

Plymouth Congregational Church
Sunday, November 1, 2026, 10:00 am - All Saints Day

Prelude

Chiming the Trinity

Sunny Ray Mandeville

Moment of Reflection

Welcome and Announcements

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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.

- 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

Al Simons

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

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One: We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God:

All: Who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

One: We trust in God. We are called to be the church:

All: To celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,

One: To proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death,

All: God is with us.

One: We are not alone.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gathering Hymn *For All the Saints (verses 1-3)* NCH 299

Unison Prayer Sunny Ray Mandeville

God of Justice, God of Truth, we ask for your presence to be felt powerfully among us, that we might strive to be better people. Move in us to work for equality, equity, and fairness. Let us look upon those suffering from injustice with merciful and benevolent eyes, and give us the courage and the strength to face it. Help us to remember that all things are possible through you.

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

Assurance of Grace

Al Simons

People of God, hear the good news! God has given us the law and the commandments not to constrain us, but to protect us and to free us from worry. It is only when we know where the danger lies, that we can be free to explore, and there is so much to explore! God has given us wisdom and courage, to live in the world as salt and light, to be an example for others of goodness and love. You are God's great gift to the world. Trust in God's grace, and know that God is with you. Amen.

Congregational Response*In this very Room*

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Prayer of Illumination

Al Simons

Loving God, open our hearts and our minds to hear your voice in the words written in our scriptures, and to find ways to reflect and respond as your children. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hebrew Bible Reading

Job 32:4-9

Al Simons

Our Hebrew Bible reading comes from the Book of Job, chapter 32, verses 4 through 9. This reading comes after a long monologue from Job, proclaiming his own righteousness, after being berated by his friends for not being righteous enough. Listen for God's word.

Now Elihu had waited before speaking to Job because they were older than he. But, when he saw that the three men had nothing more to say, his anger was aroused.

So, Elihu son of Barakel the Buzite said: "I am young in years, and you are old; that is why I was fearful, not daring to tell you what I know. I

thought, 'Age should speak; advanced years should teach wisdom. But, it is the spirit in a person, the breath of the Almighty, that gives them understanding. It is not only the old who are wise, not only the aged who understand what is right."

Musical Interlude

Reading from the Epistles

Rev. Sara Branom

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

Reflection

Rev. Sara Branom

Musical Reflection

Invitation to the Table

Rev. Sara Branom

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!
They will come from east and west,
and from north and south,
and sit at table in the kingdom of God.
According to Luke,
when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples,
he took the bread, and blessed and broke it,

and gave it to them.
Then their eyes were opened
and they recognized him.

This is the Lord's table.
Our Saviour invites those who trust him
to share the feast which he has prepared.
Hear the words of the institution
of the Holy Supper of our Lord Jesus Christ:
The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread,
and after giving thanks to God,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat.
This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying:
This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this in remembrance of me.
Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup,
you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord,
until he comes.
With thanksgiving,
let us offer God our grateful praise.

You formed the universe in your wisdom
and created all things by your power.
You set us in families on the earth
to live with you in faith.
We praise you for good gifts of bread and wine,
and for the table you spread in the world
as a sign of your love for all people in Christ
and broke bread with outcasts and sinners.
Amen

The Communion Prayer

Sunny Ray Mandeville

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.

Mother-Father God, we thank you for making and holding this space and time for us. We thank you for this bread and this cup, through which your grace is revealed. And, we ask you to walk with us as we continue our spiritual journeys as we move on from this place.

We thank you for the special relationships in our lives, for our family and friends, colleagues and neighbors, who are all so precious to us. And, we ask for your loving care for everyone around us in need of physical, emotional, and spiritual healing.

We thank you for the love you have shown us all of our lives, for giving us strength, and courage, and joy. And, we ask for protection, comfort, and peace for all of those in the war-torn and storm-ravaged places in the world.

We thank you, God, for the beauty that surrounds us, the mountains, and the streams, the grand miracle of creation, for all of your blessings, which are too numerous to count. And, we ask for the strength and the courage to mend our ways and right the wrongs we have inflicted upon our forests, oceans, and sky.

As the storms of difficulty and conflict swirl around us, we ask you to be the boat that keeps us above the water. We ask for your calm and gentle hand to sooth our aches and pains, the hurt feelings and the discord. We ask for your grand and comforting presence to be like a blanket wrapped around us, keeping us warm and secure.

Special Prayers: Carol Carlson, Chelsey & 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: John Breisnes, Jean Goetz, Karen Senne Hayes, Marcia Lauer, Cameron Jo Lindsay, Betty Louise, Maureen Nordahl, Suzanne Nybo, Phyllis Weaver.

Bereavement: Family and friends of Carl Carlson & Lynda Hayes.

The Lord's Prayer

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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.

Breaking of the Bread

Rev. Sara Branom

God's People receive the Gifts of God

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God,
you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
You have fed us with the bread of life
and renewed us for your service.
Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup,
to be his faithful disciples
so that our daily living
may be part of the life of your kingdom,
and our love be your love
reaching out into the life of the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Tithes & Offerings

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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

Prayer of Dedication

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Creator God, we humbly offer these gifts to you. We pray that you take them and multiply them, sending them out into the world wherever your love, justice and peace are needed. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Departing Hymn

Forward Through the Ages

NCH 377

tune: Onward, Christian Soldiers

Invitation to Fellowship

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We are coming to the end of our service, and we will be gathering across the hall for fellowship and refreshments, afterwards. We invite you to find someone that you might not know as well and ask them:

~ Have you ever been accused of doing something that you didn't do?

Charge & Benediction

Rev. Sara Branom

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