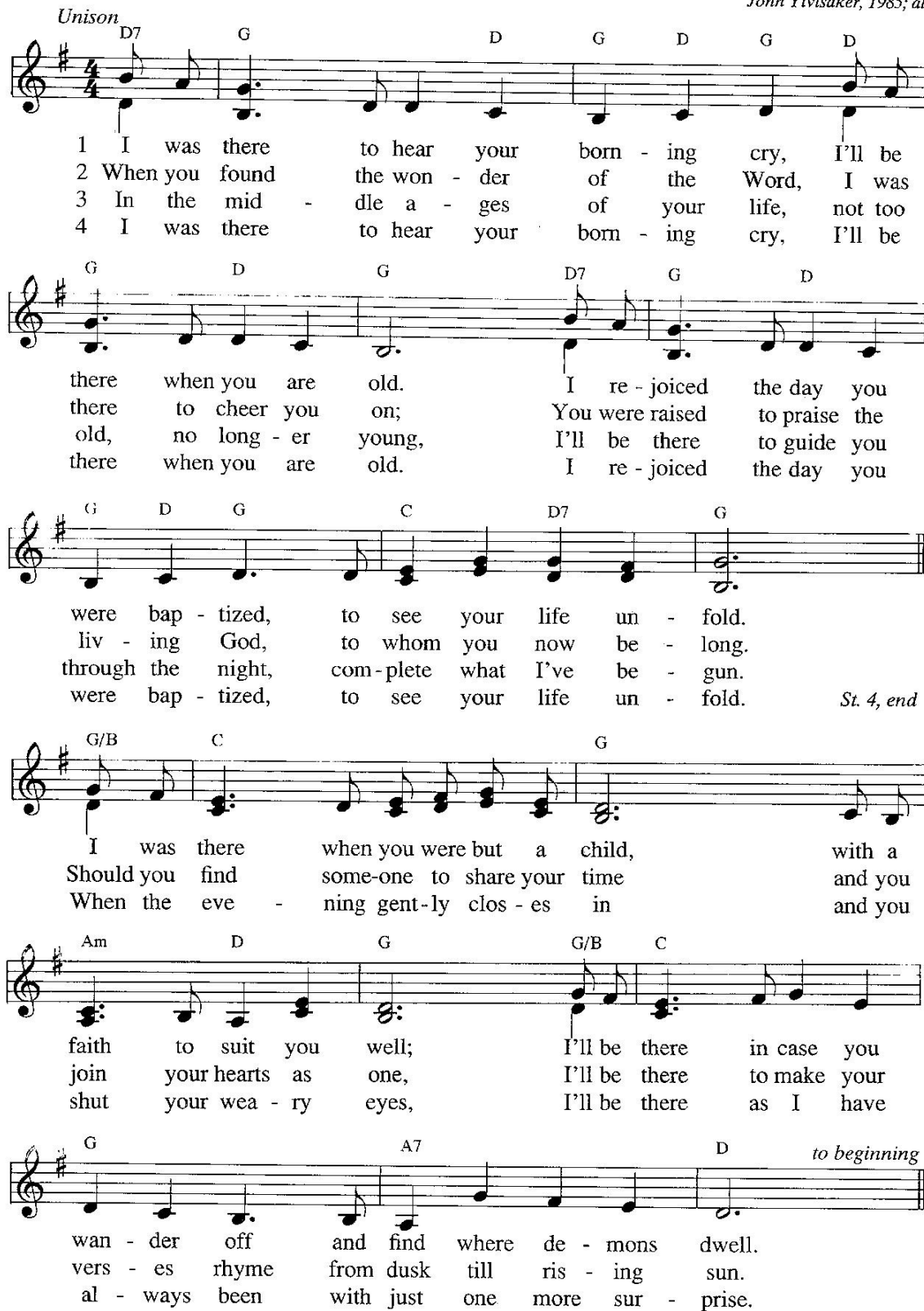
ses, re - new our faith.

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I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry

John Ylvisaker, 1985; alt

Unison



1 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
 2 When you found the won - der of the Word, I was
 3 In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too
 4 I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be

there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
 there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the
 old, no long - er young, I'll be there to guide you
 there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you

were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.
 liv - ing God, to whom you now be - long.
 through the night, com - plete what I've be - gun.
 were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold. *St. 4, end*

I was there when you were but a child, with a
 Should you find some-one to share your time and you
 When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es in and you

faith to suit you well; I'll be there in case you
 join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your
 shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as I have

wan - der off and find where de - mons dwell.
 vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun.
 al - ways been with just one more sur - prise. *to beginning*

John Ylvisaker is the composer of a number of collections of music in the "contemporary" or "folk" idiom, as well as soundtracks for various media productions. This is perhaps his best-known song.

Tune: BORNING CRY 9.7.9.6.D.
 John Ylvisaker, 1985

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'

(We Are Marching in the Light of God)

Ps. 89:15

South African freedom song; transl. Freedom Is Coming, 1984

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-khos', si - ya -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are

hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
march-ing in the light of God. We are march-ing in the

nyen' kwen - khos', Si - ya - ham - ba, ham - ba, si - ya -
kha - nyen' kwen-khos', light of God. We are march-ing, march-ing, we are
light of God. the light of God.

Last time, end
ham - ba, si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-khos'.
ham - ba, ham - ba, we are march-ing in the light of God.
march-ing, march-ing, march-ing, march-ing, march-ing.

This South African song and fourteen others were first recorded and published in 1980 by the Church of Sweden Mission and the singing group "Fjedur" after a visit they made to South Africa. The subsequent 1984 collection *Freedom Is Coming* brought the songs to a worldwide audience.

Tune: SIYAHAMBA Irr.
South African song

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 this week's readings, various people bring their suffering to God, through lament and the search for healing. How does Christ enable you—and how might you enable others—to be honest with God in doubt and pain?

Household Prayer: Morning

By your grace I arise from my bed this morning, Lord; by the power of your Spirit I draw my breath. As the dawn brightens into day, enlighten my mind with your truth and open my heart to all those I meet, that I might reflect the light of Jesus Christ, in whose name I give thanks and praise. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

As the night deepens, Lord, I give myself to your care. For the ways you enabled me to live faithfully today, thank you. For the ways I failed to follow Christ, forgive me. And if I do not awaken in the morning, receive me into your everlasting arms. Amen.

God is still speaking,