



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

June 25th

Plymouth Chimes

Prelude

“Prelude & Fugue in C” Nathan Farrell, organ J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

Leader: We are here because we have heard the call of Jesus in our lives.

People: We are here to challenge and support one another to rise up and follow.

Leader: We are here because we want to be God’s people.

People: We want to learn more about what it means to be the people of God.

Leader: We come, seeking to be moved, changed, and made whole by the Spirit of the living God.

All: Let us open our hearts to the movement of the Spirit, and prepare to leave this place as true disciples of Christ. Amen.

Processional Hymn

“I Sing the Mighty Power of God” Hymn #288

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

O God of love and life, we gather this morning for worship and praise. We come to celebrate a new class of Stephen Ministers, to rejoice with them in their commitment, and their willingness to be called into ministry.

As we celebrate the ministry we have received, we confess that we are not always up to the task. The Gospel lesson this morning reminds us of how divided our loyalties can be. You lay before us difficult choices. We pay lip service to Your Word. We parse words. We remain on the fence. We are reluctant to embrace Your Good News wholeheartedly.

Forgive us, O God. Stir up within us a passion to risk our comfort for Your sake. Remind us that when we fall short, Your love for us is never in doubt. We pray this, in Christ’s name. Amen.

Preaching Today
Rev. Dr. Peter A. Luckey

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

Assurance of Grace

Gloria

**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.**

*(At this time, children pre-K thru 5th Grade are invited
to attend Sunday School in the Mayflower Room)*

Commissioning of Our Stephen Ministers

Rev. Dr. Peter A. Luckey, Rev. Greg Hurd and Genna Hurd

Hymn

“Here I Am, Lord” Hymn #525

Hebrew Scriptures

Jeremiah 20:7-13 Pew Bible - OT p. 722

Word Through Music

“God Be In My Head” Chancel Choir John Rutter

Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:24-39 Pew Bible - NT p. 10

Leader: This is the good news of the Gospel.

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

(Scripture read from New Revised Standard Version of the Bible)

Sermon

“Divided Loyalties” Rev. Dr. Peter A. Luckey

Choral Response

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.

Call to Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you,

People: and also with you.

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.

People Singing: “Lord Have Mercy”

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

Response to Prayer

Call to Offering

Offertory

“With a Voice of Singing” Chancel Choir Martin Shaw

Doxology

**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

“How Firm a Foundation” Hymn #361

*Benediction

Congregational Response *(people seated and 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

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit” Richard Elliott

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.