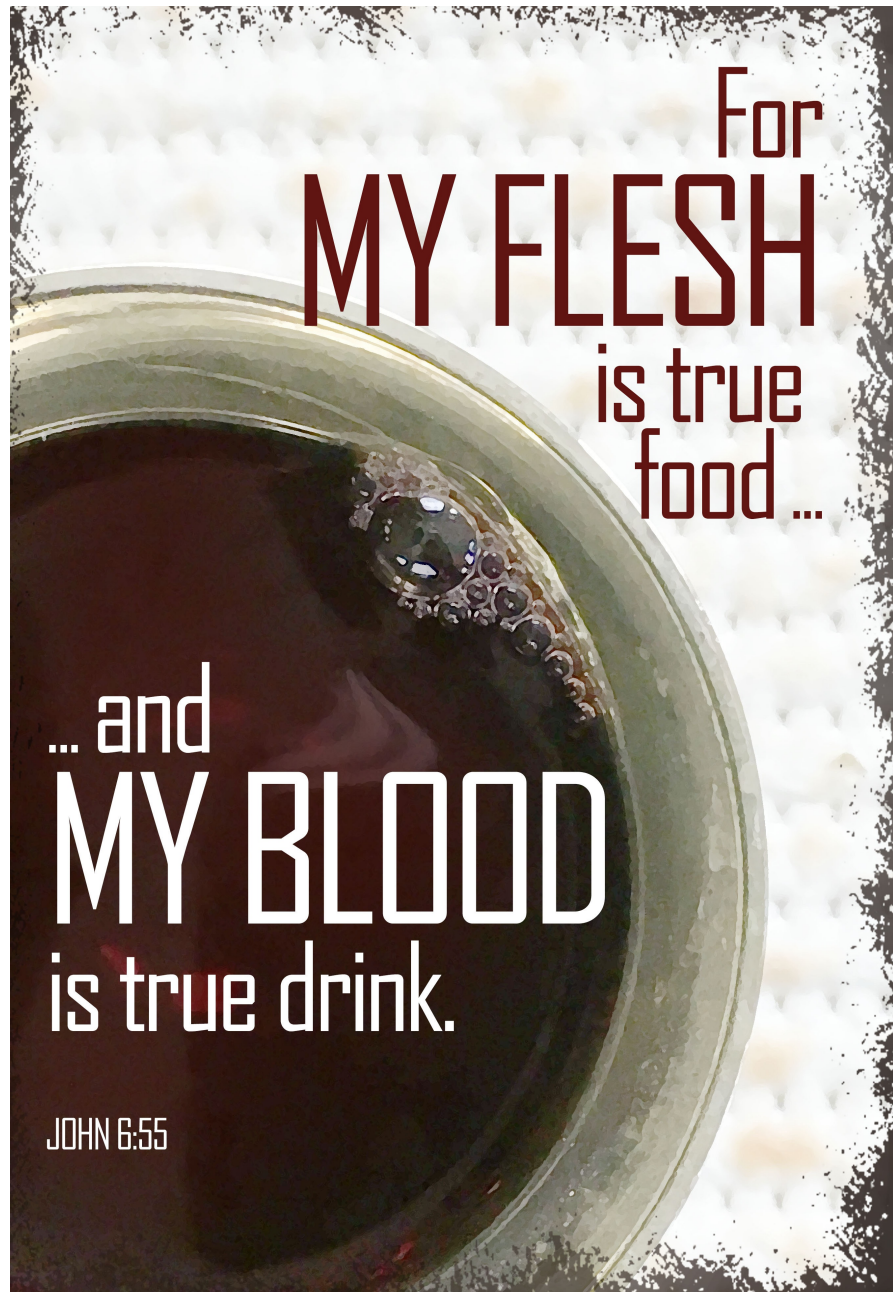


# *12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

August 15, 2021



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# **Plymouth United Church of Christ**

August 15, 2021

10:30 A.M.

## **The Family of God Gathers**

### **Gathering Music**

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

“Cavatina”

Joseph Raff

### **Greeting**

### **Call to Worship †§**

L: The God of wisdom sent Jesus Christ,

**P: to teach us his ways and to feed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation.**

L: Thanks be to God.

**P: Let us worship our God who loves us.**

### **Opening Hymn 55** Bulletin page 6

“Rejoice, You Pure in Heart”

### **Prayer of Confession †§**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not been faithful disciples. We have remained silent in the face of evil; we have engaged in deceit; we have refused the way of peace; and we have dishonored what is true and good. Forgive us our sins, gracious God. Clear our minds from clutter that we may discern what is right and walk more faithfully in your ways. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon §**

L: Our God of life has not made us for despair, shame, or guilt at our failings, but has made us for love and joy, and for living into the new life that is ever present before us! 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

“Kumbaya”

Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya  
Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya  
Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya  
Oh Lord, kumbaya

Someone’s praying Lord, kumbaya  
Someone’s praying Lord, kumbaya  
Someone’s praying Lord, kumbaya  
Oh Lord, kumbaya

## The Service of the Word

### New Testament Lesson

Ephesians 5:15–20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

### Psalm 34:9–14

**L:** O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.

**P:** **The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**

**L:** Come, O children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

**P:** **Which of you desires life, and covets many days to enjoy good?**

**L:** Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.

**P:** **Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.**

### Gospel

John 6:51–58

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh

and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

## **Sermon**

## **Offering**

“Glory, Glory Hallelujah” 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 †§**

**We give thanks to you, God, for sending your Son Jesus to be living bread for the world. Breathe on these gifts we bring, that through them your life may feed, strengthen, and bless this 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 Bulletin page 7**

“Bread for the World”

## **Benediction †§**

**L: Church, go forth to love and serve.  
P: We go in Jesus’ name.**

L: The blessing of God, source of life, the grace of Christ, bread of life, and the communion of the Spirit, power of life, be with you, now and always.

**All: Amen!**

## Postlude

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§ Modified/written by Rev. David Huber

## 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.*

*Cross illumination for August is sponsored by Mimi Pederson in honor of her 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary.*

## This Week at Plymouth

### Sunday, August 15

#### **OCWM offering**

10:00 A.M. Coffee

10:30 A.M. Worship

### Tuesday, August 17

10:00 A.M. Quilters

### Sunday, August 22

10:00 A.M. Coffee

10:30 A.M. Worship

### We pray for:

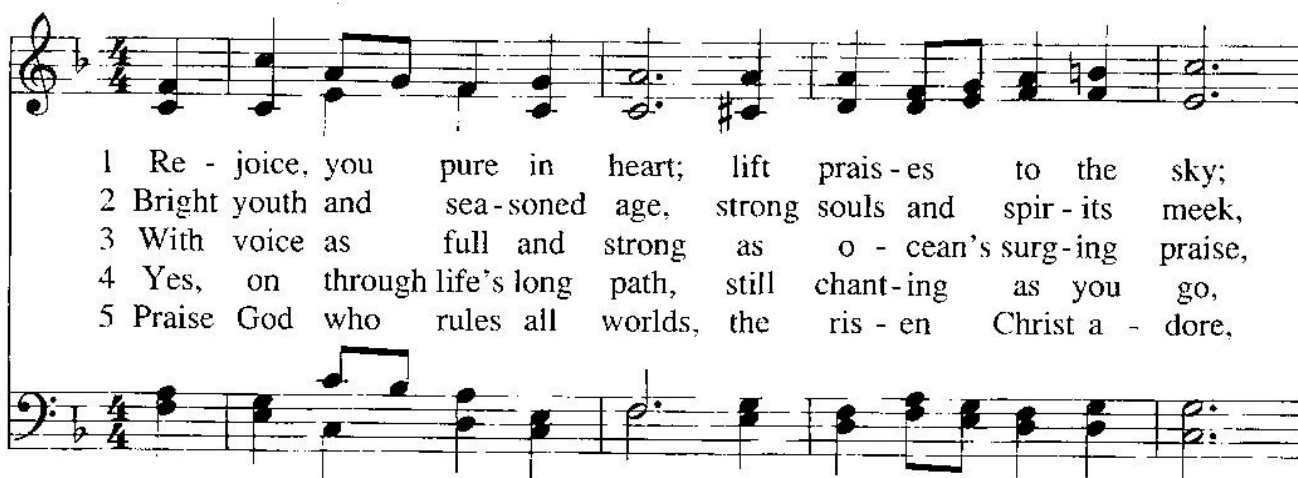
- All UCC missionaries and ordained and licensed ministers; the ministry and mission of the UCC and the Church universal
- First Congregational UCC in Tomah and Rev. Bryan Simon who was installed yesterday as their pastor and teacher
- These individuals/families: Maria Patton, Mimi Pederson, Kevin & Jean Phillips, Kenny (Annette) Polden, Gloria Polden

# Rejoice, You Pure in Heart

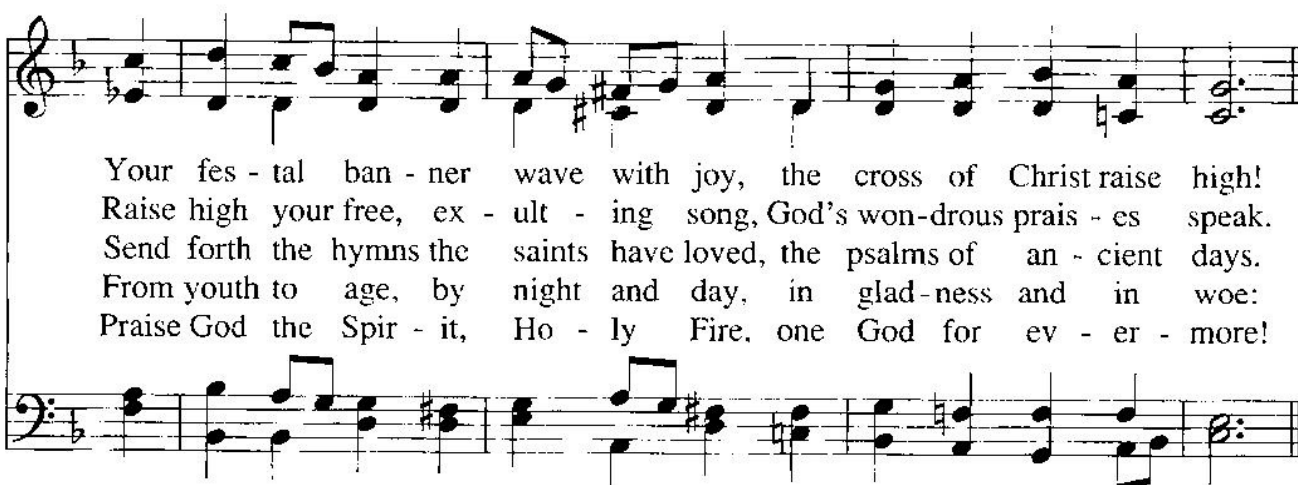
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Edward H. Plumptre, 1865; alt.

Ps. 20:5; Phil. 4:4



1 Re - joice, you pure in heart; lift prais - es to the sky;  
 2 Bright youth and sea - soned age, strong souls and spir - its meek,  
 3 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,  
 4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as you go,  
 5 Praise God who rules all worlds, the ris - en Christ a - dore,



Your fes - tal ban - ner wave with joy, the cross of Christ raise high!  
 Raise high your free, ex - ult - ing song, God's won - drous prais - es speak.  
 Send forth the hymns the saints have loved, the psalms of an - cient days.  
 From youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:  
 Praise God the Spir - it, Ho - ly Fire, one God for ev - er - more!

## Refrain



Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks and sing.  
 Re - joice Re - joice

*This hymn, inspired by Philippians 4:4, was written for the Choral Festival held at Peterborough Cathedral in England. The author was an Anglican priest and a professor of theology at Oxford University.*

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 Arthur H. Messiter, 1883  
 For an alternate setting, see 71  
 Alternate tune: CHRISTPRAISE RAY

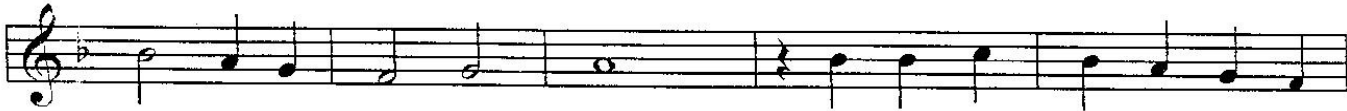
# Bread for the World



Re - joice, give thanks for a - bund - ant grace, food on our  
 Hope burns a - new, thru' the world's des - pair, when eyes are  
 Act strong in faith, for God's Reign is near; stand up with



ta - bles, and peace with - in this place, How rich, how  
 o - pened and hearts are moved to care, when we can  
 cour - age, speak out and do not fear! Now is the



wide is our God's em - brace! And thru' this great, sus - tain - ing  
 lis - ten and learn to share, then we might fin - 'lly turn and  
 time that the world must hear the task that God has called us

## Refrain



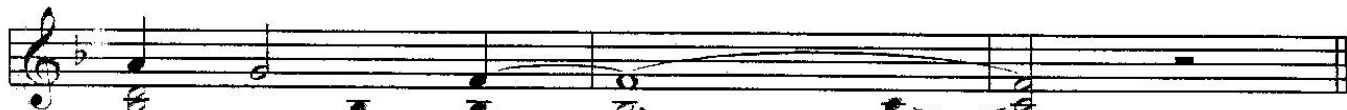
love see to: We are bread for the world, bread for the



world, bread for a hun - gry world. May we be



bread for the world, bread for the world, bread for a



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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***

***Question for Reflection***

What does Jesus mean when he says his body is “true food ” and his blood is “true drink ” (John 6:55)?

***Household Prayer: Morning***

Loving God, help me make the most of the time you give this day, to be wise in my decisions and careful in my actions. Let my life be a continual act of thanksgiving for your loving-kindness, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Household Prayer: Evening***

Loving God, if I have not lived wisely this day, show me my foolish ways. Fill me with the Spirit that I may know your will and live by your truth, for I long to be your faithful child and to abide eternally with Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

# **God is still speaking,**