



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

**Sixteenth Sunday
After Pentecost**

Bible Sunday

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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

Preparation Music Jesus Loves Me.....arr. Timothy
Albrecht

James Riggs, organ

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

ONE: Send your Spirit among us, O God: into each one.

ALL: Confirm in us your creative purpose with the fire of your love.

ONE: Guide us in the way of Jesus, that we may offer this blessed and bruised
world

the liberation of your grace,

ALL: and live with the courage of your vision, and the assurance of your love.

***Hymn (Black) 327** Jesus Loves Me.....*Jesus Loves
Me*

Sol Rizzato, viola

Confession

ALL: Sometimes, O God, your word is too much for us. You ask us to give when
we want to take. You ask us to forgive when we want to hold grudges.
You ask us to love our neighbors and enemies, when we can scarcely find
time to show love to our friends. What is more, we live too comfortably in
a world where there is too much poverty and violence. We repent of our
sins, those named and unnamed, that we may turn to the life of your
Spirit. Amen.

Silent Reflection

Words of Assurance

***Hymn of Praise.....** *Bunessan*

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Dead in the tomb with Christ our King;
One with his rising, freed and forgiven,
Thankfully now God’s praises we sing.

***Passing of the Peace**

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

Children’s Message Presentation of Bibles

Children in pre-school through 5th grade are invited to come forward for the Children’s Message before they depart for Sunday School.

The Proclamation of God’s Word

Reading from Scripture Matthew 3:1-3, 11-17

Music Down to the River to Pray Trad American/arr. Bradley Ellingboe
The Sunday Choir

As I went down to the river to pray, studyin’ about that good old way and who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way.

- Oh, brothers let’s go down...
- Oh, sisters let’s go down...
- Oh, fathers let’s go down...
- Oh, mothers let’s go down...
- Oh, sinners let’s go down...

Sermon *Baptismal Waters* Rev. Dr. Matthew Wooster
Means of Grace, part 2

***Hymn** (Black) 328 Wonder of Wonders, Here
Revealed.....*Pentecost*

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**
- Call to Offering**

Offertory Someday Soon.....Kenny and Amanda
Smith

Plymouth Folk Revival

***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**

***Hymn** (Black) 326 Crashing Waters at Creation.....*Stuttgart*

***Commission and Benediction**

***Congregational Response** *Ar Hyd Y Nos*

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone;
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own;
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever,
Go, my children, with my blessing you are my own.

Voluntary Allegro maestoso (*Organ Sonata II*).....Felix
Mendelssohn

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.

Following the service, you are invited to dip your hand in the water of the baptismal font as a tactile reminder of your baptism. If you choose, you may touch the water drops to your head.

Jesus Loves Me

St. 1, Anna B. Warner, 1866
St. 2-3, David Rutherford McGuire, 1971

1 Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so.
2 Je - sus loves me! This I know, as he loved so long a - go,
3 Je - sus loves me! Still to - day, walk - ing with me on my way,

Lit - tle ones to him be - long; they are weak, but he is strong.
Tak - ing chil - dren on his knee, say - ing, "Let them come to me."
Want - ing as a friend to give light and love to all who live.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me!

Yes, Je - sus loves me! The Bi - ble tells me so.

Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed

Jane Parker Huber, 1989

1 Won - der of won - ders, here re - vealed;
2 Here in this sac - ra - ment we see
3 This child of God, though young or old,
4 Now we our vow of faith re - new,

God's cov - e - nant with us is sealed.
God's grace un - bound, for all, for me!
we wel - come now in - to Christ's fold,
stretch wide our sights to glob - al view,

And long be - fore we know or pray,
May we re - spond with joy - ful praise
To know with us God's lov - ing care;
And claim with Chris - tians far and near

God's love en - folds us ev - ery day,
in lov - ing ser - vice all our days.
here all our joys and sor - rows share.
a larg - er fam - i - ly held dear.

Jane Parker Huber has noted two important ideas she addressed in this text: "The fact that God loves each of us before we know one to love in return, and..."

Tune: PENTECOST L.M.
William Boyd, 1864

Crashing Waters at Creation

Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1991

- 1 Crash - ing wa - ters at cre - a - tion
or - dered by the Spir - it's breath,
First to wit - ness day's be - gin - ning
from the bright - ness of night's death.
- 2 Part - ing wa - ter stood and trem - bled
as the cap - tives passed on through,
Wash - ing off the chains of bond - age—
chan - nel to a life made new.

Hymnwriter Sylvia Dunstan wrote this text to accompany a prayer for blessing the water in the United Church of Canada baptismal rites. She has credited the work of Miriam Therese Winter as her inspiration for some of the imagery in the last stanza.

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Gen. 1:1-5; Exod. 14:21-22; Mark 1:9-11; John 4:13-14

- 3 Cleans - ing wa - ter once at Jor - dan
closed a - round the One fore - told,
O - pened to re - veal the glo - ry
ev - er new and ev - er old.
- 4 Liv - ing wa - ter, nev - er end - ing,
quench the thirst and flood the soul.
Well - spring, Source of life e - ter - nal,
drench our dry - ness, make us whole.

Tune: STUTTGART 8.7.8.7.
Attrib. to Christian F. Witt (1660-1716), in
Psalmodia Sacra, Gotha, 1715