



Plymouth Church
UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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**Second Sunday
Of Easter**

April 24, 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

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Our Approach to God

Preparation Music Prelude in F Major..... attr. J. S. Bach
Zach Lewis, organ

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

ONE: Peace be with you!
ALL: And also with you!
ONE: The Holy Spirit lives within you.
ALL: She also lives within you.
ONE: Let us gather in the presence of the Redeemer,
ALL: The Beloved who sets forth the path of Life.

***Hymn (Black) 245** The Day of Resurrection *Lancashire*

Confession Rev. Ruth Garwood

ALL: God of our Weary Years, there is destruction on Earth – ecosystems collapsing, the nightmare of war, lawmakers abusing people of oppressed realities. Yet through your redeeming work, heaven is still being co-created on earth in real-time. Embolden us to face the rising sun of hope every morning as we are freed from our sins and united with You. 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**

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.
ALL: And also with you.

Children’s Message

Children in pre-school through 5th grade are invited to come forward for the Children’s Message before they depart for Sunday School.

The Proclamation of God’s Word

Reading from Scripture Acts 5:27-32

Music Spring Carol..... Traditional Hymn

Diane Julin Menges, Lia Bendix, Mitch Warmbein, John Mills, soloists
Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down, thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou my soul’s glory, joy, and crown. Fair are the meadow, fairer still the woodlands robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host: Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.

Sermon Grounded in _____ Authority Rev. Matthew Bauhof

***Hymn** (Black) 569 Touch the Earth Lightly *Tenderness*

Prayers of the People and The 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.

Choral Response Come and Fill Our Hearts.....Jacques Berthier

Living Out the Word of God

Announcements of Church Life

Call to Offering

Offertory O Death, Where is Thy Sting? (*Messiah*).....G. F. Handel

Lia Bendix and Mitch Warmbein, soloists

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin and the strength of sin is the law. (1 Corinthians 15:55-57)

***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**

Thank you God, for the opportunity to share in your creative and restorative work in the world. Because you have blessed us, we have much to give. These offerings express our gratitude, and our commitment to be your beloved community. Amen.

***Hymn** The Earth Is the Lord’s.....*St. Denio*

The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof. Creation reminds us, O God, of your love. By grace we are learning, as year leads to year. We’re called to be stewards, your caretakers here.

May we be good stewards of all that you give, Protecting creation wherever we live.
May we be a church that renews and restores And lovingly cares for this earth that is yours. (Carolyn Winfrey Gillette. Reprinted with permission. Songs of Grace: New Hymns for God and Neighbor. Copyright 2009.)

***Commission and Benediction**

***Congregational Response***Crucifer*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim;
let all adore and praise that sacred name.

Voluntary All Creation Praises God for the New Day Michael Bedford
James Riggs, 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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The Day of Resurrection

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John of Damascus, 8th century
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1862; alt.

Mark 1

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God,
the Christ who reigns e - ter - nal in res - ur - rec - tion light;
the whole world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
We lis - ten for the teach - ings once heard so calm and plain,
Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad-ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
for we, too, want to fol - low and raise the vic - tor strain.
for Christ a - gain has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

We Shall Overcome

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United States traditional

John 8:31-32; Rom. 12:21; 2 Cor. 13:11

1 We shall o - ver - come, we shall o - ver -
2 We'll go hand in hand, we'll go hand in
3 We are not a - fraid, we are not a -
4 Our God will see us through, our God will see us

come, we shall o - ver - come some day;
hand, we'll go hand in hand some day;
fraid, we are not a - fraid to - day;
through, our God will see us through some day;

(1-6) Oh, deep in my heart, I do be - lieve,

we shall o - ver - come some day.
we'll go hand in hand some day.
we are not a - fraid to - day.
our God will see us through some day.

5 The truth shall make us free . . . some day.
6 We shall live in peace . . . some day.

This anthem of the 1960s civil rights movement was frequently

Tune: WE SHALL OVERCOME Irr.

