

2nd Sunday of Lent

March 13, 2022



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10:30 A.M.

The Family of God Gathers

Gathering Music

“Hymns of the Cross”

Greeting

Call to Worship †§

L: The Psalmist sings, “The LORD is my light and my salvation.

P: **The LORD is the stronghold of my life.”**

L: Seek to behold the beauty of the LORD.

P: **God is good, and in love and mercy greets us here.**

L: We will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

P: **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD!**

Opening Hymn 74 Bulletin page 8

“We Have Gathered, Jesus Dear”

Prayer of Confession †§

Merciful God, you have made us citizens of heaven, but we confess that we have set our minds on earthly things. We have let our desire for security restrain our commitment to serve the poor. We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation to love our enemies. We have let our love of things dull our generosity to the needy. Yet, you know the desires of our heart and nothing is hidden from you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, conform our sin-weakened bodies to the glory of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ for the world. Amen.

Kyrie



Lord have mer-cy. Lord have mer-cy. Lord have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer-cy. Christ have mer-cy. Christ have mer - cy.
Lord have mer-cy. Lord have mer-cy. Lord have mer - cy.

Assurance of Pardon §

L: Remember that you do not journey alone, no matter how empty the wilderness may feel. God's love for you does not abate: in Jesus' name, you are forgiven!

P: You are forgiven!

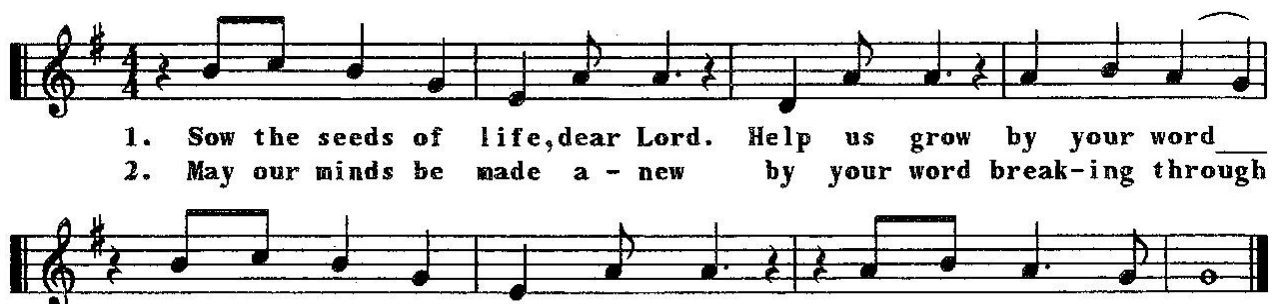
L: May the peace of Christ be with you!

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



1. Sow the seeds of life, dear Lord. Help us grow by your word
2. May our minds be made a - new by your word break-ing through



Life will bloom with bless- ings when we your voice have heard.
Let the sun come shin- ing in; ev - 'ry heart re - new.

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The Service of the Word

Psalm 27

L: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

P: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

L: When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh—my adversaries and foes—they shall stumble and fall.

P: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

L: One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

P: For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock.

L: Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

P: Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me!

L: “Come,” my heart says, “seek his face!”

P: Your face, Lord, do I seek.

L: Do not hide your face from me.

P: Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help.

L: Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

P: If my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will take me up.

L: Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies.

P: Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me, and they are breathing out violence.

L: I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

P: Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

Gospel

Luke 13:31–35

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.” He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

Sermon

Offering “Keep a Candle Burning”

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 ‡

As you have blessed us beyond all expectation and need, we would join in imitating you, by offering gifts which will bring hope, healing, and help to those who struggle in this life. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Prayer



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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 9

“When Our World Is Rent by Violence”

Benediction ‡

L: Today, tomorrow, and the next day, go with God:

P: we will take the Word of grace into our world.

L: Today, tomorrow, and the next days, go with Jesus:

P: we will shelter those who have nowhere else to go.

L: Today, tomorrow, and all the days to come, go with the Spirit:

P: we will gather the forsaken into our hearts. Amen.

Postlude

“Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”

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

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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.

This Week at Plymouth

Sunday, March 13

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

Tuesday, March 15

10:00 A.M. Quilters

Sunday, March 20

OCWM offering

10:00 A.M. Coffee
10:30 A.M. Worship
11:30 A.M. Leadership Team

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: Donald Erickson, Terri (Joe) Gilbert, Dorothy Gilbertson, Joe (Emily) Gilbertson, Matt Gilbertson, Paul (Gay) Gilbertson

We Have Gathered, Jesus Dear

Tobias Clausnitzer, 1663

Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1993

1 We have gath - ered, Je - sus dear, we have come to
 2 All our in - tel - lec - tual dreams come to noth - ing,
 3 Born of God, true light of light, Ho - ly Spir - it,

watch and lis - ten. Fix our minds, our sens - es clear,
 fade at day - break. All our hope - ful plots and schemes,
 pure, un - fail - ing: All our fac - ul - ties ex - cite,

to re - ceive your heav - en - ly les - son. Please im - prove our
 start in pre - tense, end in heart - ache. Thought - ful speech, and
 ears and heart and mouth un - seal - ing: Then, through Je - sus'

con - cen - tra - tion: draw us in - to con - tem - pla - tion.
 ac - tive jus - tice, you ac - com - plish these with - in us.
 me - di - a - tion, God will hear our sup - pli - ca - tion.

Written to precede the sermon, this hymn briefly reflects the Nicene Creed in the third stanza. Tobias Clausnitzer, a German Lutheran pastor, served for a time as a chaplain to a Swedish regiment and later as a parish pastor.

Tune: LIEBSTER JESU 7.8.7.8.8.8.
 Johann R. Ahle, 1664
 Harm. Das grosse Cantional, Darmstadt, 1687

When Our World Is Rent by Violence



1 When our world is rent by vio - lence and our lives are
 2 When our cit - ies stand for - sak - en and the poor must
 3 When our lives are burnt to ash - es and our hopes fade
 4 Raise up beau - ty from the ash - es; end our vio - lence;



marred by grief, when our songs of calm as - sur - ance
 beg for bread, when the pris - 'ner sits for - got - ten
 like a dream, when our sto - ries lose their mean - ing
 tend our peace. Give us vi - sions of a fu - ture



turn to cries of un - be - lief: God, we raise our
 and the home - less find no bed, God, we raise our
 and de - spair be - comes their theme, God, we raise our
 where all cap - tives find re - lease, where op - pres - sion



lam - en - ta - tion seek - ing ref - uge and re - lief.
 lam - en - ta - tion: wak - en jus - tice from the dead!
 lam - en - ta - tion: Come, Lord Je - sus, to re - deem!
 is e - vic - ted, and all works of ha - tred cease.

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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

In Luke 13:35 Jesus says, "And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'" To what sort of "seeing" does Jesus refer? Is Jesus calling for more than a verbal declaration that he is the Messiah? How might I live so that I become a testimony that Jesus is truly the one who comes in the name of God?

Household Prayer: Morning

Dear God, I do not know all of the challenges that face me this day, but still I pray: if I should be tempted by desire for earthly gain, remind me of my citizenship in heaven. Phil. 4:1 If I should be distracted by hunger, satisfy me with your Holy Spirit until I hunger no more. Let me walk in the way of Christ so that my life testifies in deed and word, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord." Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Dear God, great is your mercy to me, even when I have not remembered you. Where I have strayed from your path, forgive my sins and show me the way to salvation. Grant me rest this night that I may rise refreshed in my commitment to the way of my Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name I pray. Amen.

God is still speaking,