

# *8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

July 18, 2021



The Lord is my shepherd,  
**I shall not want.**

Psalm 23: 1



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## **The Family of God Gathers**

### **Gathering Music**

Prelude in C from “Well Tempered Clavichord” J.S. Bach

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

### **Greeting**

### **Call to Worship †**

L: Christ says, come away to a deserted place and rest a while.

**P: God calls us to quiet and rest, even as we continue to minister to those in need.**

L: Our Savior is our peace.

**P: Come; let us worship God.**

### **Opening Music** Bulletin page 7

“Let Us Enter In”

### **Prayer of Confession †**

**God of green pastures, we confess that we can get so busy and distracted that we lose sight of your love and care for us. We forget to live in gratitude and fail to live lives of goodness and mercy. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us down gentle paths that restore our souls. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon §**

L: The great shepherd does not leave us on our own. In Jesus’ name and through his grace, you are forgiven!

**P: You are forgiven!**

L: May the peace of Christ be with you!

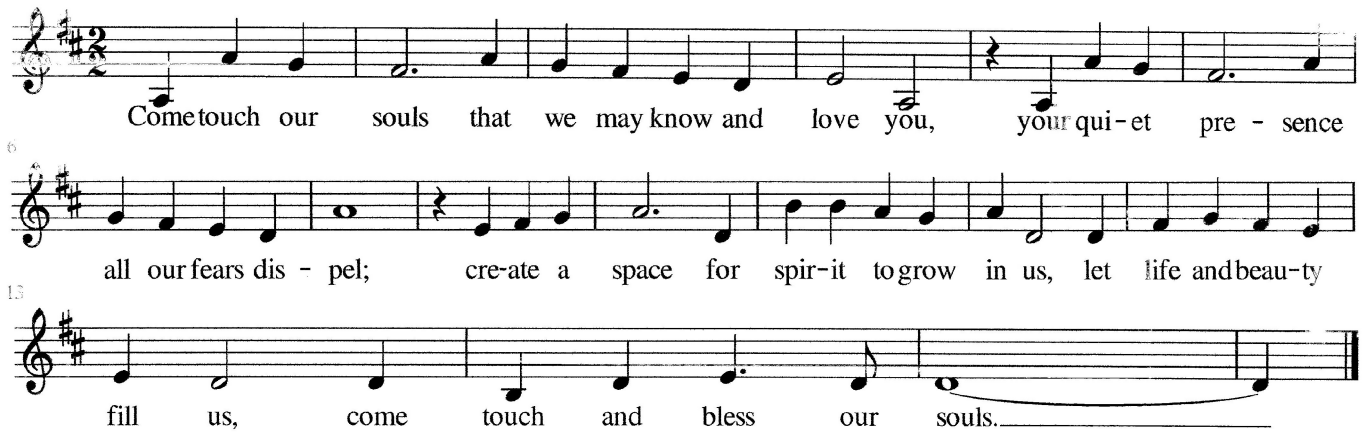
**P: And also with you!**

### **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 Verse 2

“Come Touch Our Hearts”



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## The Service of the Word

### Old Testament Lesson

Jeremiah 23:1–6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

### Psalms 23

**L:** The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**P:** He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.

**L:** He leads me in right paths for his name’s sake.

**P:** Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

**L:** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**P:** Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

## **Gospel**

Mark 6:30–34, 53–56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

## **Sermon**

**Sermon Hymn** Bulletin page 8

“Healer of Our Every Ill”

## **Offering**

## **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 †**

**God of green pastures and still waters, bless these gifts that we have been given that they may become part of your banquet for 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, forever. Amen.**

### Closing Hymn 423 Bulletin page 9

“Great Is Your Faithfulness”

### Benediction †

**L:** God grant you peace in your sleeping and waking;

**P: Christ fill you with joy in your working and playing;**

**L:** the Holy Spirit drive you with passion in your love for God.

**P: 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 July is sponsored by Larry & Barb Kleist in honor of their 45<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.*

## This Week at Plymouth

### Sunday, July 18

#### *OCWM offering*

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

### Tuesday, July 20

10:00 A.M.      Quilters

### Sunday, July 25

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

### We pray for:

- All UCC missionaries and ordained and licensed ministers; the ministry and mission of the UCC and the Church universal

# Let Us Enter In



- 1 Let us en-ter in to the song of thanks - giv - ing and free - dom.
- 2 Let us en-ter in to the place where our God has pre - ced - ed.
- 3 Let us en-ter in to the heart of a world that is bro - ken.



Let us en-ter in to the long line of peo - ple in need.  
Let us en-ter in to the face of the fear and the pain.  
Let us en-ter in to the start of a hope we can share.



Let us en-ter in to the strong mind that God is still liv - ing.  
Let us en-ter in to the grace of the love when it's need - ed.  
Let us en-ter in to the part where we call one an - oth - er

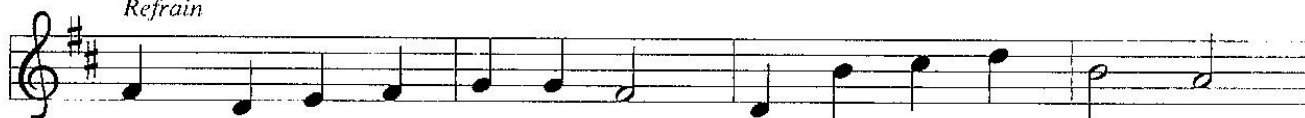


Heal - ing, for - giv - ing— Let us en - ter in.  
Death is de - feat - ed! Let us en - ter in.  
sis - ter and broth - er. Let us en - ter in.

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# Healer of Our Every Ill

*Refrain*



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



- 1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, , grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

*Refrain*



peace and glad-ness; Spir-it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.  
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.  
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir-it of all kind-ness, be our guide.  
 way of heal - ing; Spir-it of com-pas - sion, fill each heart.

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*Lam. 3:22-23**Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; alt.*

1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,\*  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,



with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.  
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,  
 your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.



You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;  
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.  
 to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

*Refrain*

Great is your faith - ful - ness! Great is your faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed your



hand has pro - vid - ed, Great is your faith - ful - ness, God, un - to me!

\*originally "my Father"

*This hymn was one of a number sent by poet Thomas O. Chisholm to composer William M. Runyan for musical settings. It became a favorite of Will Houghton, president of Moody Bible Institute, whose enthusiasm helped establish its popularity.*

Tune: FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10. with refrain  
 William M. Runyan, 1923

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### ***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***

The Old Testament year of jubilee that Jesus refers to in his first sermon—that some have called his “mission statement”—as a time set aside every forty-nine years to forgive financial debt and redistribute the land among the people. Why do you think God envisioned a year of jubilee? What might that look like in our world today?

### ***Household Prayer: Morning***

Holy One, thank you for the gift of this new day. Please help me to stay mindful of your creation and your teachings as I travel through it. Empower me to see and spread the good news of your grace for all people. Amen.

### ***Household Prayer: Evening***

Holy One, thank you for the gift of today. Thank you for all the ways that I saw your glory and learned your teachings beyond speech and words. As I drift to sleep this night, may the meditations of my heart draw me closer to you, my Rock and my Redeemer. Amen.

# **God is still speaking,**