Plymouth United Church, UCC
Worship Service - November 8, 2026

Chiming of the Hour — **Margaret Stone**

Centering Moment — **Pastor Felix Carrión**

Welcome — **Pastor Felix Carrión**

Praise & Worship Song — **Congregation**

"Banner of Hope"

Hastening down the morning,
floating on the breath of day,
holding out dawn's promise to the world.
Beyond any sensible warning,
joy finds a place to stay.
Hope flies like a banner unfurled.

Hastening down the morning,

coming forth without delay,
op'ning up tomorrow for God's Word.
Despite all the bitterness, scorning,
grace finds a place to stay.
Hope flies like a banner unfurled.

Hastening down the morning,
spiriting the fear away,
blessings dance as true hope is restored.
Love grows from the ashes of sorrow,
faith finds a place to stay.
Hope flies like a banner unfurled.

Announcements **Margaret Stone**

Call to Worship **Margaret Stone**

LEADER: On our journey in life, we walk together by faith.
ALL: We remember all who taught us the way of gratitude,
the faithful ones whose example of
stewardship lives on in us, inspiring our commitments.

LEADER: God of grace and generosity, by whose love the world exists –

ALL: Shine your light of truth on us as we spread grace, gratitude, generosity,
and growth in our world.
Amen.

Hymn **Congregation**

"We Are a Rainbow"

We're the light of all the world, we are a city on a hill,
We're a candle on a stand proclaiming light,
We will not hide our lamp beneath a bushel any more,
We will shine a ray of hope that's burning bright.

We're a coat of many colors, sewn from many different threads,
Co-v'ing all in warmth, in welcome and in grace,
God said "Let there be light", created every varied shade,
In the rainbow each of us can find a place.

We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace,

For the flood of tears will finally cease to be,
Come shine your rainbow, splash your hues across the sky,
Paint the world in colors proud and bold and free.

When we face the storms of life, we will never be alone,
For our God will be with us on the way,
Hand in hand, side by side, we won't be frightened any more,
As the mourning night of tears breaks into day.

We are a rainbow, sign of covenant and peace,
For the flood of tears will fin-lly cease to be,
Come shine your rainbow, splash your hues across the sky,
Paint the world in colors proud and bold and free.

Gathering Prayer **Margaret Stone**

ALL:
Precious One, thank you for drawing us into this community that many have called their home.
Inspire us with the lives of those who came before us, those who lived their faith and shared love with all who needed it.

May we continue here as trustworthy partners in the pilgrimage of life.

May we join our voice with the voices of our ancestors, in the one great song of love.

Amen.

Biblical Witness **Pastor Felix Carrión**

Esther 4:9-17

Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. Then Esther spoke to Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai: “All the king’s servants and the people of the king’s provinces know that, if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law: to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden scepter to someone may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days.” When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, Mordecai told them to reply to Esther,

“Do not think that in the king’s palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father’s family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.” Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, “Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do.

After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish.” Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

Contemporary Witness **Margaret Stone**

Faith+Lead
A Website Resource
by Sarah Speed

Sundays, I reorient myself.

I pull prayers [and sacred memories] from my pockets and mind and give them to God,

because fear cannot stand when it's standing in the light.

I pull money from my pockets and give it to God

because cynicism cannot grow when it is met with hopeful action.

I pull doubt from my pockets and give it to God

because doubt met with love cannot stay where it started.

And bit by bit, I move to holy ground.

The world is spinning slower now.

This ritual of giving [and serving others] reorients me,

in an off-kilter world, it helps me see [and remember].

I give and am returned to the center of me,

to the center of God, to a place that is free.

Thanks be to God for the reorienting [and the sacred remembrances].

Reflection **Pastor Felix Carrión**

"For Such a Time as This"

Special Music **Marshall Davis**

"Sonata Opus 81a- Das Lebewohl-"The Absence, The Return"

Pastoral Prayer with Joys and Concerns **Pastor Felix Carrión**

Invitation to Offering **Margaret Stone**

Lazarus House

Offertory Music **Marshall Davies**

***Doxology** **Congregation**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God for all that Love has done
Creator, Christ, and Spirit one
Amen

Offertory Prayer **Margaret Stone**
Slideshow

ALL: Gracious God, we offer thanks for the gifts you bestow on us. In gratitude, we give our gifts for the life and mission of our congregation. Bless these gifts and multiply them so that your will be done here on earth. Amen.

***Hymn** **Congregation**

"We'll be the Hands, We'll be the Feet"

Open our hearts, open our minds,
Let us join together as we have been designed
Let Us grow more deeply into You,
Let us spread Your light and keep it shining through.

Each one of us, all around the earth
As a part of the body has our worth
We'll be the hands, We'll be the feet,
We'll circulate through the heart, where we all meet.
Built up in love, and joined as one.
Grown into Christ, we'll see Your work through till it's done.
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We will be strong, we'll live without fear
Emboldened by Your love, we will persevere
We will stand for truth, in justice we'll rejoice.
We will speak the Word for those who have no voice.

Each one of us, all around the earth
As a part of the body has our worth
We'll be the hands, We'll be the feet,
We'll circulate through the heart,
where we all meet.
Built up in love, and joined as one.

Benediction **Pastor Felix Carrión**

***Song of Parting** **Congregation**

"There is Room for All"

There is room for all
in the shadow of God's wing;
there is room for all,
sheltered in God's love.
And I rejoice and sing,
"My refuge and my rock, in whom I trust."
There is room for all,
There is room for all.
(x2)

Postlude **Marshall Davis**

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