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**Eighth Sunday
after Pentecost**

July 31, 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

Robert Moncrief, organist

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

paraphrase of Psalm 95

ONE: Come, let us sing to God!

ALL: worship our Rock with a joyful noise!

ONE: For God is truly great,

ALL: a great ruler above all gods.

ONE: No place is beyond the reach of God's hands,

ALL: depths of the earth or mountain heights.

ONE: Sea, dry land—they all belong to God,

ALL: all of creation, shaped with a divine hand and a loving purpose.

ONE: Even the empty and silent places, beyond human hope,

ALL: God's hand is there, waiting to be touched.

ONE: So let us come and worship,

ALL: bow down before God, our Creator!

***Hymn (Red) 97** Fairest Lord Jesus

St. Elizabeth

Confession

ONE: Confession is not a grim obligation, but an offering of hope. God knows our thoughts, our secrets, our doubts, our fears. God wants all of us, without holding anything back, so God can begin the work of transformation in our lives.

In silence, let us open our hearts to Divine Love.

Silent Reflection

ONE: Jesus, you heal us when our hearts are broken:
Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

ONE: Jesus, you seek us when we are lost:
Christ, have mercy.

ALL: Christ, have mercy.

ONE: Jesus, you restore us to live:
Lord, have mercy.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

***Hymn of Praise.....Lasst Uns Erfreuen**

Now we who are of tender heart, forgiving others, take our part,
Sing your praises, alleluia! To you we lift our pain and care, receive
The burdens that we bear, singing praises, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

***Passing of the Peace**

ONE: Jesus said, "Peace I give you; peace is my parting gift to you. Do not be afraid."
Let us share with each other the peace that only Christ can give.
The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Children's Message

Children in pre-school-5th grade are invited to depart for the Children's Garden.

The Proclamation of God's Word

Readings from Scripture

Colossians 3:1-4, 8-11; Luke 12:13-21

Sermon

Growing into the Image of God

Rev. Andy Lang

Call to Prayer..... In Solitude.....Land of Rest

Soloist: In solitude, in solitude, I come to God in prayer.

In silence and simplicity, my spirit blossoms there.

ALL: When-e'er the world is troubling me, and stress is all around,
I seek the presence of my God, and healing light is found.

The apostle Paul wrote: "Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God." (Romans 8:26-27)

Prayer connects us to God not because our prayers are fervent or strong, but because God’s Spirit inside each of us reaches out to the Holy One. Trusting in that Spirit, we bring our deepest need and longing to God.

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.

Response In Solitude*Land of Rest*

ALL: With psalms and hymns and songs of praise before my God I’ll come, till death itself is past and gone, and I arrive at home.

Living Out the Word of God

Announcements of Church Life

Call to Offering

Offertory Ave Maria.....Jehan Alain

Diane Julin Menges, soloist

(Sung in Latin) Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

***Doxology**.....*Old 100th*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

God of generous grace, as you open your hands to us, our hands are open to you. Accept what we give—the fruits of our labor and our lives—that your name may be honored and your dominion grow in justice, peace and love. Amen.

***Hymn** (Black) 403 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less.....*Solid Rock*

***Commission and Benediction**

***Congregational Response***Sine Nomine*

Go to the world! Go into every place.

Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.

Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The next worship service begins at 11:15 am for Heights Christian Church. Please collect your belongings and promptly vacate the chapel. Worship leaders will greet the congregation outside. Worship bulletins may be recycled in the narthex.

Thank you for your assistance.

We are grateful for our worship leaders today.

Rev. Andy Lang

Rev. Bill Green

Robert Moncrief, organist

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