

**Plymouth United Church of Christ**

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**Fifth Sunday after Pentecost - Sunday, June 27, 2021  
PRIDE MONTH SERMON SERIES**

**CENTERING THOUGHT**

"I believe that when we love someone, we respect them, and we listen to them; we feel that their voice matters. And we let them dictate the terms of who they are and what their story is."

- Laverne Cox

PRELUDE	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	Marchand
	Plymouth Brass	

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: God is not interrupted when we ask for healing,

**All: our transformation is Her bread and honey.**

One: God is not burdened when we say: help us!

**All: Showing up with fierce tenderness is Their pleasure.**

One: Hallelujah! God is neither lip service nor jargon --

**All: They meet us in our bodies, in our gathering,  
in the concrete care we offer each other.**

One: Let us welcome God who welcomes us.

**OPENING HYMN**      *How Firm a Foundation*      NCH 407

- 1) How firm a foundation for you has been laid,  
by God in the Word, in the sacrifice paid!  
What more can God say than to you has been said,  
to you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
- 2) "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand  
upheld by my gracious, omnipotent hand."
- 3) "When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
the rivers of woe shall not over you flow;  
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
delivering you from your deepest distress."
- 4) "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
my grace all-sufficient shall be your supply;  
the flame shall not hurt you; for I have designed  
your soul to make pure just as gold is refined."
- 5) "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

OPENING PRAYER

GREETING ONE ANOTHER WITH PEACE: Elbow bump or peace sign!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *Rainbow Connection*

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

SERVICE OF PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

Jesus' Prayer

**"Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver, Source of all that is and that shall be, Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven: The hallowing of your name echo through the universe! The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world! Your heavenly will you**

**be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us. In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen."**

SCRIPTURE Mark 5.21-43 Dee Casanova

SERMON "BEYOND PRIDE: Queer Dignity" by Rev. Rachel J. Bahr

ACT OF DEDICATION

Call for the Offering

Blessing

CLOSING HYMN *Great Is Your Faithfulness* NCH 423

- 1) Great is your faithfulness, O God, Creator,  
with you no shadow of turning we see.  
You do not change, your compassions they fail not;  
all of your goodness forever will be.

**Refrain:** Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed your hand has provided,  
Great is your faithfulness, God, unto me!

- 2) Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
to your great faithfulness, mercy, and love. **[Refrain]**
- 3) Pardon for sin and a peace so enduring,  
your own dear presence to cheer and to guide.  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine with ten thousand beside. **[Refrain]**

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *We Are More Than Conquerors* arr. by Dana Everson  
Plymouth Brass

**Welcomers:** Carrie Strom, Carol Tanis

**Liturgist:** Dee Casanova