



Lord of All Faithfulness | Dr. Kate Gillooly

**Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 29, 2025**

"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

WELCOME!

Here we believe that God is love;
and that love is for everyone.

God's extravagant love changes the world
and moves us to respond in gratitude.

Whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here,
and you are invited to shape this community with your God-given gifts.

Open and Affirming Statement

Plymouth Church is an Open and Affirming congregation. We celebrate and find strength in our diversity and view it as a way to understand the inclusiveness of God. We welcome people of any age, color, ability, sexual orientation or gender expression. We embrace those of varying theological and political beliefs, and differing ethnic, socio-economic, and educational backgrounds. Our congregation joyfully welcomes all to join in worship, ministry, fellowship, leadership, sacraments and blessings. With God's guidance, Jesus' example and the Spirit's inspiration, we commit ourselves to ongoing study, prayer, conversation and action, so that it may truly be said of Plymouth Church, "My house is a house of prayer for ALL people." (Isaiah 56:7)

Families with Children

Children of all ages are always welcome at Plymouth! We offer many programs and events throughout the year to foster faith development in children and fellowship among our families. We strive to make worship family-friendly and to provide support to families while attending church by offering Busy Bags, Children's Worship Bulletins, a comfort room with toys and a changing table, and a Children's Worship Space with quiet activities. Professionally-staffed childcare for kids 4 and under is available every Sunday from 9am-12pm on the second floor. Children's Church is available for kids of all ages during worship, except for on the first Sunday of the month when there is no Children's Church to encourage families to worship together and receive communion.

Large print bulletins and hearing enhancement devices are available.
Please ask an usher.

SUNDAY WORSHIP

Our Approach to God

Music calls us to worship so we may listen for God speaking to us. When the service begins with preparation music, please silence your voices and devices.

Children of all ages are welcome to join Ms. Leslie at 10 am outside in the Children's Garden, on the far side of the chapel, for Children's Church.

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

Preparation Music Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire Wilbur Held
George A. Sargeant, organ

Welcome

***Call to Worship, based on Psalm 145:1-8**

Ella Davis

ONE: Come, let us praise God together:

ALL: For God is great, and worthy of our praise!

ONE: Let us tell stories of God's power and majesty, of God's mighty acts throughout history:

ALL: For God is great, and worthy of our praise!

ONE: Let us remember the compassion God has shown toward us; God's mercy and unfailing love, generation after generation:

ALL: For God is great, and worthy of our praise!

ONE: Let us pass these stories along to our all generations, so that they, too, may come to know and love our God.

ALL: For God is great, and worthy of our praise!

Let us worship God together!

***Hymn #241** (red hymnal) Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers*Nun danket all'*

Prayer of Confession

Most loving God, we confess that we have not always loved in thought, word, or deed as you have called us to. We have not loved you, or our neighbors, or ourselves as we should. We are sorry. Remind us that you love us unconditionally and help us to rest in your love and forgiveness.

Silent Reflection

Words of Assurance

ONE: Lift up your hearts!
ALL: We lift them up to God!

Hymn of Praise *Nettleton

Here I pause in my sojourning, giving thanks for having come,
Come to trust, at every turning, God will guide me safely home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God,
Came to rescue me from danger, blessed body, precious blood.

***Passing of the Peace**

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

The Proclamation of God’s Word

Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 4:7-12, 16-18

Sermon Lord of All Faithfulness Dr. Kate Gillooly

Hymn #348 (red hymnal) My Faith Looks Up to Thee.....*Olivet

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer (debts/debtors)

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

Come, Bring Your Burdens to God.....*South African Traditional*

Come, bring your burdens to God, (sung three times)
For Jesus will never say no.

Living Out the Word of God

Announcements of Church Life

Call to Offering

Offertory Steal Away African-American spiritual, arr. Harry T. Burleigh
John Mills, bass

Refrain

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus.
Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord, He calls me, He calls me by the thunder,
The trumpet sounds within my soul, I ain't got long to stay here. (Refrain)

Green trees are bending, poor sinner stands a-trembling,
The trumpet sounds within my soul, I ain't got long to stay here. (Refrain)

***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**

Generous God, all that we are and all that we have comes from you. Take these gifts that we offer and make them blessings for your people in this community and beyond. In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.

***Hymn #286** (black hymnal) Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness, verses 1 & 4*Spirit*

***Commission and Benediction**

***Congregational Response** *Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.

Voluntary Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers Wilbur Held
George A. Sargeant, 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.

Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

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Andrew Reed, 1787-1862

NUN DANKET ALL' C.M.

Melody by Johann Crüger, 1598-1662

1 Spir - it di - vine, at - tend our prayers And make this house thy home;
 2 Come as the fire, and purge our hearts Like sac - ri - fi - cial flame;
 3 Come as the dove, and spread thy wings, The wings of peace - ful love,
 4 Spir - it di - vine, at - tend our prayers And make this world thy home;

De-scend with all thy gra-cious powers, O come, great Spir-it, come!
 Let our whole soul an offer-ing be To our Re-deem-er's name.
 And let thy Church on earth be - come Blest as the Church a - bove.
 De-scend with all thy gra-cious powers, O come, great Spir-it, come! A-men.

Another setting may be found at No. 256

THE HOLY SPIRIT

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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Ray Palmer, 1808-1887, alt.

OLIVET 6.6.4.6.6.6.4.
Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

1 My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs a - round me spread,
 4 When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold; sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray; Take all my
 My zeal in - spire; As thou hast died for me, Oh, may my
 Be thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day; Wipe sor - row's
 Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -

guilt a - way; Oh, let me from this day Be whol - ly thine.
 love to thee Pure, warm, and changeless be, A liv - ing fire.
 tears a - way; Nor let me ev - er stray From thee a - side.
 trust re - move; Oh, bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul. A - men.

FAITH AND ASPIRATION

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

*Unison, brightly**Refrain**James K. Manley, 1978; alt.*

The musical score is written for a unison voice part and a piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 3/4 time. The score consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano line. The lyrics are: "Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the wil - der-ness, call - ing and free, Spir - it, spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea." The piano accompaniment features chords and arpeggiated figures. The final system includes a four-part setting of the verse: "1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient".

Unison, brightly
Refrain

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*Reduced-size notes may be played with organ pedals in lieu of or in combination with the other notes.

HYMNS OF THE SPIRIT

deep, then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the
sand, and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a
hill, then you whis-pered in si - lence when the
schemes, from the bond-age of sor - row the

val - leys of sleep; And o - ver the e - ons you
law and a land; When they were con-found - ed by their
whole world was still; And down in the cit - y you
cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom-en see vi - sions, our

called to each thing, "A - wake from your slum -
i - dols and lies, then you spoke through your proph -
called once a - gain, when you blew through your peo -
men clear their eyes. With bold new de - ci -

bers and rise on your wings."
ets to o - pen their eyes.
ple on the rush of the wind.
sions your peo-ple a - rise.

to Refrain

This popular hymn by songwriter James K. Manley grew out of a sabbatical leave at the School of Theology at Claremont, California. It was first sung at Waiiokeola Congregational Church in Honolulu, after which Manley added the fourth stanza at the suggestion of a church member.

Tune: SPIRIT Irr.
James K. Manley, 1978
Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

Special Thanks to Our Guest Minister Today!

Dr. Kate Gillooly (she/her) - Kate is the Minister (Settled Pastor) with Heights Christian Church. She has served the Church in a variety of roles (in several denominations) for the past 38 years. Kate earned her Master of Arts in Ministry from Ursuline College and her Doctor of Ministry in Congregational Development from Bexley Seabury Seminary. Her hobbies include theatre, poetry, and walking in the Metroparks. She and her husband, Greg, live in Cleveland Heights with their aging cat, Yana.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today

Ushers: Team 5

Greeter: Lucas Hershberger

Flowers: Donated by Eric Higgins, Chelsea Swick-Higgins, Eloise, & Maisie to the Glory of God!

Fellowship Hour: No volunteer today. Sign up in the Welcome Center!

This Week at Plymouth

Green Team – Please join us for our next workday on Thursday, July 3, from 6pm - 8pm. We will be spreading woodchips, amending the soil, and planting some native perennials. Bring garden tools if able, and we will bring lemonade and cookies!

Reduced Office Hours – June 26-July 9, the church office will have reduced office hours of 9 am – 12 pm, as volunteers serve in the office while Brenna, our office administrator is on her honeymoon.

Church Office Closed – The church office will be closed on July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

Worship in the Chapel – Beginning next Sunday, July 6, worship will be held in the chapel at 10 am through the end of August. We will return to the Sanctuary on Homecoming Sunday, September 7.

Upcoming Events

Dinner and Game Night – Join us on Friday, July 11 for dinner and a game night! A fully prepared dinner will be provided. Bring a card/board/tabletop game to share with the group. Please sign up in the Welcome Center or email Pastor Dillon by July 6.

Beetlejuice Jr at Cain Park – Sunday, July 20, 1:30 pm - Enjoy this “frightfully funny” musical adapted for younger actors and family audiences, directed by Plymouth member Joanna Cullinan. We’ll gather for a light lunch in the Fellowship Hall before heading over to Cain Park’s Alma Theatre. (Ticket cost to be announced next week)

Community Life

Musician Request – Calling all instrumentalists! Are you interested in sharing your talents by playing a prelude this summer? If so, please speak to George Sargeant, Director of Music and the Arts. Children and youth are especially encouraged.

Photo Directory – We are creating a new photo directory to help members connect names to faces. You can submit your own photo by uploading it to your Realm profile or by emailing it to office@plymouthchurchucc.org. For photo specifications and lots of helpful information, please see pg. 9 in the June Perspective.

Pastoral Care - If you have a Pastoral Care need or have an emergency, please contact Pastor Dillon Shipman at 440-251-2841.

Little Free Pantry - Shelf stable food is available 24/7 from our Little Free Pantry, located in the north end of the parking lot, near the Children's Garden.

Financial Assistance - Do you need help paying a bill, rent, or buying food and other essentials? Through the loving support of this community, funds are available. If you are in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to email Pastor Dillon Shipman at dshipman@plymouthchurchucc.org (this is confidential) with your needs.

In Our Community

8x10 Festival – Jeannie Clarkson will be performing in the 8x10 Festival at Akron's Weathervane Playhouse July 17-20. This is an annual new play event, where eight 10-minute plays are performed, and the audience votes on their favorite. Tickets are available by calling 330-836-2626 or online at www.weathervaneplayhouse.com.

Plymouth Family

Happy Anniversary to: Robin and Mark Johnson, Dylan & Chelsea Stiles, and Doug & Mary Powell

Happy Birthday to: Jean Harper, Dave Faulx, Jack Sweeney, Mendle Adams, Marcia Wittenbrook, Daviel Colvin, Brynn Williams, Mitch Sanborn, Suzanne Day, and Anna Farmer

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, June 29

10:00 am Worship @ Sanct

11:00 am HCC Worship @ Chapel

Monday, June 30

No events scheduled

Tuesday, July 1

No events scheduled

Wednesday, July 2

8:00 pm AA Meeting @ KR

Thursday, July 3

6:00 pm Green Team Work Night @ Lawn

Friday, July 4

Church Office Closed

Saturday, July 5

No events scheduled

Sunday, July 6

10:00 am Worship @ Chapel

11:15 am HCC Worship @ Chapel



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Ministers of Plymouth Church

The Congregation of Plymouth Church

Senior Minister, Rev. Dr. Matthew Wooster

On Sabbatical June 1-August 31, 2025

Designated Associate Minister, Pastor Dillon Shipman

Acting Head of Staff and Minister in Charge

Director of Music & the Arts, George Sargeant

Director of Children & Family Ministries, Leslie Szalay

Facility Manager, Paul Holter

Office & Communications Administrator, Brenna Threatt

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