

Plymouth
Congregational
Church
Sharing Faith's Journey



Celebration of Worship
October 9, 2022

*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

God of all seasons, there is a time for dying and a time for new birth; a time to plant and a time to pluck up what has been planted. And there is a time for praying the words that Jesus taught... *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.*

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

Lindsay Miller

Solo

O Light of Life!
Ellen Sudarshan

Mack Wilberg

O Light of Life!
O pure Light Divine!
Thou art in us;
Our ember is Thine.
Kindle our faith,
Give hope when we fear,
Deepen our love-
Thy Fire appear!
Light of our souls,
Thou spark at our birth-
Grow bright in us,
Shine in all the earth!

O Light of Life!
O true Light of Peace!
Storms will arise,
Let Thy light increase.
Pierce through dark clouds,
Give pause to the proud;
Let thy shafts fall,
Lift humble heads bowed.
Answer our pleas,
Melt hearts in Thy flame.
Make us as one-
As one in Thy name.

O Light of Life!
O sweet Light of Grace!
Thou bidst us come,
We follow apace.
See the bright Tree!
Behold the white fruit!
Feasting we weep,
We witness the root!

O Light of Life!
O dear Light of Love!
Come, as us clean,
Send forth Thy white Dove.
Fill us with Fire,
Enlighten our eyes;
Help us to love-
'Tis price of the prize.
Then let us come,
Enrobe us in white.
Cleaving to Thee,
Light unto Thy Light.
Amen.

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

Beautiful Savior!
Scott Hay, guest conductor

Lloyd Larson

Beautiful Savior! King of Creation!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'll love Thee, truly I'll serve Thee.
Light of my soul, my joy, my crown.

Fair are the meadows,
Fair are the woodlands,
robed in the blooming flow'rs of spring.
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
He makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright are the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the holy angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be Thine!

Scripture Readings

Matthew 5:38-48

'You have heard that it was said, "An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth." But I say to you, Do not resist an evildoer. But if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also; and if anyone wants to sue you and take your coat, give your cloak as well; and if anyone forces you to go one mile, go also the second mile. Give to everyone who begs from you, and do not refuse anyone who wants to borrow from you.

'You have heard that it was said, "You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy." But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax-collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Romans 12:18-21

If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Sermon "Just War" Dr. Robu

***Hymn of Departure** *Beauty For Brokenness* (page 10)

***Benediction**

Closing Voluntary *Improvisation on "Fairest Lord Jesus"*
Dean Roush, organ

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

Thank you to Dean Roush for joining us during service while Chris is out. Thank you to Scott Hay for directing while Henry is out.

North Entry Greeter Rich Euson

Communion Table Flowers Rich Euson

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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 No Class October 12th because of the Talent Show

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 No Class on October 23rd

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

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!

more, ain't gon-na stud-y war no more, ain't gon-na stud-y

war no more, ain't gon-na stud-y war no more, ain't gon-na
stud-y war no more, I ain't gon-na

stud-y war no more, ain't gon-na stud-y war no more.

Beauty For Brokenness

G2 G D/F#

1 Beau - ty for bro - ken - ness,
 2 Shel - ter for frag - ile lives,
 3 Ref - uge from cru - el wars,
 4 Rest for the rav - aged earth,
 5 Light - en our dark - ness,

G7/F C/E Am7 D Bm7 Em7

hope for de - spair— Lord, in the suf - fer - ing,
 cures for their ills, work for the ar - ti - sans,
 ha - vens from fear, cit - ies for sanc - tu - ar - y,
 o - ceans, and streams, plun - dered and poi - soned, our
 breathe on this flame un - til your jus - tice burns

Em/A D B Em

this is our prayer. Bread for the chil - dren,
 trade for their skills. Land for the dis - pos - sessed,
 free - doms to share. Peace to the kill - ing fields,
 fu - ture, our dreams. Lord, end our mad - ness,
 bright - ly a - gain; un - til the na - tions

C G Bm7 C

jus - tice, joy, peace, sun - rise to sun - set, your
 rights for the weak, voic - es to plead the cause of
 scorched earth to green, Christ for the bit - ter - ness, his
 care - less - ness, greed; make us con - tent with the
 learn of your ways, seek your sal - va - tion, and

Am7 D 1, 3
G C/G G C/G 2, 4, 5
G

king - dom in - crease.
 those who can't speak.
 cross for the pain.
 things that we need.
 bring you their praise.

Refrain

God of the poor, friend of the weak, give us com-pas-

- sion, we pray. Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like

rain. Come, change our love from a spark to a

flame.

4 To verses

Last time Em D G

October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 9am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Sunday Worship, (Sanctuary)	10 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	11 5:30pm Growth Steering	12 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner Talent Show following dinner No Adult Ed 7pm Choir Rehearsal	13 2pm Plymouth Projects (Chapel)	14	15
16 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Fine Arts Board Mtg. 10:30am Sunday Worship, (Sanctuary) Numana Event After Worship	17 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	18 5:30pm Growth Steering 5:30pm Investment Club	19 9am Present Day Club 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 6pm Adult Ed 7pm Choir Rehearsal	20 2pm Plymouth Projects (Chapel)	21 5pm Stucky/Armstrong Wedding Rehearsal	22 4pm Stucky/Armstrong Wedding
23 No Adult Sunday School 10:30am Sunday Worship, (Sanctuary)	24 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers 5:30pm Deacons	25 5:30pm Trustee	26 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 5:30 Red Wheel Distribution 6pm Adult Ed 7pm Choir Rehearsal	27 2pm Plymouth Projects	28	29

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, October 16th
Dr. Robu will be preaching "Witch hunt"**

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.