

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

October 24, 2021



Plymouth United Church of Christ Rev. David Huber, Pastor
2010 Moholt Drive, Eau Claire WI 54703 ☎ 715-835-5475 🌐 pcucc.com



PlymouthUnitedChurchOfChrist

Plymouth United Church of Christ

October 24, 2021

10:30 A.M.

The Family of God Gathers

Gathering Music

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

“Give Me Jesus”

Arr. Lorie Line

Greeting

Call to Worship †§

L: With our lips and with our hearts:

P: we bless God in the mindful moment of our lives.

L: With our ears and with our hearts:

P: we hear the cries of our sisters and brothers, in every painful moment, in every broken place.

L: With every gift and with our hearts:

P: we will serve God and all of God’s children, with every moment of our lives.

Opening Hymn 474 Bulletin page 6

“I’m So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me”

Prayer of Confession †§

Holy God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You see our need when we are blind to it. You have made us to be yours. In your compassion, forgive us for our lack of faith and the harm we do to others and to your earth. Forgive us for turning away from your will, for ignoring the cries of our neighbors, for failing to listen to what is most nourishing even for ourselves. Let our faults fall from your eyes as you open ours. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon §

L: God calls us to come and be healed and made whole: 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 Verse 1 Bulletin page 7

“Gather Us In”

The Service of the Word

Psalm 126

L: When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

P: Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.”

L: The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

P: Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

L: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

P: Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Gospel

Mark 10:46–52

They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Sermon

Offering

“When God Ran”

Lorin Divine

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 †§

Holy God, bless our offerings with healing that comes from your work and our hands, to be used to answer the needs of those who seek you, delivering them from their fears, listening to their cries for help, offering refuge to those who are searching for hope. We give with joy and thanks for what we have, in the name of Jesus, our great high priest. 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 8

"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

Benediction †§

L: As you go from here, walk in the way of the Lord:

P: with thanksgiving, with gladness, with insight.

L: May the God who hears our needs and answers the cries of our hearts

P: be with you today and always, throughout all the ages. Amen.

Postlude

† *Feasting on the Word* Worship Companion, Year B, Vol. 2 ©2014 Westminster John Knox Press. Used with permission.

‡ <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com>

§ Modified/written by Rev. David Huber

Worship Leaders

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

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 24

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

Tuesday, October 26

10:00 A.M. Quilters
7:00 P.M. Dartball
Bethesda Gold at Plymouth

Sunday, October 31

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.

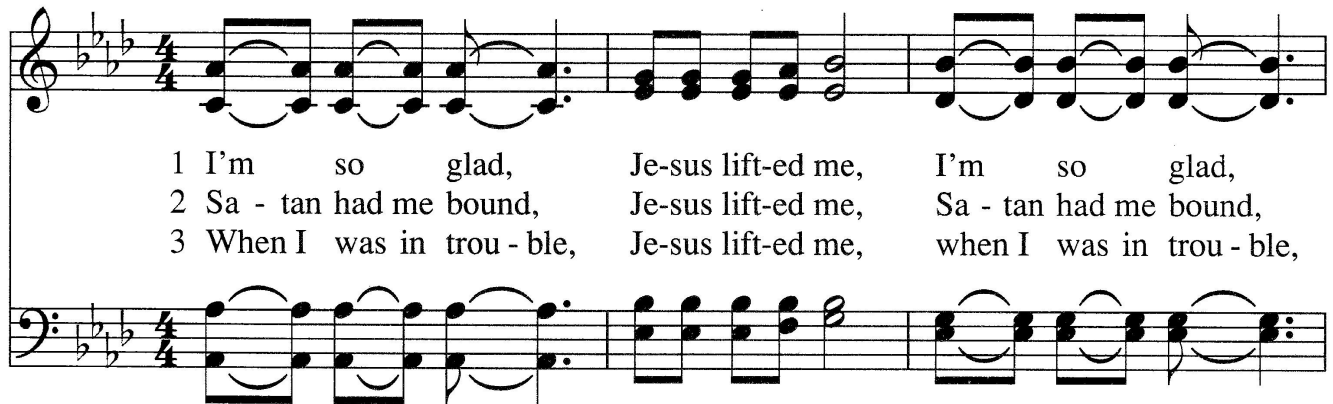


Daylight Saving Time ends November 7. Remember to set your clocks **back** one hour before retiring on Saturday, November 6.

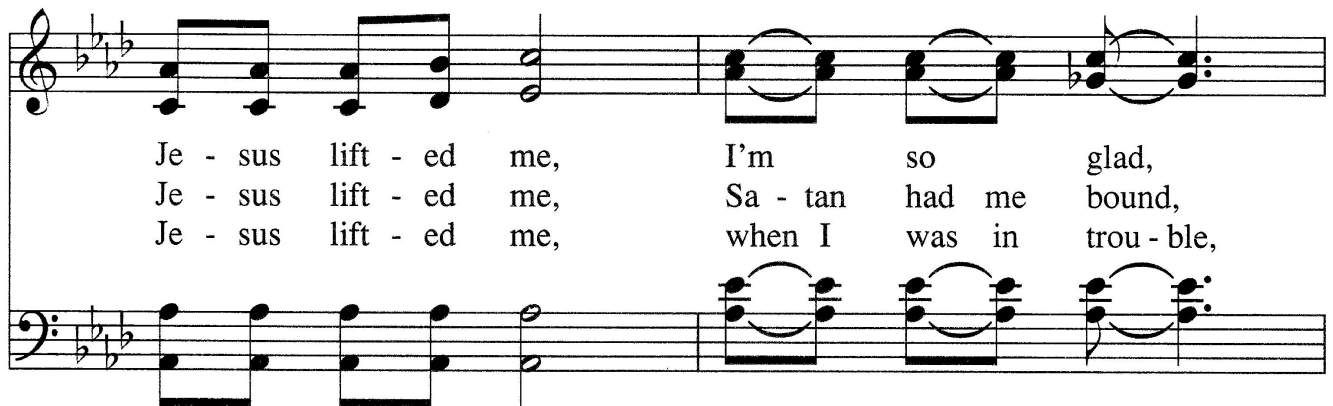
I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me

474

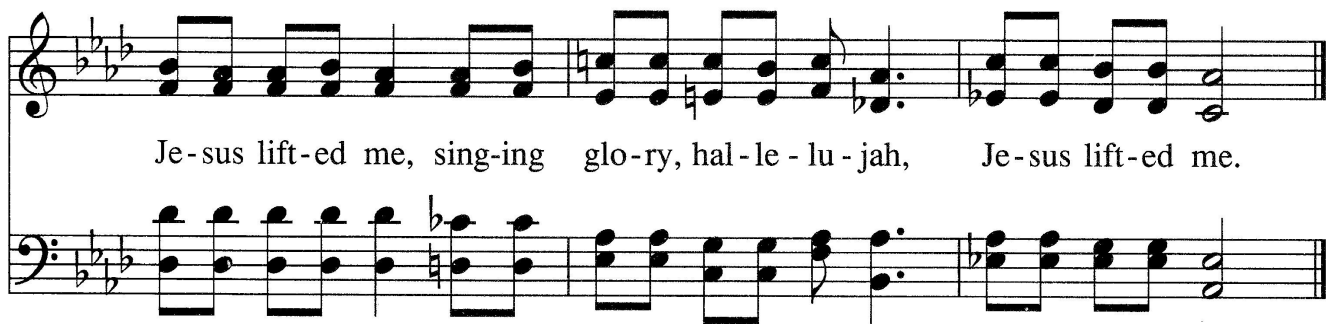
African-American spiritual



1 I'm so glad, Je-sus lift-ed me, I'm so glad,
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je-sus lift-ed me, Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, Je-sus lift-ed me, when I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me, I'm so glad,
Je - sus lift - ed me, Sa - tan had me bound,
Je - sus lift - ed me, when I was in trou - ble,



Je-sus lift-ed me, sing-ing glo-ry, hal-le-lu-jah, Je-sus lift-ed me.

Just as the spirituals were adapted to be sung in a folk-song style during the 1960s music festivals and civil rights marches, so have they been adapted in a gospel style. This is a spiritual that especially lends itself to gospel rendering.

Tune: I'M SO GLAD Irr.
African-American spiritual

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.

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Unison ^C

1 I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de -
 2 The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be -
 3 Though none go with me, I still will fol - low, though none go
 4 Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de -

cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low
 hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be - hind me, the cross be -
 with me, I still will fol - low, though none go with me, I still will
 cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low

Je - sus— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
 fore me— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
 fol - low— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
 Je - sus?— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.

Public Domain

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 particular vision do you seek? What do you want to understand? And when you do see and understand, how will that knowledge, that insight, pull you closer to following Jesus on the way of faith and of peace?

Household Prayer: Morning

Holy Jesus, when I awaken each day, I long to sing with joy for another span of hours to spend in your company. I long to rejoice that you have placed before me the gifts and obstacles the day will bring. Give me wisdom to enter into each encounter with thanksgiving, for you hold me in your care and give me words, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Ruler of all creation, I thank you for the time of rest beginning now, for all that I have seen, tasted, touched, heard, and smelled this day, and for all the people and creatures whose lives have come into my experience. Bless them with sufficient rest and peace, that together we may all rise in the morning with new strength, in Jesus' name. Amen.

God is still speaking,