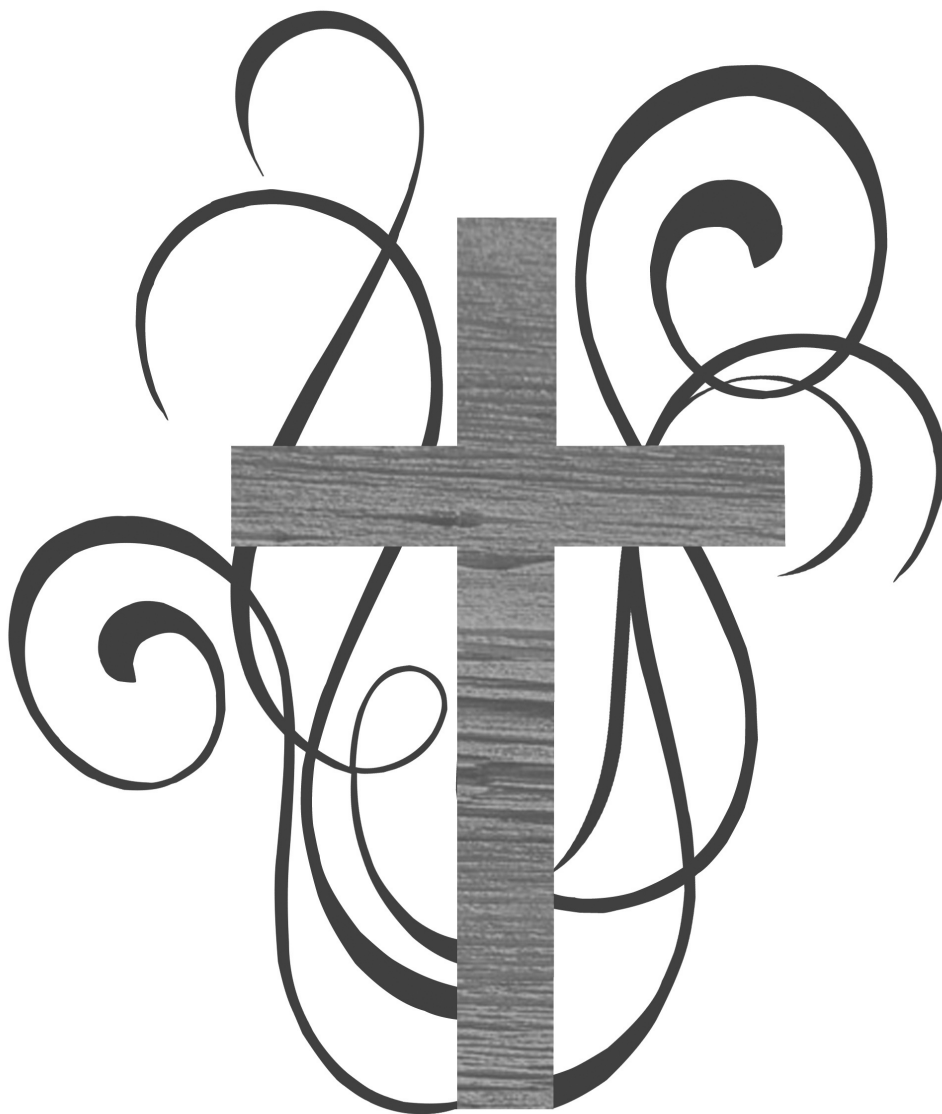


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The Family of God Gathers

Gathering Music

“Thankfulness, For the Beauty, and Praise God”

Conrad Kocher, Arr. Carol Tornquist

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

Greetings

Call to Worship ‡

L: Come, let us give thanks to God!

P: We gather together to praise the One who strengthens the weak, and hears the prayers of the forgotten.

L: Come, let us give thanks to Christ!

P: We gather together to sing of the One who calls us to serve those who are hungry and alone at this time of year.

L: Come, let us give thanks to the Spirit!

P: We gather together to exalt the One who provokes us to love not only our family and friends, but the guest among us.

Opening Hymn 407 Verses 1, 3, 5 Bulletin page 7

“How Firm a Foundation”

Prayer of Confession †

God of grace, all around us are wars, and rumors of wars, and we are afraid for ourselves and our world. We follow after false leaders and grasp for whatever security we can find. Forgive us, Lord, for we are quick to forget that all of life is in your hands. Renew our hope, increase our courage, and keep us watchful for the signs of your just and peaceful reign that is to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon §

L: God calls us all beloved: through 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

“Nearer, My God, to You”

Nearer, my God, to you, nearer to you.

I'll bear the cross as Christ calls me to do and pray each day anew:

Nearer my God, to you, nearer my God, to you, nearer to you.

The Service of the Word

Psalm 16

L: Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

P: I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.”

L: As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

P: Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

L: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

P: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

L: I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

P: I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

L: Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

P: For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

L: You show me the path of life.

P: In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Gospel

Mark 13:1–8

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!” Then Jesus asked him, “Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.”

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, “Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?” Then Jesus began to say to them, “Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of

wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

Sermon

Offering “There Is a Balm in Gilead”

John Moore, Lynn McFadyen

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 †§

How can we thank you, O God, for all that you have done? You give us life; you give us hope; you give us your very self. Take our offerings—and our very selves—that your will may be done in our church, in our community, and throughout your wide and beautiful 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 8

“Good Soil”

Benediction †§

L: Go forth now as God’s people.

P: We will go to offer joy to those in misery, to remember all who have been forgotten.

L: Go forth now as sisters and brothers of Jesus.

P: We will go to offer the best rooms of our hearts to our neighbors in need.

All: Amen!

Postlude



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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 November is sponsored by Mimi Pederson in loving memory of her sister Trudy Brewer.

This Week at Plymouth

Sunday, November 14

Prayers for the People

10:00 A.M. Coffee

10:30 A.M. Worship

Tuesday, November 16

10:00 A.M. Quilters

7:00 P.M. Dartball

Plymouth at Saving Grace

Sunday, November 21

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: Jamie Stafford, George (Sue Falch) Stecher, Steve Strassman, Benji & Cathy Stygar, Mary Stygar, Sue Thompson, Mike & Marybeth Tschumperlin

Stand in the Light Memory Choir presents their Fall Concert “We Stand Together” Thursday, November 18 at 6:30 P.M. The concert is live stream only on YouTube <https://bit.ly/3FaiAxd>

Isa. 43:2-5; 2 Tim. 2:19; Heb. 13:5

"K" in John Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787; alt.

1 How firm a foun - da - tion for you has been laid,
 2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose,

by God in the Word, in the sac - ri - fice paid!
 for I am your God, I will still give you aid;
 the riv - ers of woe shall not o - ver you flow;
 my grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can God say than to you has been said,
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand
 For I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt you; for I have de - signed
 That soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you, who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my gra - cious, om - ni - po - tent hand."
 de - liv - er - ing you from your deep - est dis - tress."
 your soul to make pure just as gold is re - fined."
 I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

In 1787, John Rippon, English Baptist clergyman, identified the author of this hymn as "K"; no one has yet verified a complete name. The pentatonic melody has been known by several names since it first appeared in Funk's Genuine Church Music (1832).

Tune: FOUNDATION 11.11.11.11.
 Early United States melody
 from Funk's Genuine Church Music, 1832
 Alternate tune: ADESTE FIDELES

Good soil



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your



word. Lord, let my heart be good soil, where



love can grow and peace is un-der - stood. When my heart is hard,



break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.



When my heart is lost, lead me on your way. Lord, let my heart,



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

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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

How do you profess your faith in God's coming reign of justice and peace, even in the face of our troubled world?

Household Prayer: Morning

Loving God, thank you for waking me up this morning and giving me another day to love and serve you well. Thank you for the ways you will lead me today; help me to trust in you. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Gracious God, you were good to me today, even when I lost sight of you. Forgive my fickle and heartless ways, and conform my will to yours. Grant me a safe rest and strengthen me in body, mind, and heart, that I may serve you faithfully and love you well when I awake to greet your new day. Amen.

God is still speaking,