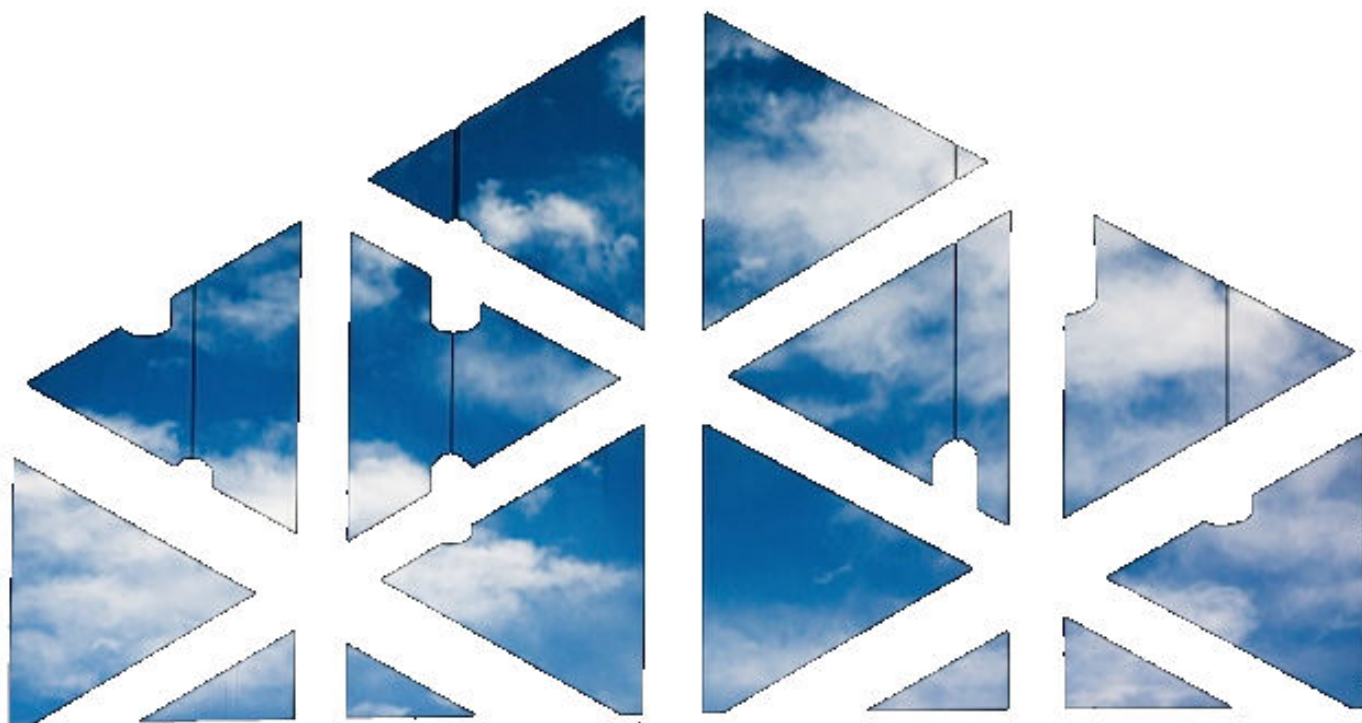


Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ
Sixth Sunday After Epiphany

February 12, 2017

9:30 a.m.

A Just Peace Church
An Open and Affirming Congregation
A God is Still Speaking Congregation



Our faith is 2000 years old; our thinking isn't.

Welcome to Worship!

- We are an Open & Affirming congregation where all people are valued and accepted regardless of sexual identity or orientation.
- We are a Just Peace church that affirms that peace is possible in human history and prays ceaselessly that peace may prevail.
- We celebrate our Christian heritage and seek to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ.

A Special Word to our Visitors

- Please fill out the fellowship pads the ushers will hand out at the beginning of the service. We would love to get to know you better and keep you up-to-date on all the programs, events and activities offered throughout the year.
- Families with infants and children are especially welcome to our service. Childcare is available during the worship service in the nursery. Please speak with an usher if you need assistance to find our nursery.
- Children's bulletins, activity bags (to be returned after worship) and toys are available in the Narthex. All children are invited to participate in Sunday School after the Children's Message.
- Our service can be heard in the parlor, library and nursery.
- Our sanctuary is equipped with the Telecoil Loop System for the hard of hearing. For assistance on how to connect to the Telecoil, please speak to one of our ushers.
- Our building is fully accessible to all people. A small parking lot on the south side of the church is available only to persons with limited mobility or physical disability. The entrance to the parking lot is located immediately behind the Post Office, off Highland Street. An elevator connects all three levels.
- Join us for coffee, tea, cookies and more in the fellowship hall immediately after the service.

Help us to protect the environment by dropping your bulletin in one of the recycling baskets at the two main entrances to the sanctuary.

Large print bulletins are also available.

Transcripts of our Sunday Sermons and videos of the worship services are available on our website, www.uccplymouth.org

Our worship service is live-streamed on our Facebook page every Sunday.

GATHERING

Prelude

"Von Himmel Hoch"

Johann Bernard Bach

*The beginning of the prelude is an invitation to silent,
personal preparation for the worship of God.*

Welcome and Life of the Church

Rev. Paulo Gustavo França

Centering Song

"Be Still"

Laura Belanger

*Call to Worship

**Indicates congregation standing*

One: Leaving behind all else to which we cling, let us gather to worship God with all our strength and with all our heart.

All: We gladly come together and take this time to offer our whole selves to the Living God.

*Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

Blk#4

Prayer of the Day

One: I invite you to make this moment holy by reverently joining all of our voices together in prayer, saying:

All: God who called us to this hour, we bring you our heartfelt prayers of praise and supplication. Fill us with your Spirit of love until we let go of the unrealistic notion that we can live separate from one another. Give us words of peace to say to our neighbors. Bless us with minds that will never tire of imagining a more just world for all humanity. Grant us the energy to practice a religion of compassion and solidarity. Where we are spiritually fatigued, restore in us the joy of your salvation. Where we have turned hard-hearted, renew our faith in human love. Where we have grown skeptical of your calling to do what is right, reassure us that you love justice and rejoice in righteousness. God in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.

Silence for Personal Reflection

God's Promise of New Life


One: The Word of God opens our hearts to all that is good, all that is pure, all that is lovely, all that is honorable, all that is just, all that is admirable and all that is life-giving. Friends, let us proclaim the Good News!

All: In Jesus Christ, the Word of God made flesh, God changes us from the inside out. We learn to live with our hearts open to love humanity. Thanks be to God!

Prayer Response

"Glory to God"

Dm Gm C F (chords continue)



Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

*Sign of Peace

One: May we have the courage to believe that peace is stronger than any barriers we may raise to divide people and religions. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us greet one another with the sign of peace.

Children's Message

HEARING THE WORD

Scripture Lessons

One: Listen for the Word of God

New Testament Lesson

Gospel lesson

1 Corinthians 3:1-3

Matthew 5:21-37

One: May God bless our reading, hearing, and doing of God's holy word.

All: Amen

Sermon "Yo Vengo a Ofrecer Mi Corazón" Rev. Paulo Gustavo França

***Hymn** "Lord, I want to be a Christian" Blk#454

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**All: Our Father, 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.**

Offertory

Gift of Music "Do Not Let Your Heart Be Troubled" Lloyd Larson

***Doxology** **Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above you heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**All: Strengthen our wills, O God, and soften our hearts that we may
share these gifts we bring with a true passion for all life. In Christ,
we pray. Amen.**

SENDING

*Hymn

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

Blk#498

*Benediction

Postlude

"Fugue in C minor"

Johann Christian Bach

The Postlude ends our gathered worship and sends us into the world where our true service begins.

The Flowers Today are given in loving memory of Jane and Richard Allen, parents of Ruth Mosher.

Keeping in Prayer

Eric Evelo

Ron Brace

Shawna Cote

Tim Rosewarne

Eddie Tseng

Paula Heggerick

Corey Boniface

Eric Smith

Eileen Greenwood

Joan Friel

J. D. Wilkins

Ann C.

Lynn Anderson

Andy and Lindley, our Global Ministries mission workers in Sri Lanka.

If you have any prayer requests, please fill out a prayer card located in the pew rack and drop it in the offering plate.

Save these dates

Feb 12 - Music Committee meeting, 10:45 am, parlor.

Feb 12 - ONA Planning Task Force meeting, 11:00 am, library.

Feb 12 - Sunday Niteers, 5:00 pm, Philip and Susan Wei's home

Feb 13 - Book Group meeting, 10:00 am, parlor.

Feb 14 - Worship Team Meeting, 1:30 pm

Feb 15 - Staff meeting, 10:30 am

Feb. 22- Church Council, 7:00 pm

Feb 25 - NHCucc Prepared to Serve, Pembroke Academy

Announcements

Prepared to Serve sponsored by the NH Conference, UCC will be on February 25, 9:00 am - 3:30 pm at the Pembroke Academy. 80 workshops available. For more info and to register go to www.nhcucc.org. Reduced fee registration due by Feb. 15.

TWO SUNDAY NITERS you will not want to miss. The February 12th will be hosted by Susan and Philip Wei. The evening will feature our pastor sharing with us plans for our church's 25th ONA Anniversary, to be celebrated in early May. The February 28th will be hosted by Arline Bownes. The theme is CUBA. Hanna Starck will recount her recent visit to Cuba with Road Scholar, and Carole and Rob will share their experiences touring Cuba with New Hampshire Friendship Chorus last summer. Philip Wei will report on PCUCC's 2018 Cuba Study Seminar.

Plan to arrive at 5pm with a dish to share at a sumptuous potluck. **ALL are welcome**
Directions to Weis, 24 River St., 968-7516: Leave I93 at Exit 24 (Ashland exit). Continue on Main Street (US 3 and US 25). Take left at fork (having passed the Common Man and Shurfine Grocery Store). On your right is Squam River. Take right at the next fork (having passed Dairy Joy ice cream stand). Turn into the third driveway (across from a hydroelectric dam). Might RSVP 968-7516.

Sunday School All children are invited to join us for Sunday School! We'll be studying Psalm 23 and learning why the image of the shepherd tending a flock is a perfect way to think about the way God shows his care for us.

And don't forget to mark your calendar for our annual Easter Egg Hunt, scheduled for Easter Sunday morning. How many eggs do you think you can find?

Adult volunteers are always needed to help with our children's programs. If you would like to work with the kids at PCUCC, please contact Cindy Bjerklie at faithformation@uccplymouth.org.

Anniversary of Our Historic Vote to become ONA

"In Praise of Diversity" an Art Exhibit – Saturday, April 29th at 4:00 PM

Opening worship service – Friday, May 5th at 6:30 PM

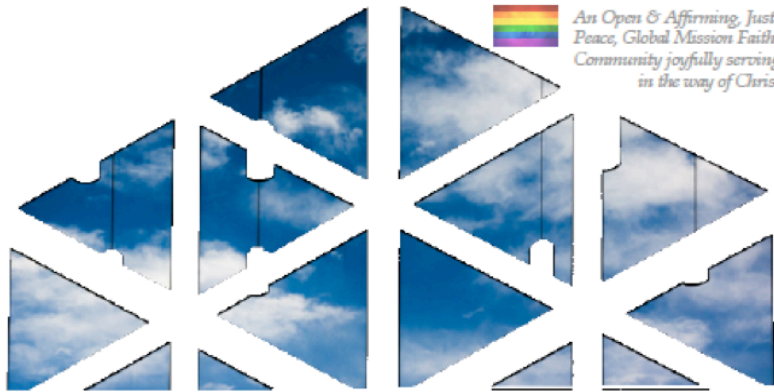
Guest preacher, Andy Lang

ONA Mission gathering – Saturday, May 6th 8:45 AM to 2:45 PM

Keynote speaker, Alex Myer

Worship Celebration – Sunday, May 7th at 9:30 AM

Volunteers needed on May 5th and 6th to welcome our guests; direct people to different meeting spaces in the church; serve lunch on Saturday; help to setup and cleanup. If you are available, please, email the church office.



The Coffee House at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ, presents:

V-Day Plymouth



We are proud to partner with Voices Against Violence to present a must-see performance of Eve Ensler's award winning play *The Vagina Monologues*. **Your donation of \$10** will support Voices Against Violence's and our church's commitment to stand up for girls and women survivors of violence.

Friday, February 24th at 5:30 P.M.

The Reverend Paulo G. França, Minister
Richard Cowing, Church Office Administrator
Cindy Bjerklie, Director of Christian Education
Claire McIver, Director of Music
Laura Belanger, Organist
Larry Spencer, Treasurer
Celia Woolverton, Grace Counseling

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Paulette Brace, liturgist

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