

**Confession**.....Elise Lozier  
ALL: Holy and Merciful God, we know it is a challenge to live a Christian life. It is difficult to resist oppression and evil. We do not always participate in the life and mission of God’s family. Yet, we agree to the challenge. Help us to continue our search for faith, meaning, and truth in this life as we seek to follow your ways. Amen.

**Silent Reflection**

**Words of Assurance**

**\*Hymn of Praise** Celtic Alleluia..... Christopher Walker  
(Sung once by leader and then several times by ALL)  
Alleluia!

**\*Passing of the Peace** ..... Lauren Molyneaux  
ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.  
ALL: **And also with you.**

*Children in pre-school-5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to depart for Sunday School.*

**The Proclamation of God’s Word**

**Readings from Scripture** John 13:31-35 ..... Devan Bhatia  
Romans 12:1-2

**Music** We Believe that This Is Jesus ..... Negro Spiritual  
arr. Mark Sedio

The Plymouth Choir; Diane Julin Menges and Mitch Warmbein, soloists  
We believe that this is Jesus, come and see, come and see. The light of God lights up His face, Come and see, come and see. He offers us redeeming grace, Come and see, come and see. Did you ever see such love before? Come and see, come and see. Go in peace and sin no more! Come and see, come and see.

**Sermon** “As a Gift” Rev. Matthew Bauhof

**\*Hymn (Black) 283** Spirit of the Living God.....Iverson

**Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer** Shane Williams  
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.

**Choral Response** A Repeating Alleluia.....Calvin Hampton

**Living Out the Word of God**

**The Rite of Confirmation** Confirmation Class 2022  
See insert

**Announcements of Church Life**

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory** Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us.....arr. Dale Wood  
Norma Nelson, piano

**\*Doxology**.....Lasst Uns Erfreuen  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*Prayer of Dedication**  
God of mercy, we give you thanks for all that your bounty creates. You ask us to participate in the life and mission of God’s family and join in the work of this congregation. These gifts represent our intent to help others through their burdens and join in the work of Christ. Bless what we offer and bless those who will be shown love through these gifts, Amen.

\*Hymn (Black) 76 Sent Forth by God's Blessing .....*The Ash Grove*

\*Commission and Benediction

\*Congregational Response .....*Nueva Creacion*

Go forth, O people of God; go forth, O people of God!  
A new law, and a new promise, all creation is reborn.  
Go forth, O people of God; go forth, O people of God!

**Voluntary** Praeludium in F, BuxWv 145.....Dietrich Buxtehude  
Sol Rizzato, organ

*Many in the congregation wish to remain seated for the Voluntary. If you choose to leave, please be aware of those still participating in this part of the service. The Voluntary is music for worship and we ask that all be respectful of one another's worship practices, including those participating via livestream. Following the Voluntary, you may greet the ministers.*



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**Confirmation Sunday**

**Fifth Sunday  
Of Easter**

**May 15, 2022**

*"My house is a house of prayer for all people." (Isaiah 56:7)*  
**Plymouth is A Just Peace Church and An Open and Affirming Congregation**

**Our Approach to God**

**Preparation Music** Prelude on *St. Columba* .....Healey Willan  
Sol Rizzato, organ

**Welcome**

\***Call to Worship** .....Eilidh Horn

ONE: Holy Spirit, rain down on this place.  
**ALL: Fill our souls with your goodness and love.**  
ONE: Come, Holy Spirit, make us one.  
**ALL: Let our hearts overflow.**  
ONE: Come, Holy Spirit, make us family.  
**ALL: Holy Spirit, rain down on this place.**

\***Hymn (Black) 264** Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us.....*For the Bread*