



**“WHERE EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY,
AND JESUS IS LORD”**

**August 23, 2026
10:00 a.m.**

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Welcome to Northeastern Presbyterian Church

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE IN PRAISE AND PRAYER

INTROIT

"The Seal Lullaby"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2on4IS8fIcc&list=RDk_LmRcr8Mm4&index=2

INVOCATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

One Your heart is the altar of God. It is here that the fire of intense love must burn always. {*St. Bonaventure*}

ALL **I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You, O my soul.**

One In this is love, not that we loved God but that God loved us and sent the Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. {*1 John 4.10*}

ALL **Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. Thanks be to God!** {*1 John 4:11*}

OPENING HYMN

"We've Come this Far By Faith"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=81a7V0MhJpg&list=RDATgo&index=33>

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Unison, from St. Francis of Assisi)

With our whole heart, our whole soul, our whole mind, with our whole strength and fortitude, with our whole understanding, with all our powers, with every effort, every affection, every feeling, every desire and wish, let us love the Lord God.

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (1 John 4:18-19)

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because God first loved us.

All We rejoice in Christ, Amen!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

PASSING THE PEACE

(Unmuted devices and turn on cameras to greet one another in love)

One: May the peace of Christ be with you!

Many: And also, with you! **Peace be with you!**

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DOXOLOGY

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MFDqrSCJOq4&list=PLmbjTLDIEplJpHES5HrMKX03kkyY4RGa9&index=75>

PRAYER OF TRUST (In Unison, Dimitri of Rostov, adapted)

Come, my Light, and illumine our darkness.

Come, my Life, and revive us from death.

Come, my Physician, and heal our wounds.

Come, Flame of divine love, and burn up the thorns of our sins,

Kindling our hearts with the flame of your love.

Come, our Lord, sit upon the throne of our hearts and reign here.

For You alone are our God. Amen.

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 6:10-11

So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I [Paul] am writing in my own hand!

SERMONIC SELECTION

"God Is Able"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MayTrxzCWY4&list=RDATgo&index=10>

THE PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor Greiner

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Galatians 5:1, 13-14, 6:14-17

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Freedom in Christ"

Pastor Mark Greiner

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in Unison)

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. ¹And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SEEKING A CHURCH HOME?

CLOSING MUSIC

"Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MistliO15ws&list=RDMistliO15ws&start_radio=1

WE GO FORTH AND SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOR

BENEDICTION (adapted from Kimberly Bracken Long)

May the mercy of God ground us,
the love of Christ take root in us,
and the Holy Spirit grow in us,
that we may lovingly live

"Thy kingdom come: on earth as it is in heaven"

FELLOWSHIP

Lectionary: Exodus 1:8-2:10 and Psalm 124; Complementary: Isaiah 51:1-6 and Palm 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

Liturgist: Elder Cynthia Gervais

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AUGUST SCHEDULE: The 2nd – 5th Sundays we will be online. If you have a favorite worship music video, please share with Pastor Greiner (pastor mfg@gmail.com), today so we can worship with them this summer.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH LITERARY CLUB Please join us via Zoom at 1:30 pm every first Sunday for the book discussion of the month.

Book selections for 2026

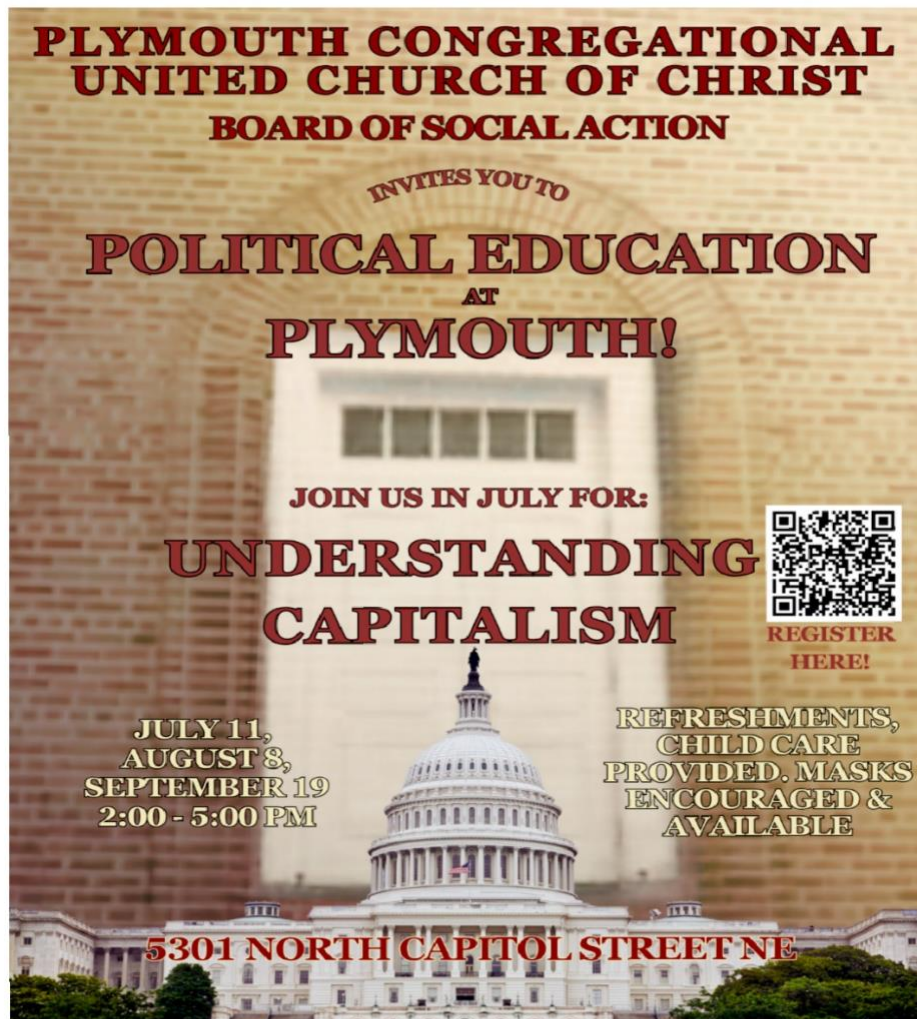
September 6th --- **Let Us March On: a Novel**, by Shara Moon

REMEMBER THE SICK AND SHUT IN: The list printed in the bulletin will be updated each week to reflect additions and deletions. Reach out to our sick and shut in a safe way that lets them know they are in our hearts, minds, and prayers. Please contact the church office if you know the names of people who should be added to the sick-and-shut-in list or if you have updates on anyone listed.

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY: Effective July 1, 2026, "The Tuesday Morning Bible Study group will be in recess until October 2026".

ZOOM MEETING ID: The **ZOOM MEETING ID** for our worship services is: Meeting ID: **876 1357 9552**; Passcode: **295504**

INVITATION TO PLYMOUTH UCC'S ADULT EDUCATION:



Outline of the Public Political Education Series being sponsored by the Board of Social Action at Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ

SERIES I: Capitalism: Economic Systems and Moral Implications	
Session one July, 11, 2026	Overview of capitalism: history, principles, and global impact
Session two August 8, 2026	Discussion of its benefits and challenges, including inequality and environmental concerns.
Session three September 19, 2026	Reflection on Christian teachings about wealth, poverty, and economic justice. "Enslavers' Bible" – White Christian Nationalism

NORTHEASTERN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH VISION STATEMENT

As we rely on God's guidance, the vision of Northeastern Presbyterian Church is to fulfill the command of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, to promote Christian faith and practice through evangelism, outreach, compassion and fellowship to our congregation and the wider community.

We commit to:

- **Worship**
- **Witness**
- **Learn**
- **Grow**
- **Nurture**
- **Serve**

Please Keep Dorothy Williams and Family in Prayer.

THOUGHTS & PRAYERS ARE WITH NORTHEASTERN MEMBERS & FAMILY:



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Buildings & Grounds

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