

Plymouth Congregational Church
July 19, 2026 – 8th 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.

- Worship Committee, Wednesday, July 22, 11:00 am, Founders Room.
- Dedication for Mia Goto-Thompson, Sunday, July 26, 9:00 am
- Bible Study: Tuesdays, 9:00 am, Fireside Room.
- Sandwich Ministry, 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month, 9:30 am, Kitchen
- Liturgist sign-up sheets in the narthex.
- If you would like a nametag, please add your name to the list in the narthex.

Invitation to Worship *adapted from Psalm 86:11-17* Kat Curtis

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

All: And, also with you!

One: Teach us your way, O God, that we may walk in your truth;
give us an undivided heart to revere your name.

All: We give thanks to you, O God our God, with all of our hearts, and we will glorify your name forever.

One: For great is your steadfast love; you have delivered our souls from the depths of Sheol.

All: You, O God, are merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

One: Turn to us and be gracious to us; give your strength to your servants.

All: Show us a sign of your favor, because you, God, have helped and comforted us.

Gathering Hymn *All My Hope on God Is Founded* screen

~ *We Prepare* ~

Unison Prayer Pastor Charles

Loving God, in your house there is room for everyone. Help us as we strive for a world where everyone has a home that truly meets their needs. Give us the grace to welcome strangers and refugees. Give us the insight to see where inequality hurts, and fill us with the courage to do our part. *[We invite you to rest in this brief moment of silence to listen for God's loving message for you this day.]*

In the name of Jesus, our savior and redeemer, Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Kat Curtis

People of God, hear the good news! We are never alone when we face the challenges of life, for God is with us. God gives us the strength and the perseverance to go out into our communities to form relationships and help those in need. With God's help, we can make the world a better place and make sure that those who need help can get the help that they need. Never forget that you are God's blessing for the world. Amen.

Congregational Response *How Firm A Foundation (verses 1-4)*

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~ We Engage ~**Prayer of Illumination**

Kat Curtis

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

Reading from the Epistles

1 Timothy 6:6-10

Kat Curtis

Our reading from the epistles continues our exploration of Paul's letter to Timothy. We jump five chapters ahead to First Timothy 6, verses 6 through 10. Here Paul explains to Timothy the difference between wealth here on earth, and riches in heaven. Listen for God's word.

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with

these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

Musical Interlude

2nd Reading from the Epistles 1 Timothy 6:11-19 Pastor Charles

Our reading from the Epistles continues from where our first reading left off with 1 Timothy 6, verses 11-19. Listen for God's Word.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the

future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life. May God bless us with understanding for these readings of our sacred text.

Reflection

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People

Pastor Charles

Holy God of Covenant and Promise, Change and Renewal, in our worship and in our lives, we welcome your transforming presence. We hear your call to live lives of love and mercy. We hear your call to be faithful stewards of our resources. Be our guide as we work to build community, as we work to bring an end to isolation and despair. With your three-in-one nature as our guide, show us how to heal our broken relationships, and how to be in relationship with each other, so that apathy and injustice will be no more. Help us to make sure that everyone is cared for, fed, and sheltered. Let us be a community of respect, friendship, and generosity. Show us the way to right the wrongs of the past, and let the warmth of your light mark the path of the in-breaking of your realm here on Earth, so that we might rejoice in your glory.

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 and nurture this world that is our home, this beautiful gift that you have given to us out of your goodness and love. We ask you to be with those who are experiencing natural disasters, political turmoil, or war. We pray for those who are lonely or scared. We pray for everyone who is experiencing domestic abuse, or hardship of any kind, and we offer special prayers for all of our loved ones in medical treatment or recovery. We ask you to be

with all of us who are in mourning the for loss of our dear friend Roger Foster, and any other loved ones who have gone on to be with you. We pray that they may know peace and light and love in your divine eternal presence.

Special Prayers: Sophia Brown, Chelsey Curtis, Jude Curtis, Maxine Ferguson, Art Gilreath, Lorraine 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, Brian Coplin, Karen Senne Hayes, Lynda Hayes, Frank Kromkowski's daughter Anna, Betty Louise (Kiki), Kelly Murphy, Maureen Nordahl, Suzanne Nybo, Donna Randolph, Phyllis Weaver.

Bereavement: Friends and family of Roger Foster

The Lord's Prayer

Our Creator, 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.

~ 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

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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Charge & Benediction

Pastor Charles

Now, go and be brave. Go out in to the world, and do God's work. Help the poor and the needy. Shelter the unsheltered, and be the face of God for everyone that you meet.

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, including yourself. And, may the Holy Spirit always be with you, as you make your way 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*

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Postlude

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."

~ Corrie ten Boom