

# *21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost*

October 17, 2021



“The  
**Son of Man**  
came  
not to  
be served but  
**to serve,**  
and to  
**give his life**  
as a ransom  
**for many.”**

MARK 10:45, ESV



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October 17, 2021

10:30 A.M.

## **The Family of God Gathers**

### **Gathering Music**

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

“Allegro”  
C.P.E. Bach

### **Greeting**

### **Call to Worship †**

**L:** Praise the Lord, for God is great indeed!

**P:** Let us sing praises for God’s glorious works.

**L:** We give glory, honor, and thanksgiving to the Lord,

**P:** who makes and sustains all things.

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

“Make Me a Servant”

### **Prayer of Confession †§**

**Creation’s Heart, we look around and see how we fall short in our attempts at faithfulness. We often do things, not because it is what you call us to do, but in hopes of earning points with you. We can become so self-absorbed, we cannot see the suffering and struggles of friends, family, strangers. We are so desperate to get to the front of the line, we push aside the very ones you seek to honor. Forgive us. Remind us the cup we are offered overflows with grace. Make us new, set us back on your path, give us the grace of renewed life, as we seek to be faithful disciples. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon §**

**L:** The cup of salvation is an over-flowing one: 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 91:9–16

L: Because you have made the Lord your refuge, the Most High your dwelling place, no evil shall befall you, no scourge come near your tent.

**P: For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways.**

L: On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

**P: You will tread on the lion and the adder, the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.**

L: Those who love me, I will deliver; I will protect those who know my name.

**P: When they call to me, I will answer them;**

L: I will be with them in trouble, I will rescue them and honor them.

**P: With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my salvation.**

### Gospel

Mark 10:35–45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

### Sermon

## Offering

Lorin Divine, guitarist

## 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 ‡

**May our gifts lay a foundation of hope for all in despair; may they brighten the shadows of those who wander alone; may they cause the voiceless to join the morning stars in singing your praises. This we pray in Jesus' name, 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 498 Bulletin page 8

**"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"**

## Benediction §

**L: Our worship is over, our service begins.**

**P: Let us follow the way of Jesus, the one who came not to be served, but to serve.**

**L: Trust in the Holy Spirit: may it fill you with power and compassion to become a servant disciple of Christ.**

**P: Amen and amen!**

## Postlude

## Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. David Huber • Ministers: All the people of Plymouth • Pianist: Lynn McFadyen • Liturgist: Lil Savage

*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 17

#### **OCWM offering**

10:00 A.M. Coffee

10:30 A.M. Worship

### Tuesday, October 19

10:00 A.M. Quilters

7:00 P.M. Dartball

Plymouth at PB & J

### Sunday, October 24

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

# Make me a servant

The musical score is written in 3/4 time and consists of five staves. The lyrics are: "Make me a ser - vant, hum - ble and meek. Lord, let me lift up those who are weak. And may the prayer of my heart al - ways be: Make me a ser - vant, make me a ser - vant, make me a ser - vant to - day." The chords are: F, Dm<sup>7</sup>, Gm<sup>7</sup>, C<sup>7</sup>, Gm<sup>7</sup>, B<sup>b</sup>/C, C<sup>7</sup>, B<sup>b</sup>/F, F, F<sup>sus</sup><sub>2</sub>, F, A, Dm, Dm/C, G<sup>2</sup>/B, B<sup>b</sup>m<sup>6</sup>, F/A, Gm<sup>7</sup>, F/A, Gm<sup>7</sup>, F/C, C<sup>7</sup><sub>sus</sub>, F<sup>2</sup>.

Make me a ser - vant, hum - ble and meek.

Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.

And may the prayer of my heart al - ways be:

Make me a ser - vant, make me a ser - vant,

make me a ser - vant to - day.

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# 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,



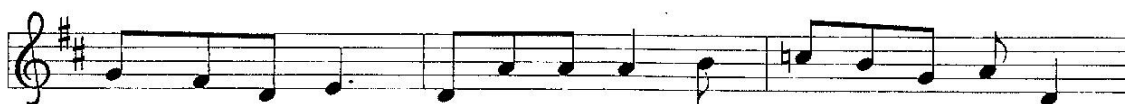
van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,  
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way— here in this place the new light is shin-ing,



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.

## Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

John 13:1-20; Gal. 5:13-14

Tom Colvin, 1969; rev. 1994

*Refrain*  
*Unison*

Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show

us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.

*Last time, end*

1 Knelt at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their  
 2 Neigh-bors are rich and poor, var - ied in col - or and  
 3 These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should  
 4 Lov - ing puts us on our knees, show - ing our faith by our  
 5 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash - ing their

feet, Je - su, you act - ed as ser - vant to them.  
 race, neigh-bors are near and far a - way.  
 love; all these are neigh-bors to us and you.  
 deeds, serv - ing the neigh-bors we have from you.  
 feet, this is the way we should live with you.

*to Refrain*

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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***

What can you do to seek God's wisdom? How can you be a better servant?

***Household Prayer: Morning***

Gracious God, keep me humble throughout the day. Help me to seek your wisdom as I stand in service to others. In your name I pray. Amen.

***Household Prayer: Evening***

Loving God, thank you for keeping me today. Thank you for the awesome works you have blessed my eyes to see. Continue to bless my community and me throughout the night. In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

# **God is still speaking,**