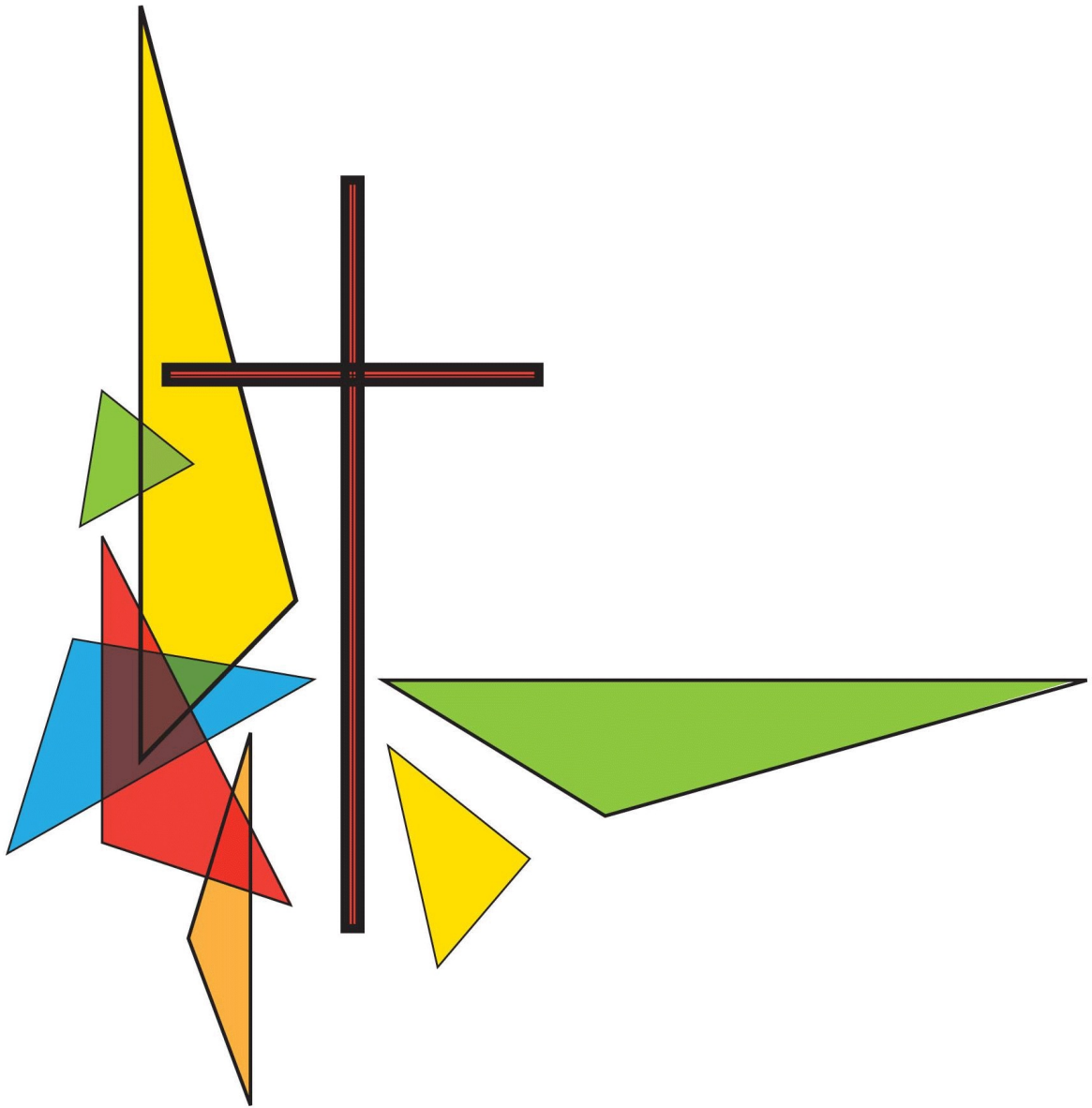


21st Sunday after Pentecost

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The Family of God Gathers

Prelude

“The Church’s One Foundation”

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

Greetings

Call to Worship ‡

L: Be still!

P: We come to quiet ourselves in this haven of holiness.

L: Be still and know . . .

P: we come to discern the Word that can set us free.

L: Be still and know that God is . . .

P: our Hope, our Help, our Refuge, and our Redeemer.

Opening Hymn 459 Bulletin page 7

“Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”

Prayer of Confession †§

Loving God, you promise that all who faithfully confess to you will be forgiven. Trusting in your mercy, we acknowledge the harm that we have done through our words and actions, and the good we have failed to do, especially when we knew the way that you would have us act. Forgive us, we pray; guide us in your truth, and teach us the way to go, that we may love and serve you well. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon §

L: The Psalmist wrote, “Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.” Friends in Christ, be happy this day, for in Jesus’ name, you are forgiven!

P: You are forgiven!

L: May the peace of Christ be with you!

P: And also with you!

Passing the 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 Song Bulletin page 8

“Open Our Eyes, Lord”

The Service of the Word

Psalm 46

L: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

P: **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

L: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

P: **God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.**

L: The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice; the earth melts.

P: **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

L: Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

P: **He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.**

L: “Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth.”

P: **The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Gospel

Luke 19:1–10

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today.” So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, “He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner.” Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, “Look,

half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much.” Then Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost.”

Sermon

Sermon Hymn Bulletin page 9

“You Are Mine”

The Response to the Word

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 †

Lord, how can we thank you for such wondrous love? You have covered us with blessing and sustained us with hope. Most of all you have given us your very self, for our life and the life of the world. In gratitude we bring our gifts to bless those who are vulnerable, oppressed, and seeking justice. 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, for ever. Amen.

Benediction ‡

L: God gives us the vision,

P: so let us go to see others as our sisters and brothers.

L: Jesus gives us the eyes,

P: so let us look in all the unexpected places to welcome all into our lives.

L: The Spirit calls us to watch,

P: so let us bear witness to the justice and hope coming into our shattered world. Amen!

Postlude

“Trumpet March by Clark”

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‡ <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: Allen Christensen

Cross Illumination for October is sponsored by the Shepler Family.

This Week at Plymouth

Sunday, October 30

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

Tuesday, November 1

10:00 A.M. Quilters
6:45 P.M. Dartball
Plymouth at Rock Creek

Sunday, November 6

All Souls' Sunday

Community Table offering

10:00 A.M. Coffee
10:30 A.M. Communion Worship
11:30 A.M. Pot luck

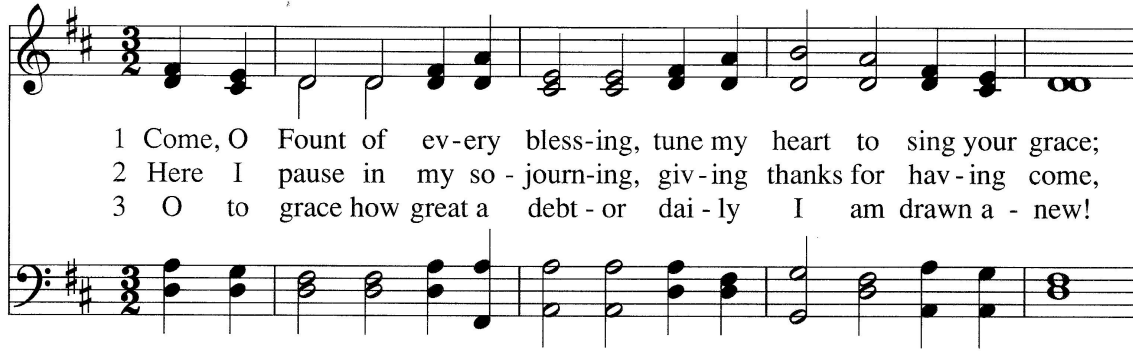
We pray for:

- Our families and friends, our church, and ourselves
- Jackie Andersen and Deb Zehms



Daylight Saving Time ends November 6. Remember to set your clocks **back** one hour before retiring on Saturday, November 5.

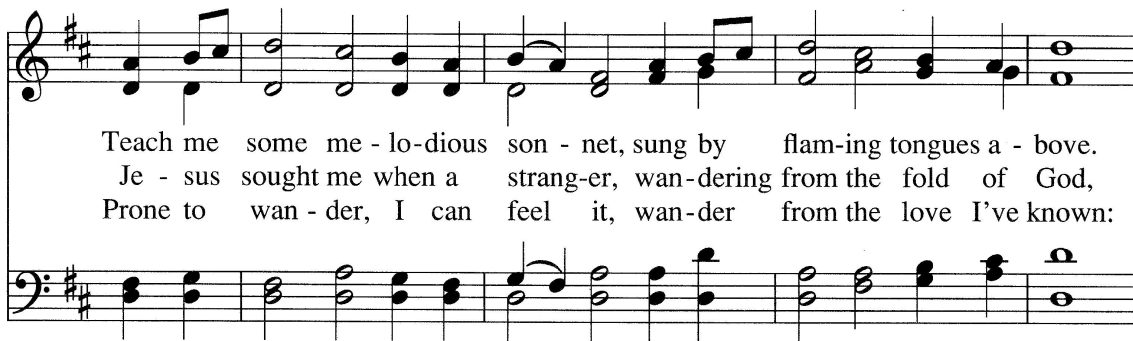
Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

*Ps. 36:7-9**Robert Robinson, 1758; alt.*


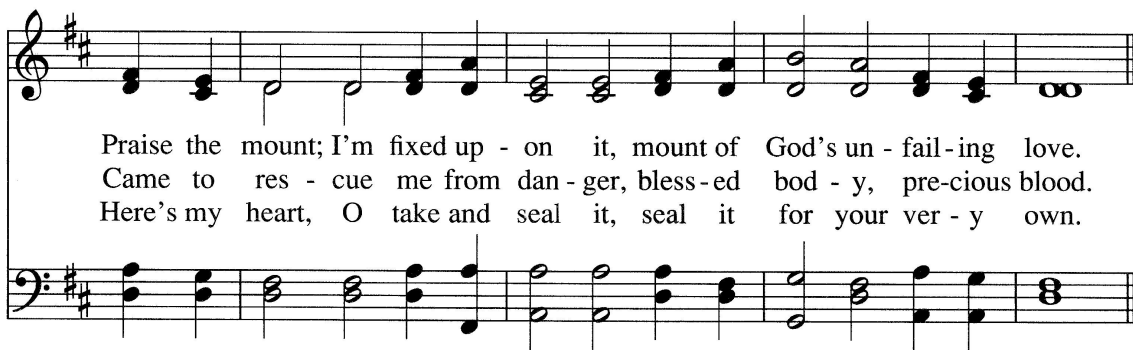
1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
2 Here I pause in my so - journ-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come,
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!



streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of end-less praise.
come to trust, at ev-ery turn-ing, God will guide me safe-ly home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,
Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:



Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail-ing love.
Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless-ed bod - y, pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

Converted to Methodism at age twenty, Robert Robinson soon became a Calvinistic Methodist preacher and later gained great popularity. The melody, associated with this text since 1813, is an American folk tune.

Tune: NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D.
John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813

Open our eyes, Lord

O - pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see

Je - sus, to reach out and touch

him, and say that we love him.

O - pen our ears, Lord, and help us to

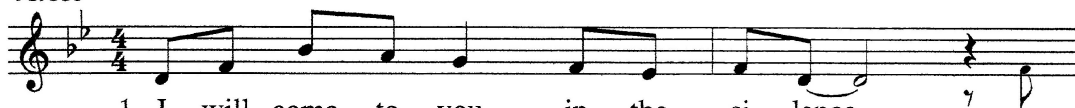
lis - ten. O - pen our eyes,

Lord, we want to see Je - sus.

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You Are Mine

Verses



1. I will come to you in the si - lence,
2. I am hope for all who are hope - less,
3. I am strength for all the des - pair - ing,
4. am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.
 I am eyes for all who long to see. In the
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light,
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain, stand



still and know I am here. (To verse 2)
 come and rest in me. (To refrain)
 all will know my name. (To refrain)
 up, now walk, and live! (To refrain)

Refrain



Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you



each by name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you



home; I love you and you are mine.

4. I

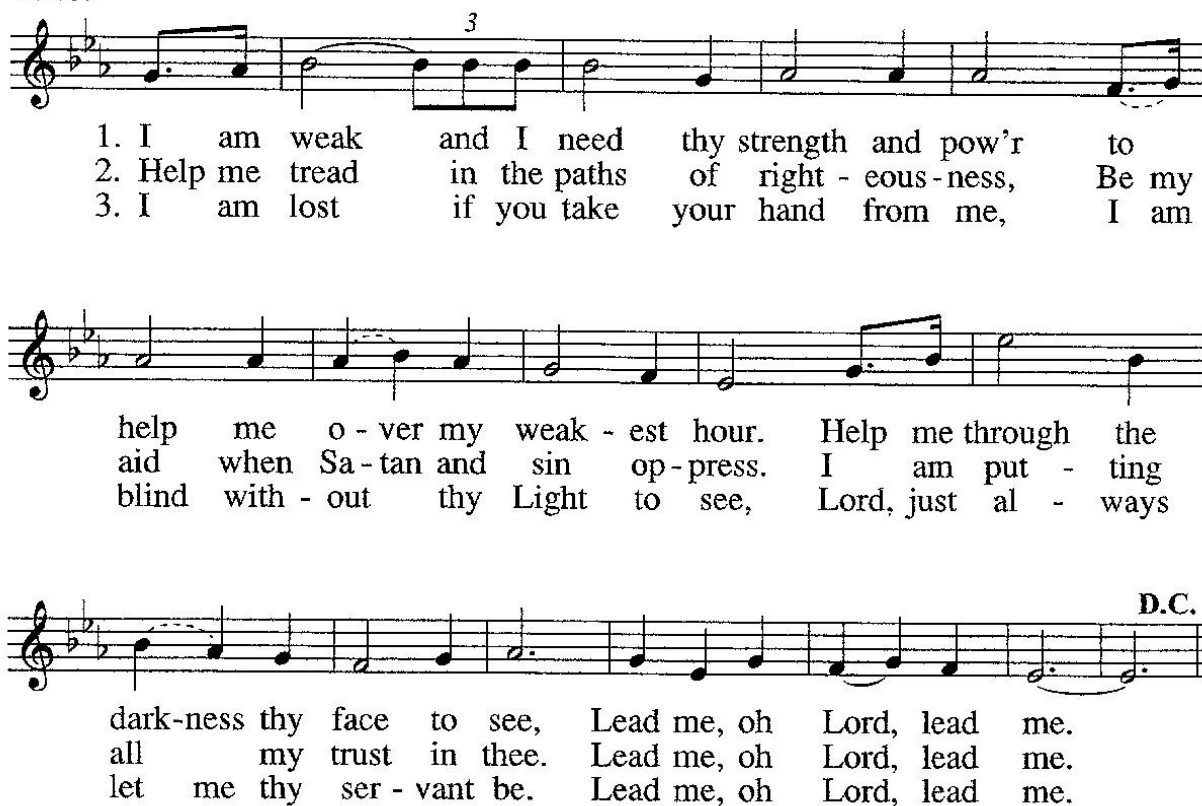
Lead Me, Guide Me

Refrain



Lead me, guide me, a-long the way, For if you
 lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each
 day with thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

Verses



1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to
 2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness, Be my
 3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am

help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the
 aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am put - ting
 blind with - out thy Light to see, Lord, just al - ways

D.C.
 dark-ness thy face to see, Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
 all my trust in thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
 let me thy ser - vant be. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

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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

We sometimes imagine that we must earn God's love. In the story of Zacchaeus, however, Jesus offered companionship to him even before Zacchaeus made restoration to those he had cheated. Were the good works of Zacchaeus the requirement or the response for receiving the love of Jesus? What makes "grace" grace?

Household Prayer: Morning

Thank you, God, for this new day. May I grow in faith and increase in love, that I may be worthy of the call you have placed on my life. Let my words and my deeds glorify the name of Jesus Christ, that others may know of your grace and abide in your love. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

God, thank you for the gift of this day. I humbly ask you to forgive my shortcomings today, having faith that you will forgive me. Like Zacchaeus before me, I thank Christ for coming home with me tonight and assuring me that, no matter what, I am a child of God and a member of your ecumenical community of faith. I now take my rest, confident in your promise that steadfast love surrounds those who trust in you. Amen.

God is still speaking,