

**Plymouth Congregational Church**  
**June 7, 2026 – 2nd Sunday after Pentecost**

~ We Gather ~

**Prelude**

**Chiming the Trinity**

Pastor Charles

**Moment of Reflection**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Pastor Charles

Good morning! This is the day that God has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it. If you are a guest with us today, thank you so much for being here! If you are joining us online, we see you and we welcome you. Thank you for being with us. As we always say in the United Church of Christ, no matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

- HICA, Thursday, June 18, 3:00 pm, Fireside Room.
- Father's Day, Sunday, June 21. Bring pictures of the Fathers in your lives to share in the Narthex.
- Bible Study: Tuesdays, 9:00 am, Fireside Room.
- Chime Choir: Tuesdays, 1:30 pm, Sanctuary
- Sandwich Ministry, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month
- Liturgist sign-up sheets in the narthex.
- Remember to wear your nametags! If you would like a nametag, please add your name to the list in the narthex.
- Please silence your cell phones.

**Invitation to Worship**    *adapted from Psalm 100*    Patsy Tompkins

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

**All: And, also with you!**

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

**All: We worship God with gladness! We come into God's presence with singing!**

One: God made us, and we belong to God; we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

**All: Enter the gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise! Give thanks to God! Bless God's name!**

One: For God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.

**All: God is faithful to every generation!**

**Gathering Hymn**

*Sing to God*

Sing! 23

*~ We Prepare ~*

**Unison Prayer**

Pastor Charles

Merciful One, you are loving, and generous, and kind. Let your healing hands lift us up out of the shadows, and bless us with your light. As all of the injustice, sadness, and violence in the world threaten to leave us in despair, we look to you for hope. Kindle a flame of courage and joy within us, so that we might be a beacon for those around us, leading people to the Good News of your love to the world. *[We invite*

*you to rest in this brief moment of silence to listen for God's loving message for you this day.]*

Amen.

**Assurance of Grace**

Patsy Tompkins

People of God, hear the good news! God is alive inside of each and every one of you, and inside of each and every person in the world. We are more similar than we are different, and our differences reflect the fullness of God's creation. We are the bearers of God's justice and light. Know that you have been gifted with the boldness, courage, and joy to do the work of bringing God's family together, so that we can all live in harmony with each other and with all of creation. Amen

**Congregational Response** *Deep within Our Hearts*

Sing! 124

**~ We Engage ~**

**Prayer of Illumination**

Patsy Tompkins

Creator of all things, we come to you seeking understanding. Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, our rock and our redeemer. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

**Hebrew Bible Reading**

Ruth 2:1-13

Now Naomi had a kinsman on her husband's side, a prominent rich man of the family of Elimelech whose name was Boaz. And, Ruth the

Moabite said to Naomi, "Let me go to the field and glean among the ears of grain behind someone in whose sight I may find favor."

She said to her, "Go, my daughter."

So, she went. She came and gleaned in the field behind the reapers. As it happened, she came to the part of the field belonging to Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech.

Just then Boaz came from Bethlehem. He said to the reapers, "The Lord be with you."

They answered, "The Lord bless you."

Then Boaz said to his young man who was in charge of the reapers, "To whom does this young woman belong?"

The young man who was in charge of the reapers answered, "She is the young Moabite woman who came back with Naomi from the country of Moab.

She said, 'Please, let me glean and gather among the sheaves behind the reapers.' So she came, and she has been on her feet from early this morning until now without resting even for a moment."

Then, Boaz said to Ruth, "Now listen, my daughter, do not go to glean in another field or leave this one, but keep close to my young women. Keep your eyes on the field that is being reaped and follow behind them. I have ordered the young men not to bother you. If you get thirsty, go to the vessels and drink from what the young men have drawn."

Then, she fell prostrate, with her face to the ground, and said to him, "Why have I found favor in your sight, that you should take notice of me, when I am a foreigner?"

But, Boaz answered her, “All that you have done for your mother-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told me, how you left your father and mother and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before. May God reward you for your deeds, and may you have a full reward from God, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge!”

Then, she said, “May I continue to find favor in your sight, my lord, for you have comforted me and spoken kindly to your servant, even though I am not one of your servants.”

### **Musical Interlude**

#### **Second Hebrew Bible Reading Ruth 2:14-23**

At mealtime, Boaz said to her, “Come here and eat some of this bread and dip your morsel in the sour wine.”

So, she sat beside the reapers, and he heaped up for her some parched grain. She ate until she was satisfied, and she had some left over.

When she got up to glean, Boaz instructed his young men, “Let her glean even among the standing sheaves, and do not reproach her. You must also pull out some handfuls for her from the bundles and leave them for her to glean, and do not rebuke her.”

So, she gleaned in the field until evening. Then, she beat out what she had gleaned, and it was about an ephah of barley. She picked it up and came into the town, and her mother-in-law saw how much she had gleaned. Then, she took out and gave her what was left over after she herself had been satisfied.

Her mother-in-law said to her, “Where did you glean today? And where have you worked? Blessed be the man who took notice of you.”

So, she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked, saying, “The name of the man with whom I worked today is Boaz.”

Then, Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, “Blessed be he by God, whose kindness has not forsaken the living or the dead!” Naomi also said to her, “The man is a relative of ours, one of our nearest kin.”

Then, Ruth the Moabite said, “He even said to me, ‘Stay close by my young men until they have finished all my harvest.’”

Naomi said to Ruth, her daughter-in-law, “It is better, my daughter, that you go out with his young women, otherwise someone might bother you in another field.”

So, she stayed close to the young women of Boaz, gleaning until the end of the barley and wheat harvests, and she lived with her mother-in-law.

## **Reflection**

## **Musical Reflection**

## **Invitation to the Table**

Pastor Charles

No matter who you are, or what you believe, God invites you to this table. Jesus has prepared the meal, and all are welcome.

## **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Pastor Charles

One: God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts

**All: We lift them up to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: We give you thanks, O God, for the beauty of creation, for the blessings and miracles of everyday life, and for the gift of life. You set us in this world to be truth-tellers and peacemakers, living in harmony with all of creation. We give thanks that when we turn from the ways of peace, you call us back with love.

**All: We see the light, we know of love, through you.**

One: Jesus shows us the way to a new world community, one in which the last is first, justice prevails, and resources are shared, so that all people may lead lives of dignity and feel valued. The world rebelled against his message, and he was crucified out of fear. But death cannot defeat life. Jesus breathed the Spirit upon his followers and gave birth to the church, Christ's body in the world.

**All: Living Christ ever present; we welcome you in our lives.**

### **The Communion Prayer**

Pastor Charles

Gracious God, pour out your Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and grapes from the earth. By your Spirit make us one with all who share this feast. Unite us in love, and energize us to work for a world of peace and justice for all.

God of Compassion, Miraculous Healer, Bringer of Justice, we lift up our ailments, our worries, and our concerns to you. Help us to allow your healing light into our lives, and let it be a balm for our sorrows. Help us to find you in the rustle of the leaves, in the sound of water on stone, in the smells of the forest, in mountaintop vistas. Help us to find you in the company of friends, when we embrace our family, in our prayers, and in the stillness of quiet places. You are the source of our true joy. You are the source of all that is good.

Move in us so that we might be transformed to be kinder, more-giving, and more generous. Thank you for always being with us, and for drawing us ever closer together, to be one family, united in love. Help us to take care of each other, and to love each other the way that you love us.

Mother and Father of us all, we ask that you be with all of those for whom no one ever prays, and move in us to care for this beautiful world that is our home, this sacred and precious gift that you have given to us out of your goodness and love. Gracious God, we pray for those who are in recovery, for those who are experiencing war, for those who are hungry or cold. We pray for those who don't have a home to go to at night, for those who feel like they don't have anyone to turn to in their time of need, for those who are living in fear. We pray for those living in dangerous places, and those who are living through a difficult time in their lives. We pray for those who are living with pain or illness, and for those who are living with sorrow or depression. We know that you are the beacon of light that draws us ever forward towards that which is good. Open our eyes to see you, and give us the courage to follow.

*Special Prayers: Sophia Brown, Maxine Ferguson, Art Gilreath, Loraine Hopgood, Doris Powell, Marlyce Taylor, and Giles Walker. All those who are experiencing the horrors of war and natural disasters.*

*Medical Treatment: Michael Blanchard, Greg Bolin, Gus Byrom, Carl Carlson, Brian Coplin, Aaron Farnahm, Mia Goto-Thompson, Karen Senne Hayes, Kathryn Kern, Frank Kromkowski, Kelly Murphy, Suzanne Nybo, Donna Randolph, Alex Weaver, Phyllis Weaver.*

### **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.

### **God's People Receive the Gifts of God**

#### *Bread*

On the night that Jesus was arrested, he was celebrating the Passover with his friends, to remember the time that God freed the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. The Israelites had to leave so quickly that their bread didn't have time to rise, and so the bread

became a symbol of freedom. But, this Passover was different, because Jesus said that he was the bread, because he would free them from sin and from death. And, after he blessed it, he broke it saying, “This is my body, broken for you. Whenever you eat of it, remember me.”

### *Cup*

In the same manner after supper, he took the cup. And, after he poured into it, he blessed it saying, “This cup is the new covenant, sealed in my blood. I am the vine, and you are the branches, cut off from me, you can do nothing. Whenever you drink of it, remember me.”

For as often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the saving life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ until he comes again.

### **Prayer after Communion**

May we carry in our hearts the peace embodied in this bread and cup. Strengthen our love for one another and for all creation and let us be peace in the world. Amen.

***~ We Respond ~***

### **Tithes and Offerings**

*We recognize that there are many ways to give. If you give in ways other than monetarily during the worship service, we invite you to press*

*your thumb into the bowl of the offering plate, so that you may participate in the ritual of offering with the rest of the congregation.*

*Donations can be made at our website, which you can reach with this QR code:*



## **Offertory**

## **Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessing flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below,  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen

## **Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor Charles

Creator God, we humbly offer these gifts to you. We pray that you take them and multiply them, turning them into blessings for those who need them most. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

*~ We Go out in Peace ~*

## **Departing Hymn**

Change My Heart, O God

*Sing! 128*

## **Charge & Benediction**

Pastor Charles

As you leave this place, I pray that you take the love and solace that you find here out into the world. Let God's love be as a guiding light for you, and share it with those outside of this space, so that you can be a beacon of justice, healing, and love for those around you.

And now, may our Creator God instill within you a spirit of creativity. May Jesus the Christ live inside of you, and help you to remember to love and forgive others, as well as yourself. And, may the Holy Spirit always be with you, on this journey that we call life, so that you will never be alone. Go in peace. Amen.

**Congregational Blessing**     *Let There Be Peace on Earth*     screen  
**Postlude**

*“Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God.”*

*~ Corrie ten Boom*