

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 1a).

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 Night.

Eat and drink (part 1b):

If you would be so kind, please take a moment to return your coffee mugs to the cart after worship. Thanks!

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.

Plymouth Program Staff

David Ruhe	Senior Minister
Cindy Eaton-Eklund	Director of Communications
Barbara Godwin	Director of Child and Family Ministries
Carl Gravander, Jr.	Organist
Jennifer Hines	Director of Administration
Anthony Livolsi	Associate Minister
Matt Mardis-LeCroy	Executive Associate Minister
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Sharon Parker-Lenihan	Director of Music & Fine Arts
Frank Thomas	Pastoral Residency Coordinator
Susan Waller	Director of Youth and Children's Music
Angie Witmer	Minister of Small Groups

Saturday Band Members

Mary Beth Mardis-LeCroy (Band Director) guitar, banjo, & vocals
Kurt Bowermaster, drums
Dwight Deason, mandolin and guitar
Joel Gettys, bass
Seth Hedquist, guitar
Julie Noland, vocals
David Ruhe, banjo, guitar, vocals
Angie Witmer, keyboard

Gathering Music The Saturday Night Band

Welcome and Announcements Matt Mardis-LeCroy

Opening Song "Woke Up This Morning" (Spiritual)

Woke up this mornin' with my mind stayed on Jesus!
Woke up this mornin' with my mind stayed on Jesus!
Woke up this mornin' with my mind stayed on Jesus!
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah!

Can't hate your sister when your mind is stayed on Jesus!
Can't hate your brother when your mind is stayed on Jesus!
Can't hate nobody when your mind is stayed on Jesus!
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah!

Singin' and prayin' with my mind stayed on Jesus!
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Singin' and prayin' with my mind stayed on Jesus!
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah!

Lovin' and servin' with my mind stayed on Jesus!
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Lovin' and servin' with my mind stayed on Jesus!
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah!

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Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Singing Our Prayers “Just a Closer Walk with Thee” (Traditional)

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

Through the world of toil and snares,
If I fall, dear Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

When my troubled life is over,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely over
To Thy shore, dear Lord, to Thy shore.

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

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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 “Great Is Your Faithfulness”(refrain)

Refrain:

Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed your hand hath provided;
Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!

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Sharing Our Gifts

Offering Song “I Want Jesus to Walk With Me” (Spiritual)

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and consists of six staves. The lyrics are: I want Je - sus to walk with me, In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me, When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me. I want Je - sus to walk with me, In my tri - als, Lord walk with me, When I'm in trouble, Lord, walk with me. All a long my pil - grim jour - ney, When the shades of life are fall - ing, When my heart is al - most break - ing, Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

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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

Mark 1:29-39

²⁹ As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹ He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. ³² That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered around the door. ³⁴ And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. ³⁵ In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and his companions hunted for him. ³⁷ When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you."

³⁸ He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." ³⁹ And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Sermon

Anthony Livolsi

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

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”
(Scriven; Converse)

What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield you;
You will find a solace there

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Blessing

Blessing 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.

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