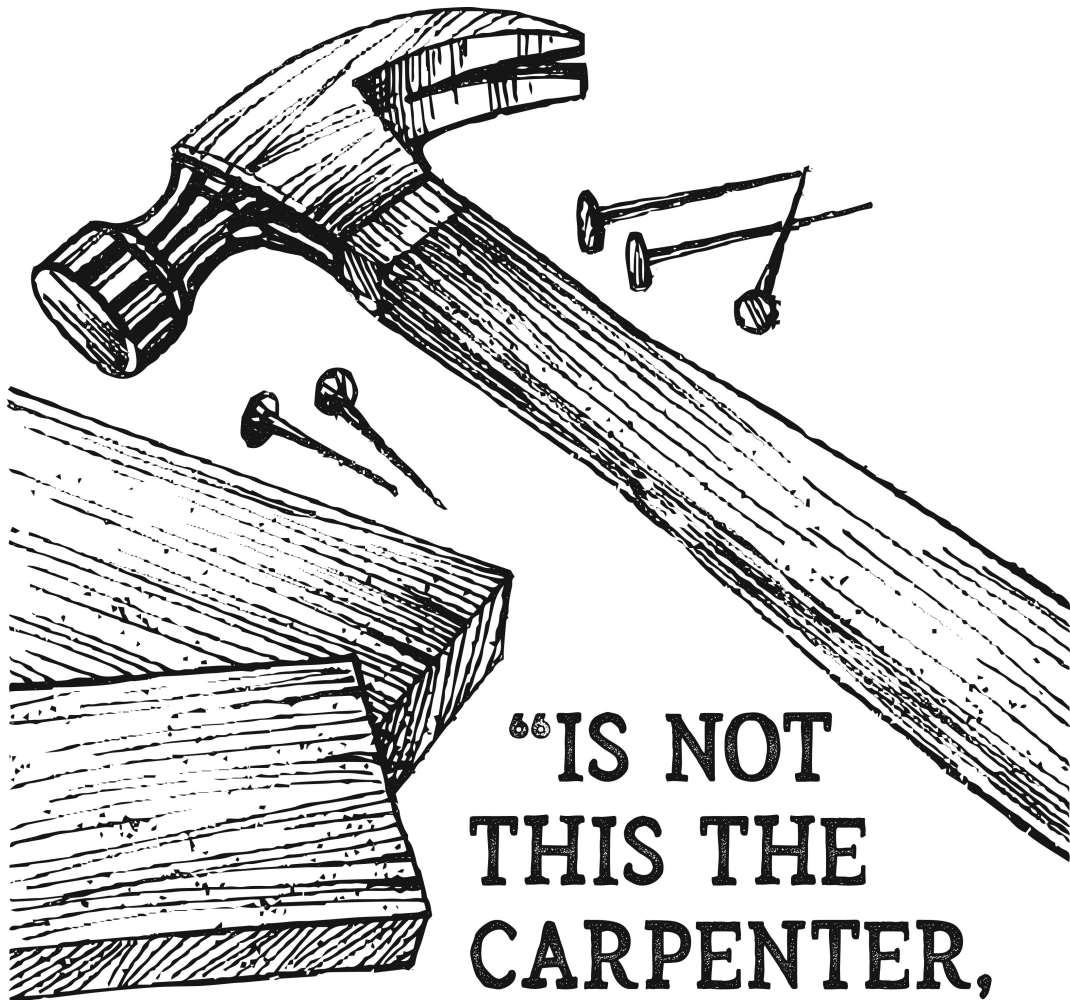


6th Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 2021



**“IS NOT
THIS THE
CARPENTER,
THE SON OF MARY?”**

MARK 6:3



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The Family of God Gathers

Gathering Music

“You Are Salt for the Earth, O People”

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

Greeting

Call to Worship †§

L: God is great and God is good.

P: God’s mercy is everlasting.

L: Blessed be the one holy and living God.

P: Glory to God forever!

Opening Music 31 Bulletin page 6

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Prayer of Confession †§

Holy God, you call us to boldly proclaim your goodness and to share your love into the world around us, yet we are sometimes stubborn and rebellious and heedless of your call. By the grace of your Spirit, raise us to new life that we may return to the path of faithful living that Jesus showed us to walk. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon §

L: God’s grace is unbounded: 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

Now 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 Bulletin page 7

“We Come to Hear Your Word”

The Service of the Word

Psalm 48

L: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised in the city of our God.

P: His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth, Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.

L: Within its citadels God has shown himself a sure defense.

P: Then the kings assembled, they came on together.

L: As soon as they saw it, they were astounded; they were in panic, they took to flight; trembling took hold of them there, pains as of a woman in labor, as when an east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.

P: As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God, which God establishes forever.

L: We ponder your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

P: Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth.

L: Your right hand is filled with victory.

P: Let Mount Zion be glad, let the towns of Judah rejoice because of your judgments.

L: Walk about Zion, go all around it, count its towers, consider well its ramparts; go through its citadels, that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever.

P: He will be our guide forever.

Gospel

Mark 6:1–13

He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, “Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, “Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house.” And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place

will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.” So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Sermon

Offering “There Is a Balm in Gilead”

John Moore

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 †

Divine Giver, all that we have is a gift from you, and your grace is our sufficiency. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may increase your blessing to others, through the grace and mercy of Christ. 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, forever. Amen.

Closing Music 28 Bulletin page 8

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Benediction †§

L: Fear not, for God's power is perfected in our weakness.

P: We go with God's grace to love and to serve.

L: The love of God, the power of Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit dwell richly in you forever.

All: Amen!

Postlude

“America the Beautiful”

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Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. David Huber • Ministers: All the people of Plymouth • Pianist: John Stecher
• Liturgist: Linda Oliver

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 July is sponsored by Larry & Barb Kleist in honor of their 45th wedding anniversary.

This Week at Plymouth

Sunday, July 4

Community Table offering

10:00 A.M. Coffee
10:30 A.M. Worship

Tuesday, July 6

10:00 A.M. Quilters

Sunday, July 11

Prayers for the People

10:00 A.M. Coffee
10:30 A.M. Communion

Worship

11:30 A.M. Pot luck

We pray for:

- The leadership and staff of Plymouth United Church of Christ

All Things Bright and Beautiful

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Cecil F. Alexander, 1848; alt.

Unison Refrain

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

Last time, end

All things wise and won - der - ful, our dear God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum - mer sun,

to Refrain

God made their glow-ing col - ors, and made their ti - ny wings.
The sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky.
The ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.

This hymn for children is based on the first article of the Apostles' Creed: "Maker of heaven and earth." The English hymnwriter Cecil Frances Alexander was married to William Alexander, who became bishop of Ireland.

Tune: ROYAL OAK 7.6.7.6, with refrain
English melody
Adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915

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

D A^{sus4} A D^{INTRO} Bm G



ses, re - new our faith.

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For the Beauty of the Earth

St. 1-3, Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864; alt.

St. 4, Miriam Therese Winter, 1993

1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,
 2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
 4 For the good that love in-spires, for a world where none ex-clude,

For the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,
 Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
 Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,
 For a faith that nev-er tires, and for ev-ery heart re-newed,

Refrain

God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

Folliott S. Pierpoint, author of numerous hymns, penned these verses near his native city of Bath, England, on a late spring day when flowers were in full bloom and all the earth seemed to rejoice.

Tune: DIX 7.7.7.7. with refrain

Conrad Kocher, 1838

Adapt. William H. Monk, 1861

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

Stuff distracts us. Useless clutter we think we cannot live without can be a burden: too many coats, shoes, garden tools, or mismatched kitchen storage containers with no lids in sight as they tumble out of overstuffed cabinets. Perhaps our clutter shows up in other ways: on a computer that has grown slow from processing too many useless files, or when our minds grow dull from too much Web surfing or television viewing. Do you struggle with too much stuff? How do Jesus' words about traveling light challenge you to change the way you live? How can you follow him more faithfully today?

Household Prayer: Morning

Loving God, as this day opens into new and untold possibility, purge me of my compulsive need to carry useless baggage—physically, mentally, or emotionally. Teach me to walk simply with you as I trust in your abundant provision. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Lord, as I come to the close of this day, I thank you for the gift of attentiveness and for every moment that the eye of my heart was fixed on you. When I failed, you were with me, and when I wavered, you were there, for there is no place that you are not. And so I rest in peace this night, for your grace is more than sufficient for me. Amen.

God is still speaking,