



**Plymouth
Church**
UNITED CHURCH *of* CHRIST

**Fifteenth 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**

Our Approach to God

SCROLL DOWN FOR HYMNS

Call to Worship and Lighting of Candles

The Joyful Noise

Preparation Music Great is Thy Faithfulness.....arr Mark Hayes
Ella Davis, piano

“All I have needed thy hand has provided.....” What joys or concerns do you bring with you to worship? Close your eyes and name them.

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

ONE: God has given us this beautiful earth and all that grows and runs upon it.

**ALL: We thank God for the gifts of the earth and the heavens,
for they tell of the glory of God.**

ONE: God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

ALL: We open our hearts to wonder and praise.

ONE: God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

ALL: Let us worship the living God with love, thanksgiving, and praise.

***Hymn (Black) 12** I Sing the Mighty Power of God.....*Ellacombe*

Confession

ALL: Holy God, you are giver of wisdom, yet we have found it easier to follow foolishness. You are giver of love, but we have been afraid of what love will ask of us. You have created us to received your gifts, but we confess that we cannot receive them apart from the transformation of your grace. By your power, set us free from foolishness and fear. Amen.

Silent Reflection

Words of Assurance

***Hymn of Praise.....Faithfulness**

Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,
Your own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside.
Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed your hand has provided,
Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!

***Passing of the Peace**

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

Children in pre-school-5th grade are invited to depart for Sunday School.

The Proclamation of God's Word

Reading from Scripture

Psalm 19:1-10

Music Simple Gifts.....Shaker Song/arr. Mack Wilberg

The Plymouth Choir; Linda Innes, piccolo, Scott Soeder, flute

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the gift to come down where you ought to be, and when you find yourselves in the place just right, 'twill be in the valley of love and delight. When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed. To turn, turn will be our delight, 'til by turning, turning we come 'round right. 'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be true, 'tis the gift to labor 'til the day is through. And when you find yourself in the place so fine, 'twill be in the cool of the birch and the pine. 'Tis the gift to be joyful, 'tis the gift to be free, 'tis the gift, 'tis the gift, 'tis the simple gift to be! And when you find yourself filled with pure delight, the gift to be simple has led you aright.

(Trad. Shaker; additional lyrics by David Warner)

Sermon

A Radiant, Sacramental World

Rev. Dr. Matthew Wooster

Means of Grace, part 1

***Hymn (Black) 3 Wakantanka Taku Nitawa (Many and Great).....Lacquiparle**

Stanza 1—Choir only

Stanza 2—ALL

Repeat Stanza 1--ALL

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 Serenity Prayer William E. Nierintz

Living Out the Word of God

Announcements of Church Life

Call to Offering

Offertory By the Waters of Babylon.....Jewish Melody

Diane Julin Menges, Lia Bendix, and Alissa Wible, soloists

By the waters of Babylon, we sat down and wept for Zion. We remember Zion. (Psalm 137:1)

***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**

Spirit of Creation, may our gifts of money and wise action flow unfettered to where they are needed. May we dance open-heartedly with the ebb and flow of giving and receiving, for our thriving is intertwined. We dedicate these gifts to your guidance, and to the service of the human family. Amen.

***Hymn (Insert)** This is My Father's World.....*Terra Beata*

***Commission and Benediction**

***Congregational Response** The Great Amen Marty Haugen

Amen, Amen, Amen!

Voluntary Psalm 19 (The Heavens Declare)Benedetto Marcello

James Riggs, organ

A noble Italian composer, Marcello's (1686-1739) fame is his collection of paraphrases on the first fifty psalms for either voices, instruments, and organ or organ alone.



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.

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

Wakantanka Taku Nitawa (Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works)

Dakota hymn, Joseph R. Renville, 1842
Paraphr. by R. Philip Frazier, 1929; alt.
For another translation, see 341

Ps. 104:24-25; Jer. 10:12-13; 2 Esd. 16:56-60

Optional hand-drum rhythm:

1 Wa - kan - tan - ka ta - ku ni - ta - wa tan - ka - ya
 2 Wo - eh - da - ku ni - ta - wa kin he mi - na - gi
 1 Man - y and great, O God, are your works, Mak - er of
 2 Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with you, O star a -

qa o - ta; Ma - hpi - ya kin e - ya - hna - ke ca,
 kin qu wo; Ma - hpi - ya kin i - wan - kam ya - ti,
 earth and sky; Your hands have set the heav - ens with stars,
 bid - ing One; Come un - to us and dwell with us:

ma - ka kin he du - o - wan - ca, Mni - o - wan -
 wi - co - wa - šte yu - ha nan - ka, Wi - co - ni
 your fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains, Lo, at your
 with you are found the gifts of life, Bless us with

ca šte - ya wan - ke cin, he - na o - ya - ki - hi.
 kin he ma - ya - qu nun, o - wi - han - ke wa - nin.
 word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey your voice.
 life that has no end, e - ter - nal life with you.

Probably the best-known Native American hymn, "Many and Great" is sung with great reverence by the Dakota people in

Tune: LACQUIPARLE 9.6.9.9.6
Native American melody (Dakota)

SCROLL DOWN FOR HYMN

1. This is my Fa-ther's world; and to my lis-tening ears, all
 2. This is my Moth-er's world; the birds their car-ols raise, the
 3. This is my Mak-er's world; oh, let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 morn - ing light, the flow - ers bright, de - clare their Mak - er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa - ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Moth - er's world; she shines in all that's fair; in
 This is my Mak - er's world; why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the won - ders wrought.
 rus - tling grass I hear her pass; she speaks to me ev - ery - where.
 heav - ens ring; let na - ture sing. God reigns; let earth be glad.

WORDS: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901, alt.
 MUSIC: Traditional English melody; adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

TERRA BEATA
 SMD

Lockport NY Presbyterian pastor Babcock often walked
 out to a sweeping view of Lake Ontario, saying as he left
 the house, 'I am going out to see my Father's world.'

GOD THE CREATOR