



Celebration of Worship
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10:30 am

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Enter in Prayer, Worship with Gratitude, Go Forth to Serve

Opening Voluntary *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* arr. David Cherwien
Christopher Shaw, organ

Welcome and Announcements

Mission Possible Sunday Project Access Michael Cayless

* **Opening Hymn** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee* (page 8)

* **Call to Worship/Responsive Sentence** Psalm 145:8-12

One: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

All: But their delight is in the law of the God, and on God's law they meditate day and night.

One: They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season;

All: And their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.

* **Response of Praise** Summned by the God who Made Us
Tune: Nettleton

Sum-moned by the God who made us rich in our di-ver-si-ty, gath-ered in the name of
Je-sus, rich-er still in u-ni-ty: Let us—bring the gifts that dif-fer and, in—
splen-did, var-ied ways, sing a new church in-to be-ing, one in faith and love and praise.

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* **Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

Eternal God, we gather in your house as your people. We enter worship to express our love and devotion. Come, mingle with us. Make your presence known. In song and sermon, in prayer and participation, in friendship and fellowship, we would speak boldly your gracious message as did the one who taught us to pray ... *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.*

Scripture Reading

Exodus 3:1-6 DNRSV

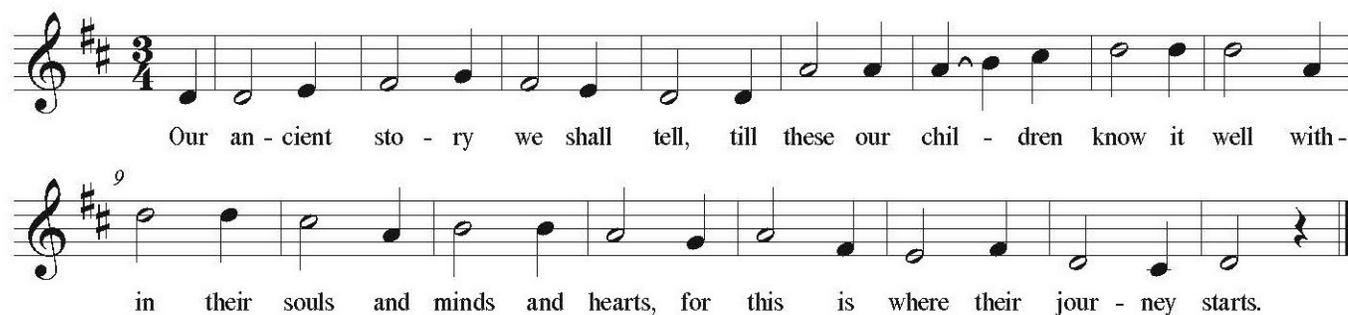
Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." When the God saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And God said, "Here I am." Then God said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." God said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Welcoming Song

These Treasured Children

Puer Nobis Nascitur

(Let the children come forward.)



Our an - cient sto - ry we shall tell, till these our chil - dren know it well with -
in their souls and minds and hearts, for this is where their jour - ney starts.

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A Moment with Our Children

Rev. Robu

Solo

I Worship You, Almighty God
Virginia Revering

arr. Tom Fettke

Holy, holy, holy! Lord, God, Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
in earth, and sky, and sea.
Only Thou art holy – there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

I worship You, Almighty God,
there is none like You;
I worship You, Prince of Peace,
that is what I want to do.

I give You praise, for You are my righteousness.
I worship You, Almighty God, there is none like you.

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Organ Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

With a voice of singing
Chancel Choir

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing
declare ye this, and let it be heard,
Alleluia.

Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.
O be joyful in God, all ye lands,
O sing praises to the honor of his name,
make his praise to be glorious.

Sermon

“Religion is Not the Reality”

Dr. Olsen

* **Hymn of Departure**

For Years to Come

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* **Benediction**

Closing Voluntary

St. Anne
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. David Cherwien

Out of Office This week Sept. 20th to the 24th KD will be out of the office. All staff will be available by phone or email. If a meeting in person is needed please email KD at office@plymouth-church.net so that she may contact you to schedule.

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Moses and the Burning Bush

"The Dura-Europos synagogue is unique among the many ancient synagogues that have emerged from archaeological digs in that it was preserved virtually intact. It is one of the oldest synagogues in the world. Discovered in 1932 at Dura-Europos, in modern Syria it was dated by an Aramaic inscription to 244 CE. It contains a forecourt and house of assembly with frescoed walls depicting people and animals, and a Torah shrine in the western wall facing Jerusalem. The frescoes are now displayed in the National Museum of Damascus. Because of these frescoes, the synagogue was at first mistaken for a Greek temple. The painted scenes of stories include Moses receiving the Law, Moses leading the Hebrews out of Egypt, and many others.

It is thought that the Synagogue was used in part as an instructional display to educate and teach the history and laws of the religion. Some think that this synagogue was painted in order to compete with the many other religions practiced in Dura Europos. The large-scale pictorial art in the synagogue helps to dispel narrow interpretations of historically prohibited visual images." -- from Wikipedia

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One Great Hour of Sharing

2021 Natural Disasters

OGHS funds were most recently sent to Congregational Church Myanmar to purchase oxygen concentrators, and to the Pilgrim Center for Reconciliation for famine relief in Uganda. We also continue to work alongside Love Worth Sharing mission to provide relief for Haiti.

The Mission and Outreach Ministry Council is gathering information and working with people on the ground to determine how to effectively respond to the wildfires, Ida, and the many storms and flooding.

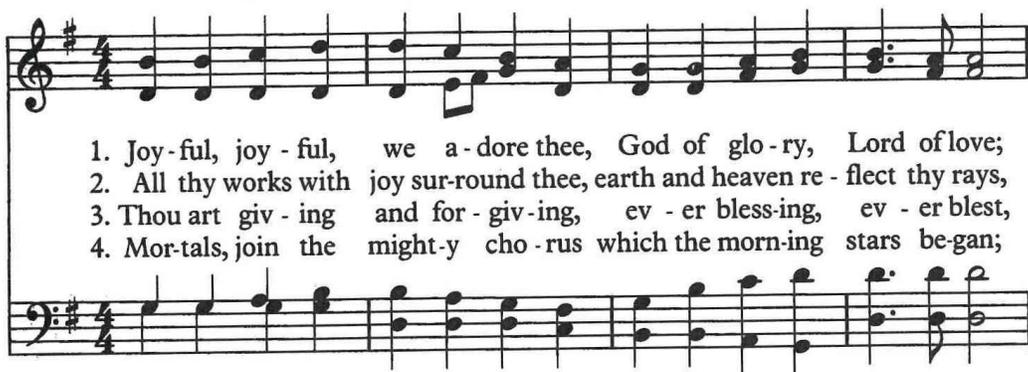
In order for the NACCC to respond promptly with funding to assist the hundreds of thousands of individuals and their communities, we need donations! Please consider contributing to the OGHS Disaster fund, to provide ongoing support to those who desperately need help.

Donate online or send a donation via check. Please include a note with your donation indicating that the funds are intended for "2021 Natural Disasters".

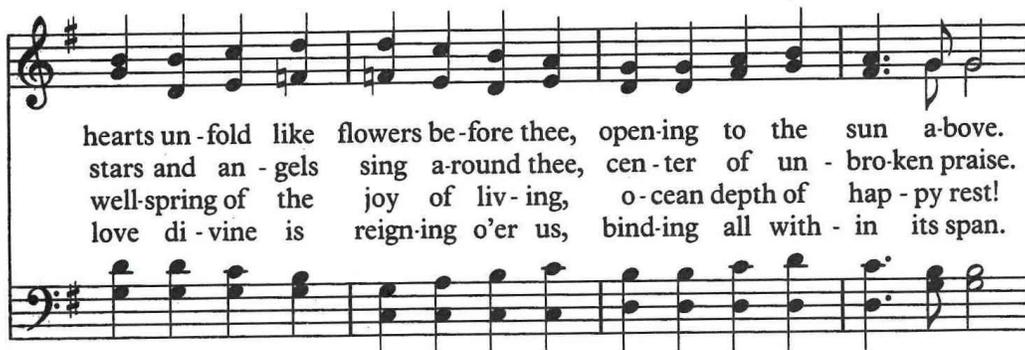
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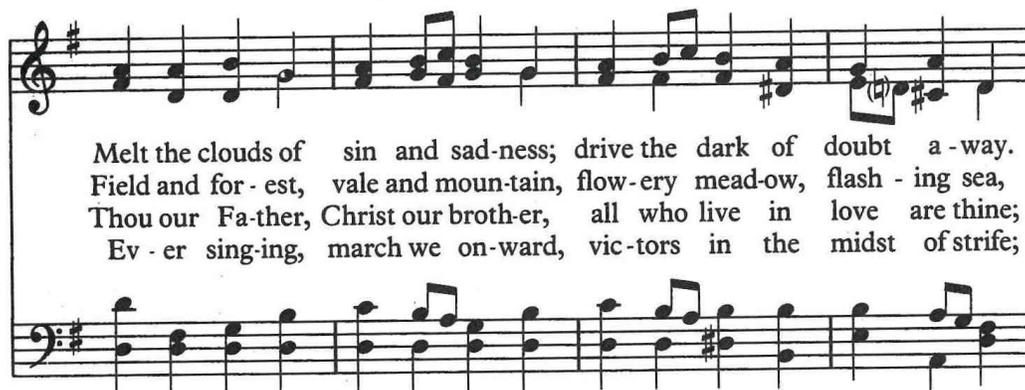
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



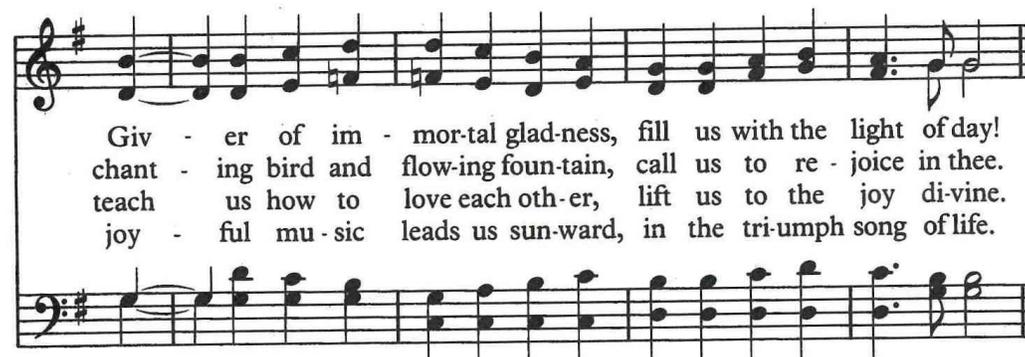
1. Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore thee, God of glo-ry, Lord of love;
 2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re-flect thy rays,
 3. Thou art giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blest,
 4. Mor-tals, join the might-y cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan;



hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, open-ing to the sun a-bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-cean depth of hap-py rest!
 love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, bind-ing all with-in its span.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flow-ery mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our broth-er, all who live in love are thine;
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife;



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day!
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth-er, lift us to the joy di-vine.
 joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward, in the tri-umph song of life.

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 MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824; arr. by Edward Hodges, 1864

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For Years to Come

Jack Brown and Steven Bailey

Attr. to William Croft, 1678–1727

1. You blessed us, God, so long a - go In
 2. Teach us to make the most, great God, Of
 3. With love and hope you sat - is - fy Our
 4. Re - store to us strong, joy - ful hearts; Re -
 5. We pray in all we do for you That
 6. A Way you have so kind - ly made Our

all we had to face; And now for years to
 each new giv - en day, So that our lives, wher -
 needs through - out our days; In grat - i - tude for
 place our doubts with light; And give us might to
 you may rich - ly bless; That you will lead us
 ha - ven and our home, As we forge from foun -

come, we know We have your guid - ing grace.
 ev - er trod, Your glo - ry may dis - play.
 your sup - ply, We sing our songs of praise.
 do our parts To make the fu - ture bright.
 through and through, And grant our Way suc - cess:
 da - tions laid New faith for years to come.

ST. ANNE
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September / October 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
19 Mission Possible Sunday 10:30am Worship, (Sanctuary)	20 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	21 5:30pm Investment Club (Commons) 5:30 pm Special Cabinet Meeting	22 2pm Plymouth Projects (Chapel) 7pm Choir Rehearsal	23	24	25
Out of Office: Available by phone or email						
26 10:30am Worship, (Sanctuary)	27 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	28 5:30 pm Trustee Mtg	29 2pm Plymouth Projects (Chapel) 7pm Choir Rehearsal	30	1	2
3 World Communion Sunday 9:30 am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Worship, (Sanctuary)	4 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	5 5:30 pm Cabinet	6 2pm Plymouth Projects (Chapel) 7pm Choir Rehearsal	7	8	9

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, September 26th.
Rev. Robu will be Preaching.**

The Plymouth Covenant

Believing in Jesus Christ, the Interpreter of God to humankind, we accept His teachings as the guiding principles of our lives and consecrate ourselves and our church to their fulfillment. We therefore join in covenant, one with another, to worship, work, and serve together that we may express through our Church and our individual lives the love and faith taught by Jesus Christ.