

Plymouth
Congregational
Church
Sharing Faith's Journey



Celebration of Worship
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10:30 am

World Communion Sunday Centennial Celebration at 1st & Clifton Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

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

Opening Voluntary *Suite on "The Church's One Foundation"* arr. Robert Hobby
Christopher Shaw, organ

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship

***Opening Hymn** *Rejoice, You Pure In Heart* (page 6)

***Responsive Sentences** Psalm 100 DNRSV

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

All: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

One: Know that the Lord is God. It is God that made us, and we are God's; we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture

All: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise. Give thanks and bless God's name.

One: For the Lord is good;

All: God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.

*Response of Praise

Praise to God, Immortal Praise

DIX



Praiseto God,im-mor-tal praise, For the love that crowns our days! Boun-teous source of ev-ery joy,



Let thy praise our tongues em-ploy: Sing-ing thus through all our days, Praiseto God,im-mor-tal praise.

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*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Honor this house of worship with your presence, we pray, may the wood and stone of its edifice speak of your permanence in this place, may those who gather here each sabbath speak of the love and grace of 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

2 Chronicles 7:11-16

Solomon finished the house of the Lord and the king's house; all that Solomon had planned to do in the house of the Lord and in his own house he successfully accomplished. Then the Lord appeared to Solomon in the night and said to him: "I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a house of worship. When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place. For now, I have chosen and consecrated this house so that my name may be there forever; my eyes and my heart will be there for all time.

Centennial Celebration

Anna Uhlig

Welcoming Song

O Little Children Gather

BEAUTIFUL FLOWER

(Let the children come forward.)

O lit-tle chil - dren, gath - er near and learn of Je - sus' glo - ry. Now come and of his
good - ness hear, his love and pow'r; come list - en to ___ his sto - ry. ___

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A Moment with Our Children

Dr. Robu

Solo

Irish Blessing
Virginia Revering

Nicholas Palmer

May the road rise up to meet you,
may the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face
and the rain fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
may the good Lord hold you in the palm of his hand.

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Organ Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

Lord, My God, Hear Now My Pleading Felix Mendelssohn
Virginia Revering, solo ed. by Lloyd Pfausch

Lord, my God, hear now my pleading,
turn your gracious ear to me
As I ask of you, my helper,
nevermore my sins to see.

Will my sins forever hold me?
Must I bow before my fear?
Weak and helpless, I beseech you
let your grace be always near.

Sermon

“The Challenge of Our Modern World Dr. Olsen
To the Vitality of Our Christian Faith”

Celebration of Communion

Prayer

Distribution of the bread

(Please partake of the bread when served as a symbol of your individual faith.)

Distribution of the wine

(Please hold the cup to partake together as a symbol of our unity In Christ.)

Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving

We give thanks, loving God, that you have refreshed us at your table. Strengthen our faith; increase our love for one another. As we have been fed by the seed that became grain, and then became bread, may we go out into the world to plant seeds of justice, transformation, and hope. Amen.

***Hymn of Departure** *The Church’s One Foundation* (page 7)

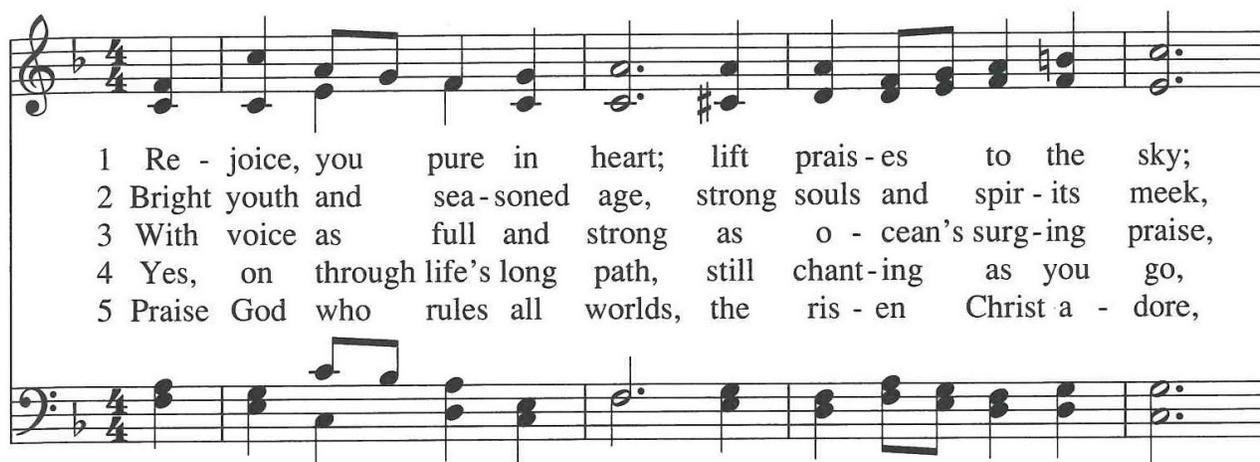
***Benediction**

Closing Voluntary *Toccata on “The Church’s One Foundation”* arr. Robert Hobby
Christopher Shaw, organ

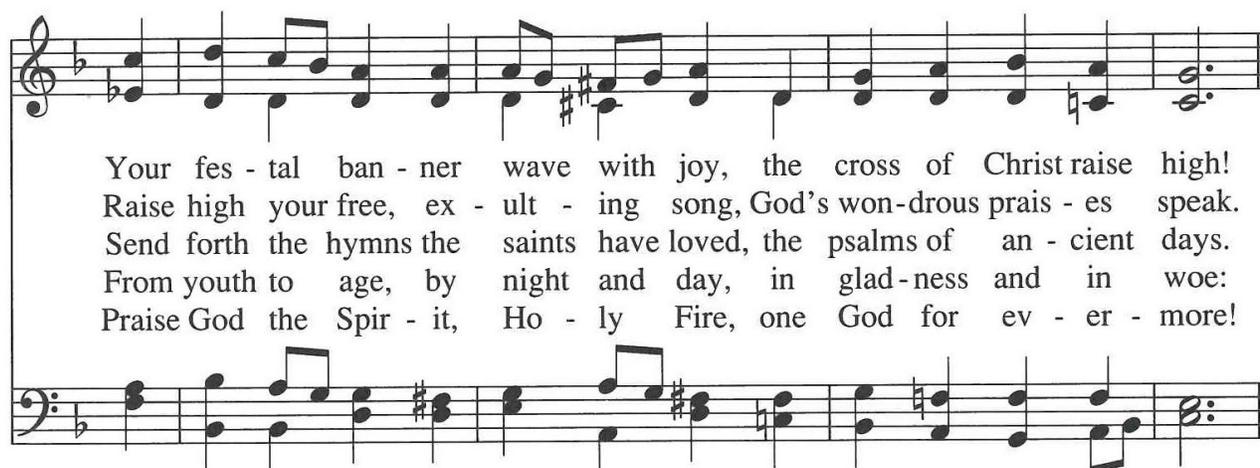
***Let everyone stand in body or in spirit.**

North Entry Greeter Katy Brammer

Rejoice, You Pure In Heart



1 Re - joice, you pure in heart; lift prais - es to the sky;
2 Bright youth and sea - soned age, strong souls and spir - its meek,
3 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as you go,
5 Praise God who rules all worlds, the ris - en Christ a - dore,



Your fes - tal ban - ner wave with joy, the cross of Christ raise high!
Raise high your free, ex - ult - ing song, God's won - drous prais - es speak.
Send forth the hymns the saints have loved, the psalms of an - cient days.
From youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:
Praise God the Spir - it, Ho - ly Fire, one God for ev - er - more!

Refrain



Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks and sing.
Re - joice Re - joice

The Church's One Foundation

1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord,
2 Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
♦ 3 Though with a scornful wonder the world sees us oppressed,
4 Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,
5 We now on earth have union with God the Three in One,

we are his new creation by water and the Word,
one charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
♦ by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
we wait the consummation of peace forevermore,
and share through faith communion with those whose rest is won.

from heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be
One holy name professing and at one table fed,
♦ yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?"
till with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blest,
Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we

his living servant people, by his own death set free.
to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.
♦ But soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

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Please say thank you and best wishes to our alto soloist and long-time choir member, **Virginia Revering**. This is her last Sunday with us as she will be moving from Kansas later this month. Godspeed, Virginia, we will miss you!

The Fine Arts Board is creating a commemorative candle ready for purchase next Sunday, Oct 9th, in honor of the 100th Centennial Celebration. It will have a custom scent (cedar, oud wood, lavender) and a decorative label featuring our beautiful church building. Sizes for purchase will be a glass container for \$20 and a round tin for \$15. The candles are being made by the Lola Candle Company of Wichita. They have a wooden wick and are high quality, long-burning candles. Quantities are limited so please let us know if you'd like to purchase one. A signup sheet is available in Fellowship Hall. Thank you for supporting the Arts at Plymouth!

From the Archives

It was an impressive week, October 8-15, 1922, when the people of Plymouth and College Hill churches, now merged as United Congregational, unveiled their new building to its members and to the public. To review, the two congregations came together financially in November 1918 but maintained separate church buildings for over a year. They then began meeting together in the College Hill church at the southwest corner of 1st & Clifton. The Plymouth building downtown was sold, and proceeds went toward the funding of the proposed new church, to be built on the northeast corner of 1st & Clifton. The building project finally took off in June 1921 with the laying of the cornerstone.

The special week in 1922 we're celebrating today included seven services and events. It began with a *Service of Dedication* on Oct 8th, with a guest sermon by Rev Dr Frank G Smith of Omaha (and formerly of First Congregational of Kansas City, Missouri). It was followed by a *Service of Comradeship* that same evening with an address by President John Finlayson of Fairmount College. A fellowship evening on Wednesday the 11th began with the women of the church preparing and serving a *Chicken Dinner* in their new 'banquet hall' on the lower level, \$1 a plate, and reservations were required. A newspaper article reported that around 300 people attended this event. A *Service of Fellowship* followed the meal, with addresses given by Rev Dr William Hutchins, president of Berea College, Berea KY, and Rev Charles Burger, former co-pastor of United. The next event of the week was a *Service of Music* to dedicate the new organ. The organist, Mrs E L Davison, along with Lester Weatherwax, choirmaster, and a 60-voice choir, performed a full program of choral and organ compositions. The week concluded with a *Service of Consecration* on Sunday Oct 15th with Rev Herring preaching on "Another King, One Jesus." Baptisms of children and a new member reception were part of that service. A *Service of Communion* that evening brought the week to a quiet, spiritual close.

Thirty-two men and four women were listed in the Dedication program as members of the building, construction, and furnishings committees. Of note were the Chairman of each committee, all prominent businessmen in the city: E. V. Johnston for

Building (Owner, Domestic Laundry on E Douglas), Claude Neil for Construction (realtor and real estate developer), and John Schermerhorn for Furnishings (Manager, Innes Furniture Company on E 1st Street). The full list of names and Order of Service will be on the Archives table in Fellowship Hall this Sunday.

In celebrating the 100th anniversary today we must also remember the fire that severely damaged this historic space. To quote from a service bulletin in January of 2020, "On July 21, 1998, during the repair of the sanctuary roof, a fire was accidentally started, resulting in extensive damage to the sanctuary structure and basement. A Restoration Steering Committee, consisting of Ken Arnold, [Rev Dr] Michael Chittum, Roger Douthett, Doris Nelson, Scott Smith, and Steve Woods, was immediately appointed, and they selected the Wichita architectural firm of Wilson Darnell Mann to oversee the complicated restoration process. [Bob Blackburn, Interior Designer, provided countless hours of support and consultation to the Steering Committee.] The general contractor, Conco, Inc., ... selected numerous local vendors to play key parts in the construction phase. The Steering Committee... select[ed] highly skilled specialists to build a new pipe organ, design stained-glass windows, construct pews and chancel woodwork, and replicate the sanctuary chandeliers. There were also important decisions to be made about furnishings, sound systems, pew cushions, pianos, sheet music replacement, how to best utilize the basement area, and a multitude of other choices that had to be made in a timely manner.... Every firm and person involved in this renovation has taken particular pride in the unique opportunity to bring a community landmark back to life. The results speak for themselves!"

We as a congregation in 2022 are forever grateful for the work of the pioneers and visionaries of 1885-1922, and to the leaders and givers toward the restoration in 1998 -2000. We are today honored to celebrate the present and strengthened to envision an exciting future for Plymouth in the years to come.

Plymouth Hallway Art Gallery

The Gallery artist for September and October goes by the name Hoodoo. Here's his Artist Statement: I picked up a pencil and brush before I could walk. I studied Fine Arts at the University of North Texas after receiving degrees in Business from Kansas State University. For the next 20 years I created pieces for mass retail. Later I focused on my interest in abstract and figurative painting. My primary mediums are pastel and acrylic, followed by ink, pencil and charcoal. In the past 5 years I've focused on creating art for animal lovers like myself. For most, the question is the name, Hoodoo. It was my maternal grandfather's nickname, and I'm told I am a carbon copy. I exhibit at the Old Town Farm & Art Market approximately twice a month.

Plymouth Hallway Display Case

Judi Michaelis is a native of Kansas. She earned her BS and BA degrees in Art Education from Pittsburg State University. She moved to Wichita where she has taught art to schoolchildren of all ages for over 30 years. Judi is also the owner of Krazy Lady Designs, where she creates recycled art glass jewelry and her true passion, one-of-a-kind glass mosaics. She is a member of Wichita Women Artists. Judi first exhibited at Plymouth in 2018 and we're happy to have her back.

Artist Statement: GLASS, GLORIOUS GLASS

The reflection of light upon a surface....the interaction of colors.....

The unforgiving nature of the material.....the evolution of the work as it progresses.....

The discovery of the process.....the constant decision making.....

ALL of these give me great satisfaction!

Plymouth Preschool's Fall Carnival

We are looking for anyone who would be willing to donate a baked item to our CAKEWALK at the Carnival! If you would like to donate, please bring in your donated item to the church kitchen by October 6th, 2022.

All proceeds from the Carnival go back into our facility to purchase new audio equipment, additional playground equipment and much more!

We greatly appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you and your family at our CARNIVAL!!!

Men's Club Fundraiser

The Plymouth Men's Club Red Wheel Fund Raiser will continue through October 11th. Product delivery is slated for October 26th. All Plymouth Men's Club Funds raised are for the well-being and enhancement of Plymouth Congregational Church.

Adult Ed, Wednesdays at 6 pm in the Turner room

Jesus and John Wayne, by Dr. Kristin Kobes Du Mez. How White Evangelicals corrupted a faith and fractured a nation.

Adult Sunday School, Sundays at 9 am in Turner room

The Triumph of Christianity: How a forbidden religion swept the world, by Bart D. Ehrman

Re-Member Senior Week

Sat Sep 16 - Fri Sep 22, 2023

You've heard the experiences our youth have had on Pine Ridge Indian Reservation serving and learning with the organization Re-Member. Now it's your chance go!

Re-Member's Senior Week program offers the complete cultural immersion found in their regular program; however, the work projects they focus on are less physically demanding, to better accommodate those 55 and older.

Adult volunteers of all ages, though, are welcome to join during Senior Week.

\$749.00 per person plus cost of transportation.

Spots are limited. Reservations are on a first come first serve basis. I will need a non-refundable deposit in the amount of 50% of the total amount due. I cannot reserve a spot for you without a deposit.

Plymouth Staff

Rev. Dr. Donald P. Olsen, Senior Minister

Rev. Dr. Karen Robu, Associate Minister

Dr. Henry Waters, Director of Music

Christopher Shaw, Organist

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Lindsay Miller, Sunday School Teacher

Tim Robu, Maintenance Engineer

Erik Breckenridge, Video Tech

John Palmer, Video Tech Assistant

Bill Berry & Ramikia Stevenson, Custodians

October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 9am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Sunday Worship, (Sanctuary) Centennial Celebration Brunch following worship	3 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	4 5:30pm Combined Cabinet/Trustee Budget mtg	5 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 6pm Adult Ed 7pm Choir Rehearsal	6 2pm Plymouth Projects (Chapel)	7 Church Office Closed 6pm Preschool Fall Carnival	8
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**Please join us for worship next Sunday, October 9th
Dr. Robu will be preaching “Just War”**

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.