

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

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*God  
Provides*



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The Family of God Gathers

**Gathering Music**

“Confidence” Felix Mendelssohn Op. 19, No. 4

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

**Greeting**

**Call to Worship †§**

L: God created all things visible and invisible.

**P: God provides food for our stomach and our spirits.**

L: God is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.

**P: Let us worship God, who can turn a small amount into a generous feast.**

**Opening Hymn 73** Bulletin page 7

“Enter, Rejoice, and Come In”

**Prayer of Confession †§**

**God, you uphold those who are falling and raise up all who are bowed down. Therefore we confess our sins—both things we have done and things we have left undone—trusting your promise that you will open your hands to us in an embrace of forgiveness and love. Help us to grow our trust in you, so that we may be ever more faithful to you and your ways. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon §**

L: God is a God of abundance, including grace beyond measure. In Jesus’ name, you are forgiven!

**P: You are forgiven!**

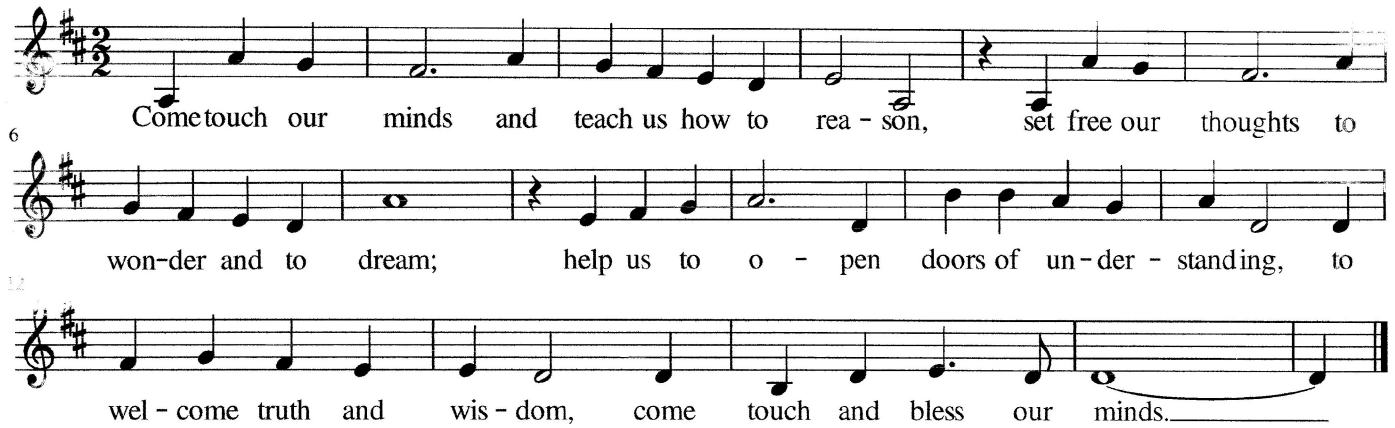
L: May the peace of Christ be with you!

**P: And also with you!**

**The Sign of Peace**

## Centering Music Verse 3

“Come Touch Our Hearts”



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## The Service of the Word

### Old Testament Lesson

2 Kings 4:42–44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing food from the first fruits to the man of God: twenty loaves of barley and fresh ears of grain in his sack. Elisha said, “Give it to the people and let them eat.” But his servant said, “How can I set this before a hundred people?” So he repeated, “Give it to the people and let them eat, for thus says the Lord, ‘They shall eat and have some left.’ ” He set it before them, they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the Lord.

### Psalms 145:10–18

- L: All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.
- P: They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power, to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**
- L: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
- P: The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.**
- L: The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.
- P: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.**
- L: You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.
- P: The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.**
- L: The Lord is near to all who call on him,
- P: to all who call on him in truth.**

## Gospel

John 6:1–21

After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, “Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.”

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, “It is I; do not be afraid.” Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

## Sermon

**Sermon Hymn** Bulletin page 8

“Build a Longer Table”

## 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 †

We rejoice with thanksgiving for all we have received. Multiply these gifts that we give so that the world may more deeply know fullness of life in you. 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 495 Verses 1, 2, 4 Bulletin page 9

“Called as Partners in Christ's Service”

## Benediction †§

L: Go now, rooted and grounded in love, to make God's grace known to all people.

**P: We will share the bread of life with all whom we meet.**

L: May the scent of bread, fish, and grace linger in the clothing of your heart.

**P: Trusting that God's abundance is enough for everyone. 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 25

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

### Tuesday, July 27

10:00 A.M. Quilters

### Sunday, August 1

#### *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

# Enter, Rejoice, and Come In

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Louise Ruspini; alt.

Ps. 100

Unison C FM7 C C7 FM7 Dm7 G7 C

1 En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.  
 2 O - pen your-self to the song. O - pen your-self to the song.  
 3 O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one. O - pen your hearts ev - ery - one.  
 4 Don't be a - fraid of some change. Don't be a - fraid of some change.  
 5 En - ter, re - joice, and come in. En - ter, re - joice, and come in.

C7 FM7 Dm7 G7 C F Em7 A7 Dm7sus4 Dm7 G7 C

To - day will be a joy - ful day; en-ter, re-joyce, and come in.

*This song, based on Psalm 100, became popular in the 1970s in the United States. It works equally well with organ, piano, or guitar accompaniment.*

Tune: ENTER, REJOICE 7.7.8.7.  
 Louise Ruspini  
 Harm. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

# Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,  
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;  
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.  
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.  
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

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# Called as Partners in Christ's Service



495

Jane Parker Huber, 1981



John 15:12-17; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 2:14-22





1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,  
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,  
 4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life


We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
 Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.  
 Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.  
 That sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-quests strife.

May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,  
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,  
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,  
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,

E-qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.  
 Blend-ing hu-man skills to-geth-er gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.  
 Bring new power and strength for ac-tion, make us col-leagues, free and fair.  
 Mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.



One of Jane Parker Huber's most widely sung texts, this hymn was originally written for a women's breakfast at the 1981 Presbyterian General Assembly meeting to celebrate the partnership of women and men in service of the church.

Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.  
 John Zundel, 1855  
 For another key, see 43, 368

### ***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***

There is much hunger in the world, and many people live in want. Even the earth is wounded by humans and not getting what it needs to recover. In that context, how do you receive the word of the psalmist who writes, "The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing?"

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

God of the sunrise, ground me and root me in love today. As I move through all the different roles I play—parent, child, student, worker, church member, supervisor, volunteer—be my companion and strengthen my inner being where I live with you. Amen.

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

God of the embracing darkness, thank you for dwelling in my heart. I was able to accomplish some things today and not others. Thank you for letting me rest in the promise that you are able to accomplish abundantly more in my life than all I can ask or imagine. I will sleep in peace. Amen.

# **God is still speaking,**