

• *We will be worshipping in-person on the lawn at the church & we will also be live-streaming the service* •

– *Instructions for accessing our Live Streaming worship service* –

The prelude music begins at about 9:50am and the service begins at about 10am on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. Go to Plymouth's web-site ([www.plymouthmontanaucc.org](http://www.plymouthmontanaucc.org)) and click on the "Live Streaming" box at the top of the main page. That will take you to our YouTube channel. Look for a "Live" feed. If you find it, click on it. If you get there early, you may need to refresh your page until the "Live" feed appears.

## ***Plymouth Congregational Church***

### ***United Church of Christ***

*Welcome! We are glad you have chosen to worship with us this morning.  
No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!*

*We pray that the Spirit will move through your heart.*

September 13, 2020 • 10 a.m.

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*~ We Gather to Praise God ~*

Prelude & Opening to the Presence of God

Charlotte Dike

Words of Welcome

Invitation to Worship (unison)

David Blade

The God of New Beginnings has called us to life.

We gather in this time of worship to celebrate the gift of new life which God offers.

May God's joy ring through the world. May God's light illumine every moment.

We will be shouters of joy and seekers of light wherever we go.

The God of New Beginnings has called us to life.

Gathering Hymn

*"Enter, Rejoice, and Come In"*

*Enter, rejoice, and come in. Enter rejoice, and come in.*

*(refrain) Today will be a joyful day. Enter, rejoice, and come in.*

*Open yourself to the song. Open yourself to the song. (refrain)*

*Open your hearts everyone. Open your hearts everyone. (refrain)*

*Don't be afraid of some change. Don't be afraid of some change. (refrain)*

*Enter, rejoice, and come in. Enter rejoice, and come in. (refrain)*

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Prayer of Approach & Acknowledgment of Need (unison)

O God, you surround us in your loving embrace, and you invite us to open ourselves to the fullness of your presence. Fill us – enliven us – inspire us – empower us, so that we might become beacons of your love and grace in the world. Amen.

Silence for Reflection

Congregational Response

*Enter our lives. Enter our lives. O Spirit of pow'r and love.*

*May we proclaim you holy way. O Spirit, enter our lives.*

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*~ We Listen to Hear God's Word ~*

Special Music

*"Beautiful Love"*  
Charlotte Dike

Wayne King, Victor Young & Egbert Van Alstyne

Witness of the Scripture

*“John 17: 6-11”*

I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy One, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

Pastoral Reflection

*“Bearing Witness to the Resurrection”*

Roger Lynn

Response Hymn

*“Pass It On”*

*It only takes a spark to get a fire going,  
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing;  
That’s how it is with God’s Love. Once you’ve experienced it,  
you spread God’s love to everyone. You want to pass it on.*

*What a wondrous time is spring, when all the tress are budding.  
The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;  
That’s how it is with God’s love, once you’ve experienced it,  
You want to sing, it’s fresh like spring. You want to pass it on.*

*I wish for you my friend this happiness that I’ve found.  
You can depend on God. It matters not where you’re bound.  
I’ll shout it from the mountain top. I want the world to know,  
The Lord of love has come to me. I want to pass it on.*

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Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer (in the spirit of diversity use the words most familiar to you)

*~ We Act to Show God’s Love ~*

A Time of Offering

An Invitation to Share Our Gifts

God’s Grateful People Respond through Giving

Having received the abundant gifts of God’s grace, we are invited to respond by sharing our time, our talents, and our treasures. You are invited to spend a few moments reflecting on the ways you have been blessed, and the ways in which you can share those blessings with the world around you. And please consider mailing a check to the church (400 S. Oakes St., Helena, MT 59601). You can also make a donation using our secure PayPal site. Go to our web-site ([www.plymouthmontanaucc.org](http://www.plymouthmontanaucc.org)) and click on the “Donate” button.

A Doxology

*Praise God whose Light fills all the earth, Whose Love we see in each new birth,  
Whose Spirit forms one family, Whose Presence leads to harmony. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

O God of Abundant Life, all of life is a gift from you. Help us to hold it lightly and share it freely, so that all may know they are loved and cared for. Amen.

## Departing Hymn

### *“Go, My Children, with My Blessing”*

*Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you. You are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go my children, with my blessing, you are my own.*

*Go, my children, fed & nourished, closer to me. Grow in love & love by serving, joyful & free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you. Here with tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed & nourished, joyful & free.*

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## Blessing for Sending Forth

*May the flame of God's presence go with us into the world to serve.*

## Congregational Blessing

### *“Go Out Now in Peace”*

*Go out now in peace, with Spirit anew, for surely God's grace is living in you.  
Reach out with God's love through joy or pain; the Shepherd will keep you till we see you again.*

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Postlude (everyone is invited to sit and enjoy, or to depart, as you choose)



*Under normal circumstances, when we are worshipping in the sanctuary, you would be invited to adjourn to the Fireside Room for refreshments and a time of fellowship where you could share in conversation and connection with each other. These are not normal circumstances, and we are not worshipping in the sanctuary, but we are still in need of conversation and connection. So, you are invited to reach out and make contact with someone. Make a phone call. Text a friend. Hug someone in the house with you. If you need a Church Directory please call the church office (442-9883) and request one. Allison will be delighted to send one to you. Be well. Stay safe. Keep reaching out.*

From now until such time as we are able to return to worshipping together in our sanctuary, all of the information and resources related to our on-line worship services (including links and the bulletin) can be found on the front page of Plymouth's web-site ([www.plymouthmontanaucc.org](http://www.plymouthmontanaucc.org)).