



Celebration of Worship
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10:30 am

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Enter in Prayer, Worship with Gratitude, Go Forth to Serve

Opening Voluntary *Allegro from Concerto in A Minor* arr. J.S. Bach
Christopher Shaw, organ

Welcome and Announcements

Mission Possible Moment Family Promise of Great Wichita Beth Schafters

Introit

Call to Worship

***Opening Hymn** *Be Thou My Vision* (page 8)

*Responsive Sentences

One: the leaves believe such letting go is love

All: such love is faith

One: such faith is grace

All: such grace is god

From the poem “Lesson of the Falling Leaves” by Lucille Clifton

***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

God of all seasons, you have searched us and know us and now we come searching and seeking to know you 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.*

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

Jesus, the very thought of thee
Ted Dvorak

Howard Helvey

Jesus, the very thought of thee
with sweetness fills the breast;
but sweeter far thy face to see,
and in thy presence rest.

But what to those who find?
Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show;
the love of Jesus, what it is,
none but who love Him know.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame,
nor can the memory find,
a sweeter sound than Jesus' Name,
the Savior of mankind.

Jesus, our only joy be Thou,
as thou our prize wilt be;
in thee be all our glory now,
and through eternity.

O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
to those who fall, how kind Thou art:
how good to those who seek!

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

I Lift Mine Eyes Unto the Hills

David V. Friedell

I lift mine eyes unto the hills
where flows my joy, and all my worth.
My help cometh from Him,
who fills unseen, both heav'n and earth.

He shall not let Thy foot be moved,
nor will He slumber, never sleep,
Behold, o'er Israel
the Lord defends, and watch shall keep.

The glorious God is my sole stay,
He is my sun and shade;
The cold by night, the heat by day,
neither shall me invade.

The Lord shall watch amidst the crowd,
or else within my door.
He is my pillar and my cloud
now and forevermore.

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 28:7-25

Then Saul said to his servants, 'Seek out for me a woman who is a medium, so that I may go to her and inquire of her.' His servants said to him, 'There is a medium at Endor.'

So Saul disguised himself and put on other clothes and went there, he and two men with him. They came to the woman by night. And he said, 'Consult a spirit for me, and bring up for me the one whom I name to you.' The woman said to him, 'Surely you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off the mediums and the wizards from the land. Why then are you laying a snare for my life to bring about my death?' But Saul swore to her by the Lord, 'As the Lord lives, no punishment shall come upon you for this thing.' Then the woman said, 'Whom shall I bring up for you?' He answered, 'Bring up Samuel for me.' When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice; and the woman said to Saul, 'Why have you deceived me? You are Saul!' The king said to her, 'Have no fear; what do you see?'

The woman said to Saul, 'I see a divine being coming up out of the ground.' He said to her, 'What is his appearance?' She said, 'An old man is coming up; he is wrapped in a robe.' So Saul knew that it was Samuel, and he bowed with his face to the ground, and did obeisance.

Then Samuel said to Saul, 'Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?' Saul answered, 'I am in great distress, for the Philistines are warring against me, and God has turned away from me and answers me no more, either by prophets or by dreams; so I have summoned you to tell me what I should do.' Samuel said, 'Why then do you ask me, since the Lord has turned from you and become your enemy? The Lord has done to you just as he spoke by me; for the Lord has torn the kingdom out of your hand, and given it to your neighbor David. Because you did not obey the voice of the Lord, and did not carry out his fierce wrath against Amalek, therefore the Lord has done this thing to you today. Moreover, the Lord will give Israel along with you into the hands of the Philistines; and tomorrow you and your sons shall be with me; the Lord will also give the army of Israel into the hands of the Philistines.'

Immediately Saul fell full length on the ground, filled with fear because of the words of Samuel; and there was no strength in him, for he had eaten nothing all day and all night. The woman came to Saul, and when she saw that he was terrified, she said to him, 'Your servant has listened to you; I have taken my life in my hand, and have listened to what you have said to me. Now therefore, you also listen to your servant; let me set a morsel of bread before you. Eat, that you may have strength when you go on your way.' He refused, and said, 'I will not eat.' But his servants, together with the woman, urged him; and he listened to their words. So he got up from the ground and sat on the bed. Now the woman had a fatted calf in the house. She quickly slaughtered it, and she took flour, kneaded it, and baked unleavened cakes. She put them before Saul and his servants, and they ate. Then they rose and went away that night.

Sermon "Witch Hunt" or Witches, Midwives, and Wise Women" Dr. Robu

***Hymn of Departure** *My Soul Cries Out* (page 10)

***Benediction**

Closing Voluntary *Chromatic Fugue* Johann Pachelbel
Christopher Shaw, organ

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

North Entry Greeter Joe Henderson

Communion Table Flowers Carney Baker

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 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!

October 10, 2022

Annual Budget Meeting Reminder

Dear Plymouth Members and Friends,

Notice is hereby given of the regular Annual Budget Meeting of the membership of Plymouth Congregational Church, Wichita Kansas, called by the Church Cabinet. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday, October 23, 2022, following the regular 10:30 a.m. worship service to:

1. Approve the Proposed 2023 Church Budget.
2. Approve the Nominating Committee's slate of nominees to fill board and committee vacancies for 2023.
3. Address any additional business items.

Thank you for your dedication to our church.

In faith,

Alan Fearey, Moderator

Sharon Fearey, Church Clerk

Mission Possible

Family Promise of Greater Wichita utilizes local groups to provide overnight lodging and meals to families in transition. A Day House serves as a central hub for case management, a consistent address, job searches, skills training and connection with community resources. Case management focuses on walking with families towards sustainable employment, housing and individualized goals.

Head to Toe Hygiene Pantry

Your continued donations are greatly appreciated. Toilet paper may be dropped off in the office throughout the week.



Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, be thou my true word;
 3 Be thou my buck - ler, my sword for the fight.
 4 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain emp - ty praise;
 5 *True Light of heav - en, when vic - t'ry is won

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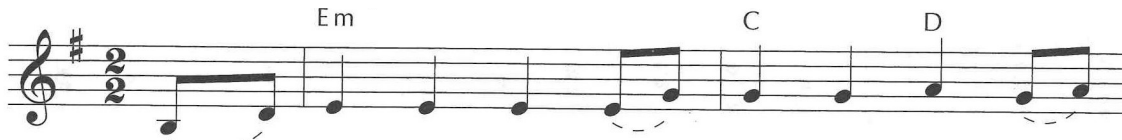
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
 I ev - er with thee, and thou with me, Lord.
 Be thou my dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light,
 thou mine in - her - it - ance, now and al - ways.
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

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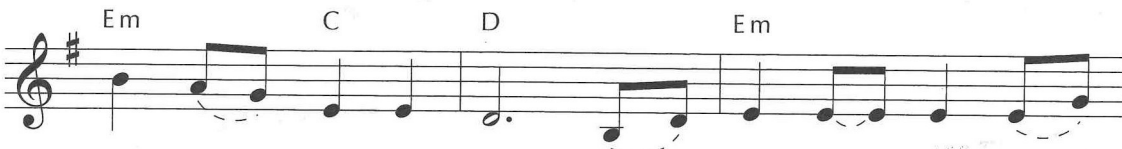
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 Born of thy love, thy child may I be,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r.
 Thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing and I one with thee.
Raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
*Rul - er of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

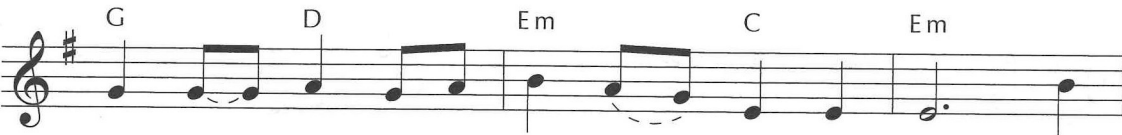
My Soul Cries Out



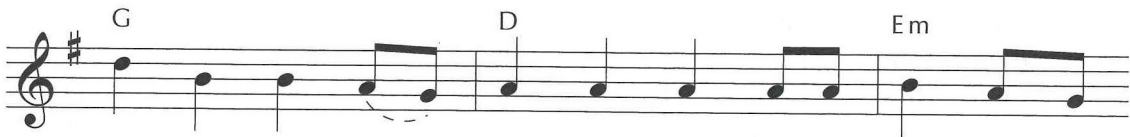
1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant from his throne. The
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp. This



fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my weak - ness you
 ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would
 hun - gry poor shall weep no more for the food they can
 sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the prom - ise which



did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

G D Em C Em

name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

Refrain G D Em

My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires

C D Em

jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the
 of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the

C D Em C Em

dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn!
 dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

October / November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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 Church Office Closed 5pm Stucky/Armstrong Wedding Rehearsal	22 4pm Stucky/Armstrong Wedding
23 No Adult Sunday School 10:30am Sunday Worship, (Sanctuary) 11:30am Annual Budget Mtg	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
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**Please join us for worship next Sunday, October 23rd
Dr. Olsen 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.