



**Plymouth
Church**
UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

2860 Coventry Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio 44120
216.921.3510 • www.plymouthchurchugcc.org

**Tenth Sunday
After Pentecost**

August 14, 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
Please scroll down for Hymns

Our Approach to God

Preparation Music Prelude (*The Well Tempered Clavier*).....Johann Sebastian Bach
James Riggs, piano

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Joann Hall
Based on Psalm 85

ONE: Show us your steadfast love, O God, and grant us your salvation..

ALL: Let us hear what God will speak, for God will speak peace to God’s people.

ONE: Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other

ALL: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down From the sky. God will surely give what is good.

***Hymn** How Great Thou Art..... .. *O Store Gud*

Oh Lord, my God! When I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook,
and feel the gentle breeze. (Refrain)

Confession

ALL: O God of power and grace,
We have too often built our lives around shallow priorities, instead of
receiving the deep wisdom that you give.
When we serve our fleeting whims, rather than serving the real needs of
those around us, be merciful.
When we seek short-lived pleasures regardless of long-term costs, find us on
our wayward paths and guide us home.
Open the ears of our heart to hear your call, to respond, and to grow.
Amen.

Silent Reflection

Words of Assurance

***Hymn of Praise** How Great Thou Art..... *O Store Gud*

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then
sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

*Passing of the Peace

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

The Proclamation of God's Word

Reading from Scripture

Isaiah 5:1-7

Dance Kaleidoscope: II.....Oliver Davis

Shane Williams, dancer

Sermon

Isaiah at the Vineyard

Rev. Mendel Adams

Isaiah's Prophetic Vision, part 2

Solo With What Shall I Come Before the Lord.....John Ness Beck

Lia Bendix, soloist

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, shall I come before Him with yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give Him my first-born for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He has shown you, O people; He has shown you what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6: 6-8)

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.....Beach Spring*

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
Find the room for hope to enter,
Find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
All the things that really matter, be at peace and simply be.

Living Out the Word of God

Announcements of Church Life

Parting Blessing for Christina DeVoss and family

***Hymn** God, Bless Your Church with Strength!.....*Diademata*

God, bless Your church with strength! Wherever we may be,
Upbuild Your servants as we work in common ministry.
Urge us from fledgling faith to venture and to soar
Through open skies, to sing the praise Of Christ whom we adore.

God, bless Your church with life! May all our branches thrive,
Unblemished, wholesome, bearing fruit, abundantly alive.
From You, one holy vine, in freedom may we grow;
Sustain us in our mission, Lord, Your love and peace to show.

God, bless Your church with hope! Despite chaotic days,
May we in chaos shine to light a pathway through life's maze.
May justice be our aim, and kindness ours to share,
In humbleness O may we walk, assured our God is there!

***Commission and Benediction**

***Congregational Response** Shalom Chaverim.....Traditional Hebrew Blessing
(Sung once by soloist in Hebrew--Sung once by congregation in English)

Farewell, dear friends, stay safe, dear friends, have peace, have peace.
We'll see you again, we'll see you again, have peace, have peace.