

# BELOVED

Fall Worship Series - Sunday, September 19, 2021



Plymouth  
CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH



# Liturgy for the Celebration of Worship

September 19, 2021 - Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome to all our members, friends, and visitors to worship this morning!

When you see an \* and if you may do so comfortably, please stand.

## Greetings

### Prelude

Jimmy Bloomquist, trombone

“How Firm a Foundation”

arr. Molly Ijams

### \*Call to Worship *(Join in reading)*

Leader: In the beginning was love, a breath moving over still waters.

**People: Love lives and grows here.**

Leader: A light shined in the darkness and it shines for all ages.

**People: Light and hope shine through us now.**

Leader: God calls us “Beloved” and provides a way in the night.

**People: Beloved, let us find that way together.**

Leader: God promises never to leave us, not now and not ever.

**People: Love and light will guide us home.**

**All: Come, let us worship God!**

### \*Hymn

“How Firm a Foundation”

*Refrain*

The musical score is written for a hymn in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff begins with a 'Refrain' marking and contains the melody. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics 'O come un-to the Lord, O come back to the Lord;' are written below the first staff. To the right of the lyrics are three numbered options: 1. No, 2. Our, and 3. No. The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff continues the melody, and the bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics 'mat - ter how heav - y And how great your sins may be, There are no' are written below the first staff. The next line of lyrics is 'Sav - ior is wait - ing Your re - turn both night and day: Je - sus'. The final line of lyrics is 'mat - ter how bur - dened And how beat - en you may be, The'. The score ends with a double bar line.

O come un-to the Lord, O come back to the Lord; 1. No  
2. Our  
3. No

mat - ter how heav - y And how great your sins may be, There are no  
Sav - ior is wait - ing Your re - turn both night and day: Je - sus  
mat - ter how bur - dened And how beat - en you may be, The

sins that Christ our Sav - ior Can - not bear, can - not ac - cept. The great  
 anx - ious - ly a - waits you, With doors kept o - pen wide, As  
 Lord will com - fort you great - ly, With hands that touch and heal. Come

depth of Je - sus' lov - ing heart Is far deep - er than the seas.  
 One who waits through - out the night For a lost child to come back home.  
 un - to Christ, who loves you so. Please come home, please come back home.

### **\*Prayer of Invocation** (*Join in reading*)

**God of Love, we long to know the comfort of your companionship.  
 We would love you with our whole hearts, if we could.  
 We ask you to reveal more of yourself to us.  
 Move with us beyond the confines of familiar habits.  
 Set us free us from the limitations of our language,  
 and expand our understanding of you.  
 Teach our hearts to speak your love.  
 Shine your light through us that we might reflect  
 your full image among all whose lives touch ours.  
 In Christ we pray. Amen.**

### **\*Gloria**

**Glory to the Creator,  
 and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost;  
 as it was in the beginning,  
 is now, and ever shall be,  
 world without end. Amen.**

### **Children's Choir**

"What Does the Lord Require?"

Mark Burrows

### **Children's Celebration**

## \*Pledge of the Congregation

**We welcome you with joy into the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hope and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love, and be witnesses of our risen savior.**

## Scripture Readings

Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14

Pew Bible HB p. 16, & 17-18

John 1:29

Pew Bible NT p. 92

## \*Sermon Hymn

"I Will Trust in the Lord"

1 I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord,  
2 I'm gon-na treat ev - ery-bod - y right, I'm gon-na treat ev - ery-bod - y right.

Lord, I will trust in the Lord, till I die.  
right, I'm gon-na treat ev - ery-bod - y right, till I die.

I will trust in the Lord, I will trust in the Lord,  
I'm gon-na treat ev - ery-bod - y right, I'm gon-na treat ev - ery-bod - y right.



## Sermon

Dr. Edith Guffey

## Call to Offering

## Offertory

"Offertory"

Chancel Choir

John Ness Beck

## \*Doxology *(Join in singing)*

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

## \*Prayer of Dedication

## \*Plymouth Covenant *(Join in reading)*

**In the love of truth and in the spirit of Jesus,  
we unite for the worship of God, and the service of all.  
We seek to know the will of God and to walk in God's ways,  
made known or to be made known to us;  
to love one another; to proclaim the Gospel to all the world;  
to work and pray for the progress of knowledge,  
the promotion of justice, the reign of peace,  
and the realization of our shared humanity.  
And we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness  
and the gift of life eternal. Amen.**

**Call to Prayer** *(When prompted, read bold text and join in singing.)*

Leader: The Lord be with you,

**People: and also with you.**

Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, "Peace, be still."

Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still - ness, hear his voice.

**Lord's Prayer** *(Join in reading)*

**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.**

**Response to Prayer** *(See hymn from above)*

**\*Hymn**

**"Renew Your Church"**

1 Re - new your church, its min - is - tries re - store: both to serve  
2 Teach us your word, re - veal its truth di - vine; on our path  
3 Teach us to pray, for you are ev - er near; your still voice  
4 Teach us to love, with strength of heart and mind, each and all—

and a - dore. Make us a - gain as salt through-out the land,  
 let it shine. Tell of your works, your might - y acts of grace;  
 let us hear. Our souls are rest - less till they rest in you;  
 hu - man-kind! Break down old walls of prej - u - dice and hate;

and as light from a stand. 'Mid som - ber shad - ows  
 from each page show your face. As you have sent your  
 this is life, full and true. Be - fore your pres - ence  
 leave us not to our fate. As you have loved and

of the night, where greed and ha - tred spread their blight, O  
 Christ to save, in love to tri - umph o'er the grave, O  
 keep us still that we may find for us your will And  
 given your life to end hos - til - i - ty and strife, Your

send us forth with power en - dued. Help us, God, be re - newed.  
 let our hearts with love be stirred. Help us, God, know your word.  
 seek your guid - ance ev - ery day. Teach us, God, how to pray.  
 grace we must be mind - ful of: Teach us, God, how to love.

## \*Benediction

### Congregational Response (people seated and singing)

**God be with you till we meet again.**

**Loving counsels guide, uphold you,**

**With a Shepherd's care enfold you:**

**God be with you till we meet again. Amen.**

# **Plymouth Chimes**

## **Postlude**

“Bourrée”

Jimmy Bloomquist, trombone

G.F. Handel

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## **Participants in the Service**

### **Preaching this morning**

Dr. Edith Guffey

### **Liturgist**

Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman

### **Minister of Music & Fine Arts**

Kim Manz

### **Musician**

Marilyn Epp, piano

### **Lay Reader**

Laura Mielke

### **Sound, Lights, and Radio Broadcast**

Mark Maziar

### **Cameras and Video Broadcast**

Lourdes Kalusha–Aguirre

## **Chancel Flowers**

Today's flowers are given by John and Judy Burch in memory of  
Arthur Gulliver's 100th birthday on September 22nd.

## **Between Services Communion**

Plymouth offers communion between our morning services (approx. 10:40 am)  
at the front of the Chancel steps for all who wish to partake.

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