

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

The worship service begins at about 10am on Sunday, November 22nd. Go to Plymouth's web-site (www.plymouthmontanaucc.org) and click on the "Plymouth Worship on YouTube" button at the top of the main page. That will take you to our YouTube channel.

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.
November 22, 2020 • Thanksgiving Sunday • 10 a.m.

~ *We Gather to Praise God* ~

Prelude & Opening to the Presence of God

Charlotte Dike

Words of Welcome

Invitation to Worship (unison)

David Blade

Break forth into exclamations of joy and gladness, you who love God!
God is not dead! God is ever our God! We belong to God. We are God's sons and daughters.
God's love for us never runs out. God's care and concern for us will go on forever.
Let the world see our manifestations of joy! Let us lift up our voices in songs of praise.
Let us surrender our lives as perpetual offerings of thanksgiving! Let us bless God's name forever.
(adapted from a meditation on Psalm 100 by Leslie Brandt)

Gathering Hymn

"We Gather Together"

*We gather together to ask for God's blessing, to live in community, seeking God's will.
We come now, as sisters and brothers, confessing the fears that divide and the wrong in us still.
Beside us, forgiving, enabling, sustaining, you call us, O God, to a life that is new.
You draw us away from self-centered complaining. You lead us and guide us in ways that are true.
All praise to the Spirit, provider, defender. You offer us freedom to follow or stray.
Empowering all by the hope you engender. Grant wisdom and courage to follow your way.*
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A Litany of Thanks (unison)

You are invited to name someone or something for which you are thankful. If you have access to the chat feature (to the right of the YouTube video window), you can type your thankfulness there. After we have had a chance to share, we will respond together by saying:
For all these gift, we give you thanks, O God!

Silence for Reflection

Congregational Response

*Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God.
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~ *We Listen to Hear God's Word* ~

Special Music

"Adante Spianato"
Charlotte Dike

Frederic Chopin

Witness of the Scripture

“Philippians 4: 4-9”

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Pastoral Reflection

“Thankful in Everything?”

Roger Lynn

Response Hymn

“Now Thank We All Our God”

*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices,
Who, from our parents' arms, has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.*

*All praise and thanks to God our Maker now be given,
to Christ, and Spirit, too, our help in highest heaven.
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.*

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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) and click on the "Donate" button.

A Doxology

*Praise God for this abundant life; for love and grace that heals all strife;
for guidance on this path we trod; for all these gifts we thank our God. Amen.*

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

O God of extravagant grace, you pour your blessings into our lives and into our world in every moment. Help us to notice, and help us to respond with grateful hearts and open hands. May the gifts which we share bring healing, wholeness, and joy to our neighbors near and far. Amen.

Departing Hymn

“Let All Things Now Living”

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving; to God our Creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God’s banners are o’er us, pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished, as forward we travel from light into light.*

*By law God enforces the stars in their courses, the sun in its orbit obediently shine.
The hills & the mountains, the rivers & fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing, with glad adoration, a song let us raise.
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving, to God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!*

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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).