



Plymouth Church
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Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 23, 2024

“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

Children in preschool through 6th grade are welcome to join Ms. Leslie right at 10:00 am outside in the Children’s Garden, on the far side of the chapel, for Children’s Church beginning today, June 16.

Preparation Music Toccata William Walond
Thomas Clark-Jones, organ

Welcome

***Call to Worship:**

- ONE: Open your hearts to the steadfast love God offers.
- ALL: The deeds of God are beyond our knowing,
yet we catch glimpses of God’s mercy and care.**
- ONE: God does not forsake us when we are dismayed or afraid.
- ALL: God is a stronghold for the oppressed and troubled.
The poor are not forgotten.**
- ONE: Every day is a day of God’s salvation at work.
- ALL: Surely God will meet us here. How good it is when we know that
we are united in God’s Spirit!**

***Hymn #42** (Black hymnal) O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing.....Azmon

Prayer of Confession

Help us, O God, for we do not have enough wisdom to help ourselves. It is hard for us to recognize your gifts, and harder still to be thankful. We remain oblivious to so much that is important, and waste our energies on grievance and grudges, or distract ourselves with triviality. Sin keeps us separate from your holy calling, and we need both mercy and redirection. Amen.

Silent Reflection

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Words of Assurance

ONE: Lift up your hearts!

ALL: **We lift them up to God!**

***Hymn of Praise** *Kremser*

With voices united our praises we offer,
and gladly our song of thanksgiving we raise.
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing;
to you, our great Redeemer, forever we praise!

***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

Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

Sermon

Say So

Rev. Dr. Matt Wooster

***Hymn #472 (black hymnal) Precious Lord, Take My Hand** *Precious Lord*

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.

Response Taizé

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

Living Out the Word of God

Announcements of Church Life

Call to Offering

Offertory Is There Anybody Here That Loves My Jesus *Undine Smith Moore*

Lia Bendix, soloist

Is there anybody here that loves my Jesus? Anybody here that loves my Lord?
I want to know, do you love my Jesus? I want to know, do you love my Lord?
Although you see me goin’ a long so, I have my trials here below,
This world’s a wilderness of woe; So let us all to glory go.
Is there anybody here, I want to know, I want to know, I want to know,
Do you love-a my Lord?

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***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, use these gifts to transform the world, to bring about your justice, peace and reconciliation for all creation. Transform us as we offer them, to be partners and co-creators of your beloved kingdom. Amen.

***Hymn #531** (black hymnal) God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak.....*Canonbury*

***Commission and Benediction**

***Congregational Response** *Taizé*

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia!

Voluntary Prelude and Fugue in G.....*Dietrich Buxtehude*
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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O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Charles Wesley, 1740; alt.

1 O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,
2 My gra-cious Sav - ior and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3 Je - sus! the name that calms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease
4 Glo - ry to God, and love and praise be ev - er, ev - er given

The glo - ries ev - er ech - o - ing the tri - umphs of God's grace!
To spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of your name.
Is mu - sic in the sin-ner's ears, is life, and health, and peace!
By all the saints in ev - ery age, the church in earth and heaven.

The hymn is a cento from a longer poem of eighteen stanzas written by Charles Wesley on the first anniversary of his conversion. The present form of the hymn is one edited by John Wesley for The Wesleyan Hymn Book, 1780.

Tune: AZMON C.M.
Carl G. Gläser, 1828
Adapt. in L. Mason's Modern Psalmody, 1839
Alternate tune: RICHMOND

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Precious Lord, Take My Hand

472

Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932; alt.

1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
 2 When my way grows drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,
 3 When the shad - ows ap - pear and the night draws near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
 when my life is al - most gone,
 and the day is past and gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:
 Hear me cry, hear my call, hold my hand, lest I fall:
 At the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand:

Refrain

Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

Thomas A. Dorsey was known as "Georgia Tom" when he played piano for blues singer Ma Rainey. He started writing gospel songs after what he called "a definite spiritual change." This inspirational song, composed following the deaths of his wife, Nettie, and a newborn child, derives from the tune Maitland.

Tune: PRECIOUS LORD Irr. with refrain
 Thomas A. Dorsey, 1932

God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872; alt.

1 God, speak to me, that I may speak in
 2 O lead me, God, that I may lead some
 3 O fill me with your full - ness, God, your
 4 O use me, God, use ev - en me just

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so
 wan - der - ers a - long life's way; O feed me so that
 ov - er - flow - ing love to know; In glow - ing word and
 as you will, and when, and where, un - til your bless - ed

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
 I may feed your hun - gry ones with - out de - lay.
 kin - dling thought, your love to tell, your praise to show.
 face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Daughter of the English hymnwriter William H. Havergal, Frances Ridley Havergal was a gifted poet and student of several languages, including Hebrew and Greek. She also composed several hymn tunes. Canonbury was adapted from one of Robert Schumann's piano pieces.

Tune: CANONBURY L.M.
 Arr. from Robert Schumann, 1872