



Second Sunday after Pentecost

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"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

Music calls us to worship so we may listen for God speaking to us.

When the service begins, please silence your voices and devices.

**All are invited to rise in body or spirit*

Preparation Music Sarabande on "Land of Rest" from Suite for OrganGerald Near
Thomas Clark-Jones, organ

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Beth Baker

ONE: Jesus said "Come to me, all you that are weary and heavy laden.

ALL: And I will give you rest.

ONE: Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.

ALL: For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

***Hymn #12** (black hymnal) I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, from the beginning of time, you have called your children into communion with you. Yet we confess that we have often sinned and turned away from the ways of justice and abundant love that Jesus taught. Rescue all of us in this world from our troubled paths, and strengthen us to live in harmony with your vision. Slow us down from our troubled running and striving, and let us rest in your grace. Amen.

Silent Reflection

Words of Assurance

ONE: Lift up your hearts!

ALL: We lift them up to God!

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***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: The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Children of all ages remain in worship for communion Sundays.

Recognition and Blessing of Graduates

The Proclamation of God’s Word

Reading from Scripture Deuteronomy 5:12-15

Sermon A Sabbath Informed Life Rev. Dr. Matt Wooster

***Hymn #332** (black hymnal) *As We Gather at Your Table*.....*Beach Spring*

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.

Congregational Response (black hymnal #283)*Iverson*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Living Out the Word of God

Announcements of Church Life

Recognition of the Music & Arts Search Committee

Call to Offering

Offertory Set Your Heart on the Higher Gifts.....Steven C. Warner
Nathan Bachofsky, soloist; Kevin Monaco, piano

Set your heart on the higher gifts, on the things that come from your maker in heaven. These three gifts are all that remain: faith, hope, and love, and the greatest is love.
If I speak with the tongues of the living and of angels, but speak without love, I am the only brass without song, an empty noise on the wind.
And if I understand every mystery, having wisdom, but think without love, had I faith to scatter the hills, I am nothing at all.
And if I should renounce all my riches, feed the hungry, give over my life without love, my profit is loss. My caring finds no reward.

***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**

Gracious God, bless these gifts, and bless our lives, as we dedicate them to your service. May all our gifts witness to your love, and help to build up the beloved community, where peace is known in justice for all, and a radical hospitality of grace. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Music at Communion Piano Reflection..... Kevin Monaco

Prayer of Thanksgiving

O God, you take what is broken and make it whole. You take what has been spilled in violence and raise it up in power. You take a people who long with hope and fill them with a ministry of reconciliation. May it be so. Amen.

***Hymn #82** (black hymnal) Go, My Children, with My Blessing*Ar Hyd Y Nos*

***Commission and Benediction**

***Congregational Response** Go Now in Peace..... Natalie Sleeth

Go now in peace, go now in peace,
may the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere you may go.

Voluntary Fugue in G Minor.....J.S. Bach

Thomas Clark-Jones, 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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I Sing the Mighty Power of God

*Ps. 136:5-9; James 1:17**Isaac Watts, 1715; alt.*

Descant

3 On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glo - ry known.

1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun - tains rise,
 2 I sing the good - ness of our God that filled the earth with food;
 3 On earth there's not a plant or flower but makes your glo - ry known.

The clouds a - rise and spread their showers by or - der from your throne.

That spread the flow - ing seas a - broad, and built the loft - y skies.
 God formed the crea - tures with a word, and then pro - nounced them good.
 The clouds a - rise and spread their showers by or - der from your throne.

All life is but a gift from you and ev - er in your care;

I sing the wis - dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Oh, how your won - ders are dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye:
 All life is but a gift from you and ev - er in your care;

The tune Ellacombe was named for a place in Devonshire, England. It was first published in a collection of tunes used in the private chapel of the Duke of Wirtemberg, and was possibly sung with the text "Ave Maria, klärer."

Tune: ELLACOMBE C.M.D.
 Gesangbuch der herzoglichen
 Wirtembergischen katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784
 Descant, The New Century Hymnal, 1993

Wher - ev - er peo-ple gath - er, you, O God, are pres - ent there.

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
If I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
Wher - ev - er peo-ple gath - er, you, O God, are pres-ent there.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music. The first system is a single treble clef staff with the lyrics 'Wher - ev - er peo-ple gath - er, you, O God, are pres - ent there.' The second system consists of two treble clef staves; the top staff has the lyrics 'The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey. If I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!' and the bottom staff has the lyrics 'Wher - ev - er peo-ple gath - er, you, O God, are pres-ent there.' The third system is a single bass clef staff. The key signature is two sharps (F# and C#) and the time signature is 4/4.

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As We Gather at Your Table

Matt. 22:1-10; Luke 14:16-24

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989

1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,
 2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.

Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

In this hymn, commissioned by an Episcopal parish in Virginia for the celebration of its tricentennial, Carl P. Daw, Jr., utilized a familiar phrase from Isaac Watts' "Joy to the World," which was the motto for the celebration: "Repeat the sounding joy."

Tune: BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7.D.
 The Sacred Harp, 1844
 Harm. The New Century Hymnal, 1992

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Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Jaroslav J. Vajda, 1983, 1990; alt.

1 Go, my chil-dren, with my bless-ing, nev - er a - lone;
2 Go, my chil-dren, fed and nour-ished, clos - er to me;

Wak - ing, sleep-ing, I am with you, you are my own;
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.

In my love's bap - tis-mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er,
Here my Spir - it's pow-er filled you, here with ten - der com-fort stilled you;

Go, my chil - dren, with my bless-ing, you are my own.
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour-ished, joy - ful and free.