



Deep Roots—Strong Spirit—Bright Future

September 8, 2019

Rally Sunday

11 a.m.

Children of all ages are welcome in worship.
Nursery care is provided for ages 0 to 3 in the Education wing, if desired.
See an usher for directions.

Large-print bulletins and hearing devices are available from the ushers.

PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART

Edward H. Plumptre, 1821–1891, alt.

MARION S.M. *with Refrain*
Arthur H. Messiter, 1834–1916

1. Re - joice, ye pure in heart; Re - joice, give thanks and sing;
2. Bright youth and snow-crowned age, Strong souls and spir - its meek,
3. With voice as full and strong As o - cean's surg - ing praise,
4. With all the an - gel choirs, With all the saints on earth,

Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King!
Raise high your free, ex - ult - ing song, God's won - drous prais - es speak.
Send forth the hymns for - ev - er loved, The psalms of an - cient days.
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, True rap - ture, no - blest mirth.

Re - joice, re - joice, Re - joice, give thanks and sing. A-men.
Re - joice, re - joice,

5. Yes, on through life's long path,
Still chanting as we go,
From youth to age, by night and day,
In gladness and in woe.

6. Praise God who reigns on high,
The One whom we adore,
Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost,
One God for evermore!

ANTHEM**I WAS GLAD***C. Hubert H. Parry
(1902)*

I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is at
unity with itself.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy
walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces.

*—Psalm 122:1–3, 6–7***READING****GENEROUS LISTENING***by Marilyn Nelson*

A conversation can be a contest,
or a game of catch with invisible balloons.
They bounce between us, growing and shrinking,
sometimes floating like cloud medicine balls,
and sometimes bowling at us like round anvils.
You toss a phrase and understanding blooms
like an anemone of colored lights.
My mind fireworks with unasked questions.
Who is this miracle speaking to me?
And who is this miracle listening?
What amazingness are we creating?
Out of gray matter a star spark of thought
leaps between synapses into the air,
and pours through gray matter, into my heart:
how can I not listen generously?

❖ **HYMN #241****SPIRIT DIVINE, ATTEND OUR PRAYERS***“Nun danket all”*❖ **VERSICLES***Minister:* Let us prepare our hearts for prayer.*Paraphrase of Psalm 62:1**Music by Philip Brunelle, 2013*

All:

In si-lence my soul is wait-ing, is wait-ing for God a-lone. In
si-lence my soul is wait-ing. Se-cure, I shall not be moved.

Minister: God be with you.

***Congregation:* And with your spirit.**

Minister: Let us pray.

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Sunday morning, here we are
palms open, heart ready
all a part of god's body

Recognition is as simple
as the lighting
of a candle

of your love
of your presence
that we need.

When we take a closer look
we see ring after ring
of love, circling,

RECOGNITION

all a voice in the choir
in the exultation
of our song.

one small flame
and its soft glow
all the proof

Solid as wood
is your love's timber
When we take the time

reminding us of our history
through the stories and the ages
through the glory and the pain

you and love are always with us,
you and joy,
one and the same.

—*Julia Klatt Singer*

*Timothy Takach
(2015)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

❖ **DOXOLOGY #464**

**Praise to God, immortal praise, for the love that crowns our days!
Bounteous source of every joy, let thy praise our tongues employ;
Singing thus through all our days: Praise to God, immortal praise! Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 8:4–15

SERMON

HAVE YOU HEARD THIS ONE?

Paula Northwood

❖ **RECESSIONAL HYMN #383 FORWARD THROUGH THE AGES**

“St. Gertrude”

❖ **BENEDICTION AND CHORAL AMEN**

As Philip Brunelle plays the postlude, you are welcome to stay in the Sanctuary to listen, as many do. If you would prefer to move into Guild Hall to enjoy fellowship at this time, you are welcome to do so.

POSTLUDE

GRAND RESPONSIVE CHORUS

*Eugène Gigout
(1881)*



CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in grateful thanks to the Plymouth Choir by Carolyn and Philip Brunelle, as they begin their 51st year at Plymouth Church.

GUILD HALL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Jerry Foss by his life partner Howard Dixon.

OUR NEW HEARING LOOP SYSTEM is activated for the pew area. While sitting in the pew chairs, please use the hand-held listening devices.

COVER IMAGE of *The Sower* by Vincent Van Gogh is from the collection of the Kröller-Müller Museum, Netherlands; accessed online.

PARENTS AND FAMILIES OF OUR CHILDREN: Thank you for bringing your children to church. If you need a place to go with a restless or hungry child, the Parsons Room (next to the library) is available. You and your children can hear the service from there.

IF YOU HAVE A HOPE, A SUGGESTION OR A CONCERN ABOUT PLYMOUTH, please contact the Deacons via their email address, deacons@plymouth.org.

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CHURCH REGISTER *as of September 4, 2019*

RECENT BIRTH

Thrasher Sophia Maida (7/19/2019), child of Djelel Maida and Monica Keo; grandchild of Aimee Maida; great-grandchild of Lois Larson

CONVALESCING

Colleen Breen, *at home*

Beth Hoffman Faeth, *at home*

RECENT MEMORIAL SERVICE

Polly Penney (8/31/2019), *mother of* Brant Kingman (d. 6/21/19)

HOME AND HOSPITAL VISITS: Plymouth's ministers call upon members of the church in their homes, in hospitals or care and rehabilitation centers. If you know of someone who would like a visit from a minister, please contact Rev. Julie Neraas (612/871-7400), who is overseeing pastoral care while Beth Hoffman Faeth is convalescing.

THE PLYMOUTH COVENANT

We covenant with you, O God, and one with another, and do bind ourselves in your presence to walk together in all your ways, according as you are pleased to reveal yourself to us in your blessed word of truth.

—*based on the Salem Covenant of 1629*



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