

THE PLYMOUTH UCC SATURDAY NIGHT WORSHIP PHILOSOPHY

The Plymouth Saturday Night Worship Service is designed to reflect how early Christians would worship: in their homes, with food and drink, surrounded by friends and family. That's why we worship around tables, in a comfortable setting, with food and drink and room to move. So...

Feel free to move.

Walk around if you need to. Dance, even. It's OK.

Write, draw or doodle.

There are markers and crayons and paper on your tables.

Eat and drink (part 1).

Coffee and water are available. Food is available, too, if people brought some to share. If you remember, bring some food next time to share with others. That's a part of what we do and who we are here on Saturday nights.

Eat and drink (part 2).

No matter who you are or where you've been, all are welcome to share in the sacrament of Holy Communion here.

Make yourself at home.

SATURDAY WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Ministers

Angie Witmer, Matt Mardis-LeCroy,
Jeanette Brodersen, Stephanie Haskins

Band Members

Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy (Band Director) guitar, banjo, & vocals
Julie Noland, vocals
Zach Rohlwing, bass
Seth Hedquist, guitar
Dwight Deason, mandolin and guitar
Angie Witmer, keyboard
Joel Gettys, percussion

Plymouth Program Staff

David Ruhe	Senior Minister
Jeanette Brodersen	Associate Minister
Cindy Eaton Eklund	Director of Communications
Faith Ferré	Minister of Discipleship
Barbara Godwin	Director of Child and Family Ministries
Carl Gravander, Jr.	Organist
Stephanie Haskins	Associate Minister
Jennifer Hines	Director of Administration
Matt Mardis-LeCroy	Minister of Spiritual Growth
Sharon Parker-Lenihan	Director of Adult Music & Fine Arts
Frank Thomas	Pastoral Residency Coordinator
Susan Waller	Director of Youth and Children's Music
Angie Witmer	Minister to Young Adults & Youth

Gathering Music

The Saturday Night Band

Welcome and Announcements

Angie Witmer

Opening Song

"Generation to Generation" (Miller)

Refrain

One gen-er - a - tion to the next gen-er - a - tion
Let us pass the Word a long,
Mo-thers and Fa - thers teach-ing their child - ren
let our faith grow bold and strong.

Verses

Come and hear, faith so dear
Love a - bide, ne-ver hide,
In the child, a heart so mild, a
sto - ries I've been told.
You must be the one.
pro-mise for the day,
Things we've heard, a might - y word,
Come and show, so they might know, the
They will tell, their own as well, that
hid - den from of old.
things that God has done.
hope might guide their way.

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A Time for Prayer

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Singing Our Prayers *“Live in Charity”* (Taizé)

Live in gratitude,
And steadfast love.
Live in gratitude;
God will dwell with you.

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Silent Prayer and Pastoral Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer *(all together)*

**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.**

Sung Response *“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”* (Hatch, Jackson)

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew
That I may love what thou dost love,
And do what thou wouldst do.**

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Sharing Our Gifts

Offering Song *“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”* (Pollard)

**Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.**

**Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine own way!
Wounded and weary, help me I pray!
Power, all power, surely is thine!
Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!**

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Prayer of Dedication *(all together)*

**Loving God, we gratefully offer you our gifts.
May they further your work in the world.
Now open our hearts to hear what your Spirit is saying.
Meet us here, and make us new.
Through Christ we pray. Amen.**

Scripture

Philemon 1:1-22

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, ²to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God ⁵because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. ⁶I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. ⁷I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. ⁸For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, ⁹yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. ¹⁰I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. ¹¹Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. ¹²I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. ¹³I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. ¹⁵Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. ²²One thing more—prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping through your prayers to be restored to you.

Sermon

Jeanette Brodersen

Service of Holy Communion

*Everyone is welcome and invited to share the meal.
Please come forward when invited to take a piece of bread,
dip it in the cup and receive a blessing.*

Closing Song

“Go Down, Moses” (Spiritual)

**When Israel was in Egypt’s land,
Let my people go!
Oppressed so hard they could not stand,
Let my people go!**

Refrain:

***Go down, Moses, way down in Egypt’s land
Tell ol’ Pharaoh, Let my people go!***

**“Thus saith the Lord,” bold Moses said:
Let my people go!
“I’ll bring these plagues right o’er your head!”
Let my people go!**

Refrain

**“No more shall they in bondage toil,”
Let my people go!
“Let them come out with Egypt’s spoil,”
Let my people go!**

Refrain

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Blessing

Parting Song

“Day By Day” (Schwartz)

**Day by day, day by day,
O, dear Lord, three things I pray:
To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
follow thee more nearly, day by day.**