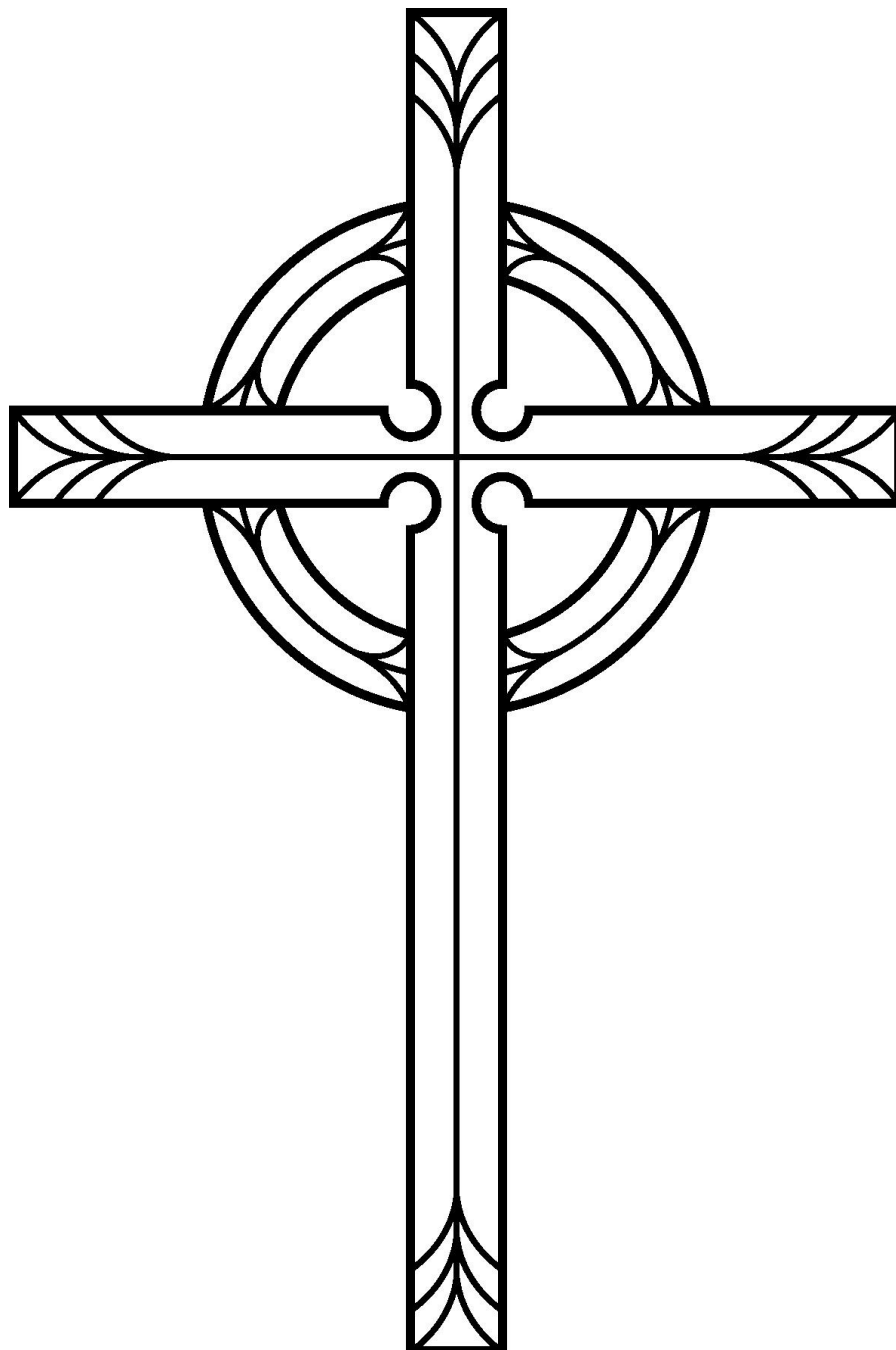


20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 10, 2021



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The Family of God Gathers

Gathering Music

“People Need the Lord”

Please let the prelude be a signal to prepare for worship. Phill McHugh and Greg Nelson

Greeting

Call to Worship †

L: Seek good and not evil; seek the Lord and live!

P: **May the Lord our God be with us.**

L: Seek good and not evil, that justice may prevail.

P: **May the Lord our God show us grace.**

Opening Hymn 493 Bulletin page 7

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

Prayer of Confession †§

God of justice and mercy, we confess that we put ourselves first and trust in things that will not last. We desire what is contrary to loving-kindness and we scorn the good; we gather up power and wealth and push aside the needy in our way. O Lord, be gracious to us in spite of our lack of graciousness to our neighbors. Teach us to love your justice and share in your mercy. Help us to seek the treasure of aligning our life with you. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon §

L: God’s love for you is without boundaries and without end: 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.

The Service of the Word

Psalm 90:12–17

L: So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

P: Turn, O Lord! How long?

L: Have compassion on your servants!

P: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

L: Make us glad as many days as you have afflicted us, and as many years as we have seen evil.

P: Let your work be manifest to your servants, and your glorious power to their children.

L: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands—

P: O prosper the work of our hands!

Gospel

Mark 10:17–31

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’ ” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

Sermon

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 †§

Gracious God, we present these gifts and renew our commitment to leave everything behind and follow you. Give us the courage to live by your will so that with everything we do and say we can become a living offering worthy of being called your disciples. 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 448 Bulletin page 9

“Take My Life, God, Let It Be”

Benediction †§

L: Jesus says: Come, follow me.

P: Let us seek the Lord and live!

L: May God, the first and the last, the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega, be with you now and forever.

All: Alleluia!

Postlude

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Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. David Huber • Ministers: All the people of Plymouth • Guest Preacher: Rev. Mike Wolfe • 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 October is sponsored by the Lyle Shepler Family. It is also sponsored by Mike & Marybeth Tschumperlin in memory of Mike's uncle Melvin Bechel.

This Week at Plymouth

Sunday, October 10

Prayers for the People

10:00 A.M. Coffee

10:30 A.M. Worship

Tuesday, October 12

10:00 A.M. Quilters

7:00 P.M. Dartball

Saving Grace at Plymouth

Sunday, October 17

OCWM offering

10:00 A.M. Coffee

10:30 A.M. Worship

We pray for:

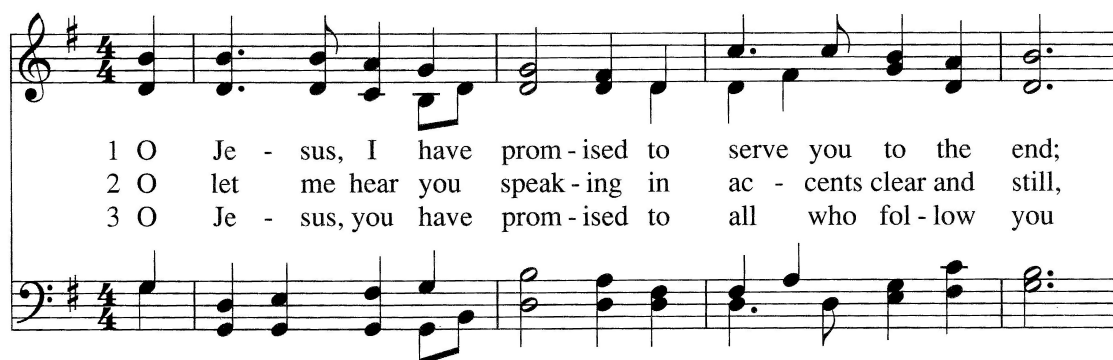
- The General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ Rev. John Dorhauer and Wisconsin Conference Minister Rev. Franz Rigert, along with all UCC staff at the national and Conference level
- These individuals/families: Pat Sexter, Denny & Rose Shepler, Larry & Irma Shepler, Christian Shufflin, JoAnn Smith, Ken Snart (Jerry Holt), Pete Spitt

O Jesus, I Have Promised


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John E. Bode, 1868; alt.

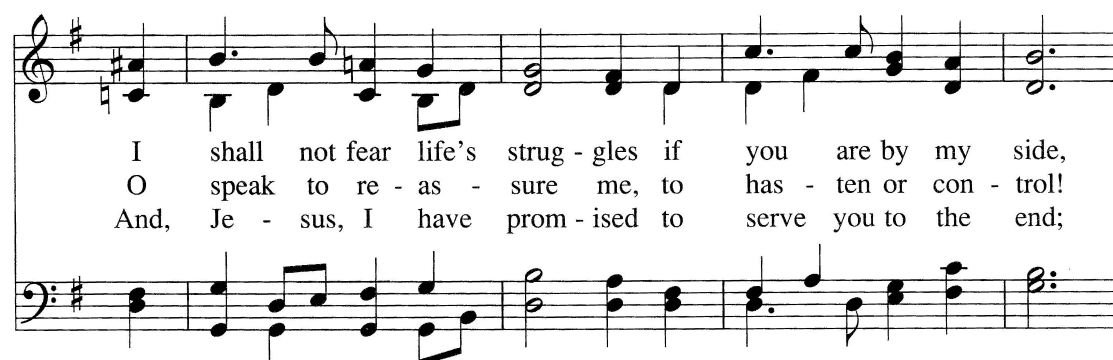
Luke 9:57; John 14:1-4



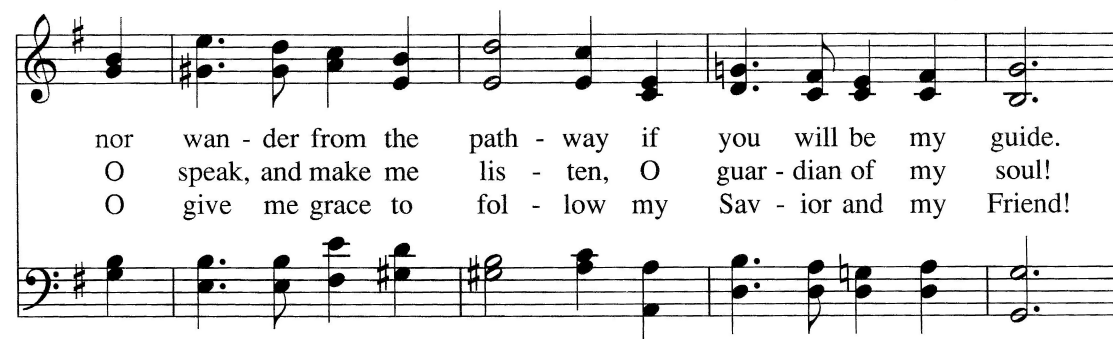
1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;
 2 O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 3 O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - ev - er near me, my Sav - ior and my Friend:
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will!
 that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be, too;



I shall not fear life's strug - gles if you are by my side,
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol!
 And, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, O guar - dian of my soul!
 O give me grace to fol - low my Sav - ior and my Friend!

John Ernest Bode wrote these words when his daughter and two sons were confirmed. Although the Oxford scholar and rector wrote books of hymns, this is the only one to achieve lasting fame.

Tune: ANGEL'S STORY 7.6.7.6.D.
 A. H. Mann, 1883
 Alternate tune: MUNICH

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ers,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty, gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

Take My Life, God, Let It Be

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Frances R. Havergal, 1874; alt.

Rom. 12:1

1 Take my life, God, let it be con - se - crat - ed faith - ful - ly.
2 Take my spir - it, let it move at the im - pulse of your love.
3 Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.
4 Take my love and help it grow; let my lov - ing ov - er - flow.

Take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
Take my in - tel - lect and use all its pow - ers as you choose.
Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwell - ing place.
Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's com - mu - ni - ty.

Frances R. Havergal wrote her hymn following a visit to Areley House in Worcestershire, England. Among the ten persons at the house were "some unconverted . . . some converted but not rejoicing." Before she left, "everyone had got a blessing."

Tune: VIENNA 7.7.7.7.

Justin H. Knecht, 1797

Alternate tune: HENDON

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

For the prophet Amos, the city gate is a place of judgment: a place to discern and decide between good and evil, justice and injustice, righteousness and sin. Jesus has similar things to say about entrance into the kingdom of God: a difficult choice is required—letting go of privilege, power, and possessions. What have you left behind to follow Jesus? How would you describe what Bonhoeffer calls “the cost of discipleship”?

Household Prayer: Morning

Steadfast, loving God, in the morning I sing your praise. Give me wisdom for this day and rejoice in me, as I rejoice in you. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Steadfast, loving God, in the evening I bless your name. Give me grace for this night and abide with me, as I abide in you. Amen.

God is still speaking,