



Plymouth is  
A United Church of Christ  
  
An Open & Affirming  
Congregation

# August 13<sup>th</sup>

## Plymouth Chimes

### Prelude

“Prelude in G Major” BWV550 J.S. Bach

### Call to Worship *(Bold text read in unison.)*

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the unique gifts that God has given to each of us.

**People: Let us together, young and old, of all gender identities, give thanks for the call of Christ.**

Leader: Let us sing praises to our God that we can claim the amazing gifts of the Spirit with which we have been equipped for service and leadership

**People: —gifts of peacemaking, compassion, perseverance, unity and love—and use them for the sake of all God's children.**

**All: Let us worship God with great joy, gratitude, and expectation!**

### Processional Hymn

“O Christ, the Great Foundation” Hymn #443

### Prayer of Invocation *(Join in reading.)*

Loving and merciful God,  
you created each of us in your own image to live in community.  
You graced us generously with the gifts of apostles,  
prophets, pastors, and teachers.  
You equipped all of us for the work of ministry.  
Fill us with your Spirit and strengthen us to continue our journey  
and complete the task of shaping the Christian community  
as one people of God. Amen.

### Gloria *(Join in singing.)*

Glory to the Creator,  
and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

**Preaching Today**  
Rev. Eleanor McCormick

**Minister of  
Music & Fine Arts**  
Kim Manz

### Litany of Thanksgiving *(Bold text read in unison.)*

Leader: O God, for your church, which throughout the ages has called all genders to serve in this world that you love,

**People: we thank you.**

Leader: For Deborah, leader and judge, who led the people of God

**People: we thank you.**

Leader: For Ruth, who served others with dedication and became a mother of our faith

**People: we thank you.**

Leader: For Miriam, who taught us how to sing and how to listen to you.

**People: we thank you.**

Leader: For Priscilla and Lydia, Junia and Phoebe, and other courageous leaders of the early church – names that we know and names that have been forgotten

**People: we give you praise.**

Leader: For women like Antoinette Brown, who led the movement for full equality everywhere and became the first female ordained in the Congregational Church.

**People: we thank you.**

Leader: For the women that continue to joyfully accept their call to serve the church

**People: we thank you, and we celebrate their lives and their commitment to the ministry of the whole church.**

**All: Together, may we move forward with all of God’s beloved people as fully equal partners in the ministry of Christ. Amen.**

### Children’s Hymn

“Seek Ye First” Hymn #333 (vs. 1)

### Children’s Celebration Rev. Eleanor B. McCormick & Susan Anderson

### Scripture Reading

Romans 16:1-20, 25-27 Pew Bible - NT p. 164  
*(Today’s passage will be read from the Message translation of the Bible.)*

### Word through Music

“At the River” Gavin Jones Aaron Copeland

### Sermon

Rev. Eleanor B. McCormick

### Congregational Response

“For All the Faithful Women”

### The Plymouth Covenant *(In unison.)*

In the love of truth and in the spirit of Jesus, we unite for the worship of God, and the service of all. We seek to know the will of God and to walk in God’s ways, made known or to be made known to us; to love one another; to proclaim the Gospel to all the world; to work and pray for the progress of knowledge, the promotion of justice, the reign of peace, and the realization of our shared humanity. And we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness and the gift of life eternal. Amen.

*Audio of each Sunday’s sermons will be made available on this website on the following Monday. Sermon text will be made available on the website by the following Friday afternoon.*

*Plymouth’s traditional worship service begins at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday morning. The service lasts about an hour. However, sometimes it does run longer and the KLWN 1320 AM radio broadcast may end before the conclusion of the service.*

### Call to Prayer *(When prompted, read bold text and then join in singing.)*

Leader: The Lord be with you,

**People: and also with you.**

**People Singing: “Lord Have Mercy”**

### Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer *(“debts, debtors”)*

### Response to Prayer *(Repeat singing from above.)*

### Call to Offering

### Offertory

“Nocturne in Bb minor” Connor Jones, piano Frederic Chopin

### Doxology *(Join in singing.)*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Praise God, and Christ and Holy Ghost.**

### Prayer of Dedication

### Recessional Hymn

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me” Hymn #369

### \*Benediction

### Congregational Response *(Join in singing.)*

**God be with you till we meet again.  
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
With a Shepherd’s care enfold you:  
God be with you till we meet again. Amen.**

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### Postlude

“Ching-a-Ring Chaw” Gavin Jones Aaron Copeland

*Communion is served to the congregation on the first Sunday of every month. On all other Sundays Communion is made available to all who wish to partake following the conclusion of the 9:30 a.m. traditional worship service.*