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***Celebration of Worship***  
**November 6, 2022**

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10:30 am

**Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost**  
*Enter in Prayer, Worship with Gratitude, Go Forth to Serve*

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**Opening Voluntary**      *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*      arr. Wayne Wold  
Christopher Shaw, organ

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Stewardship Moment**      Doug Stark

**Introit**

**Call to Worship**

**\*Opening Hymn**      *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*      (page 10)

**\*Responsive Sentences**

One: We come as seekers, unsure of what we seek.

**All: We come as followers, never fully understanding the one we follow.**

One: We come to pray, with sighs too deep for words. By your grace, meet us where we are.

**All: Meet us here. Meet us now. Meet us as we come to you.**

**\*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

You, Wanderer of Seashores and Sidewalks, invite us out of safe places and predictable paths onto unfamiliar paths in the surprising footsteps of your way. Speak to us of courage and support, instill in us grace and generosity as we 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

Mark 1:16-20

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

## Welcoming Song

*O Little Children Gather*

BEAUTIFUL FLOWER

(Let the children come forward.)

The musical notation is written on a single staff in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first line of music is in 3/2 time and contains the lyrics: "O lit-tle chil - dren, gath - er near and learn of Je - sus' glo - ry. Now come and of his". The second line of music starts with a measure rest of 6 measures, then continues in 3/2 time with the lyrics: "good - ness hear, his love and pow'r; come list - en to\_\_\_ his sto - ry.\_\_\_\_". The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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## A Moment with Our Children

Dr. Robu

I've got a roof over my head,  
I've got a warm place to sleep.  
Some nights I lie awake counting gifts  
instead of counting sheep.

I've got a heart that can hold love,  
I've got a mind that can think.  
There may be times when I lose the light  
and let my spirits sink.  
But I can't stay depressed  
when I remember how I'm blessed.

Grateful, grateful, truly grateful I am.  
Grateful, grateful, truly blessed and duly grateful.

In a city of strangers  
I've got a family of friends.  
No matter what rocks and brambles fill the way,  
I know that they will stay until the end.

I feel a hand holding my hand.  
It's not a hand you can see.  
But on the road to the promised land,  
this hand will shepherd me.  
Through delight and despair  
holding tight and always there.

Grateful, grateful, truly grateful I am.  
Grateful, grateful, truly blessed and duly grateful.

It's not that I don't want a lot,  
or hope for more, or dream of more.  
But giving thanks for what I've got  
makes me so much happier than keeping score.

In a world that can bring pain  
I will still take each chance.  
For I believe that whatever terrain  
our feet can learn to dance.  
Whatever stone life may sling,  
we can moan or we can sing:

Grateful, grateful, truly grateful I am.  
Grateful, grateful, truly blessed and duly grateful.

## Prayer Concerns

## Pastoral Prayer

## Organ Response

## Invitation to Offering

## Anthem

*Psalm 121*

Deborah Governor

I lift my eyes unto the hills  
from where is my help to come?  
My help comes from the Lord  
who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved;  
He who keeps you will not slumber nor sleep;  
He watches over Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper,  
The Lord is your shade on your right hand,  
the sun shall not harm you by day,  
nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
He will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out,  
and your coming in,  
from this time forth forevermore,  
amen.

## Sermon

“On Life’s Subtext”

Dr. Olsen

## \*Hymn of Departure

*Take My Gifts*

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## \*Benediction

## Closing Voluntary

*Hymn to Joy*  
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Michael Burkhardt

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

**North Entry Greeter** John Youle

**Communion Table Flowers** John Youle

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### **Plymouth Staff**

Rev. Dr. Donald P. Olsen, Senior Minister

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## Operation Holiday



Since 1961, Operation Holiday has made holidays brighter for families in need. The program distributes non-perishable food, fresh food vouchers, winter wear and blankets to low-income families and individuals.

We at Plymouth have an opportunity to help again this year. We will be collecting non-perishable food items, pet food, as well as new and gently used coats and blankets for the next 5 weeks. In order to get a wide variety of the items we will focus on one item per week.

Nov. 13—Cereal Sunday (Bring on the healthy breakfast cereal)

Nov. 20—Pet Food Sunday ( Small bags of dog food and cat food)

Nov. 27—Be a Peach Sunday ( Bring in those cans of fruit and veggies)

Dec. 4—Soupy Sunday ( Let's finish it off with canned soups)

## Have you dreamed of being onstage?

If so we have 2 opportunities for you!

Our annual multi-generational Christmas pageant

Performance Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 6:30 in the sanctuary

Rehearsals will take place Wednesday, Dec. 14 after the church dinner and Sunday, Dec. 18 after the service.

All ages are encouraged to participate. Please let Dr. Robu know by Sunday, Nov. 13 if you would like to participate.

Our third Fine Arts Series Event is the play *Almost Maine*

It consists of a series of 2 person scenes centered on love.

Performances are February 10 & 11 at 7 p.m.

Rehearsals will begin sometime in January and we will work around people's schedules.

We already have a number of Plymouth members committed to performing in this show, but we could use a few more. If would like more information please see Dr. Robu.



CONCERT WITH PIANIST  
**MATTEO GENERANI**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2022, 7:00 PM | \$20

Matteo Generani is an Italian pianist, collaborator, and educator. He is the winner of both national and international competitions including the 2018 Solo piano competition “Villa Oliva” in Italy. The concert repertoire includes Bach, Martucci, and Rachmaninov.

*Tickets are available in the church office, or by calling 316-684-0221.  
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*Sharing  
Faith's  
Journey*





## **Plymouth Hallway & Display Case Art**

Be sure to stop by and browse the hall gallery and the display case in the next few weeks. Both artists are extending their shows until we have our next exhibitors ready. Hoodoo, our wall artist, has been particularly attentive and brings new works regularly.

The holiday season is upon us - both artists have unique offerings and their works are very reasonable in price. Come see us, and know you are supporting the Plymouth Fine Arts fund as well as our exhibitors. 85% goes to the artists, 15% to the fund. Thank you so much!

Oh, and we are sold out of the glass 100th anniversary candles but we have plenty of the round tins left, \$15 each. Great little gifts for someone on your list! All proceeds from the sale of the anniversary candles go to the Fine Arts fund. The candlemaker, Lola Candle Company, Wichita, was paid in advance of our sales. Thanks again, your Fine Arts Board

## **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!

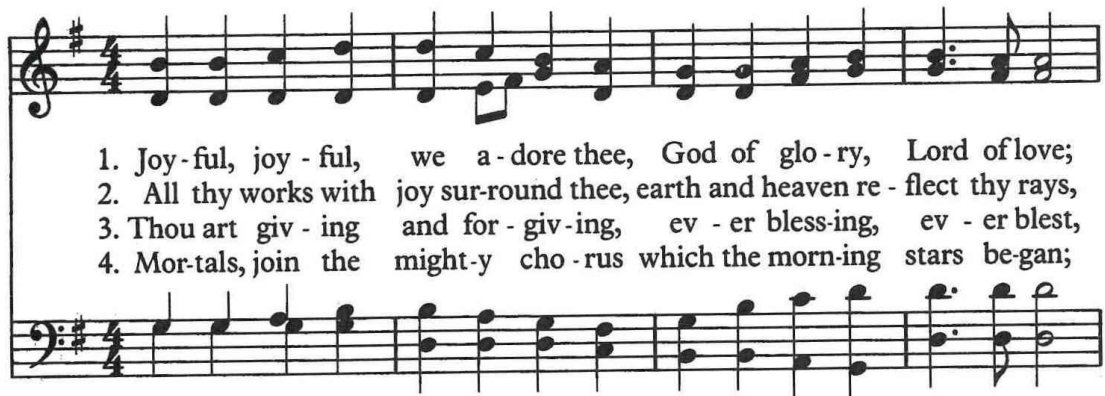
Re-Member's Senior Week program offers the complete cultural immersion found in their regular program; however, the work projects they focus on are less physically demanding, to better accommodate those 55 and older.

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

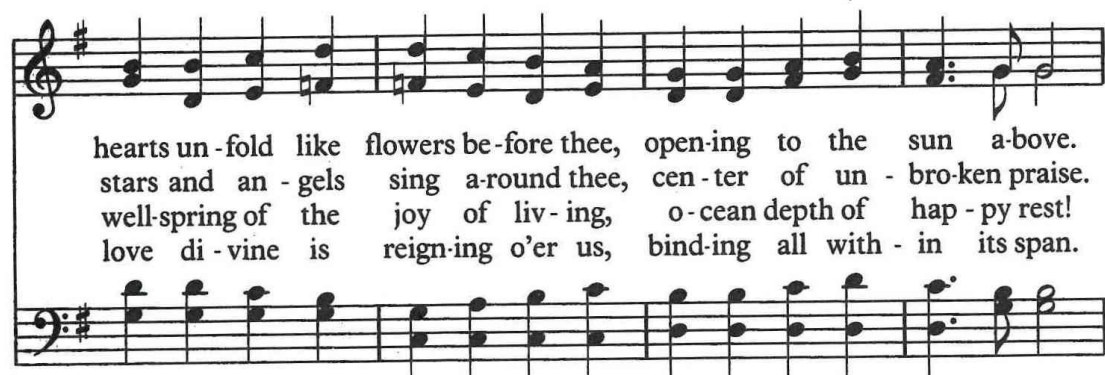
\$749.00 per person plus cost of transportation.

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. **Deadline of Nov. 30 to pay the deposit and notify me of your intention to go.**

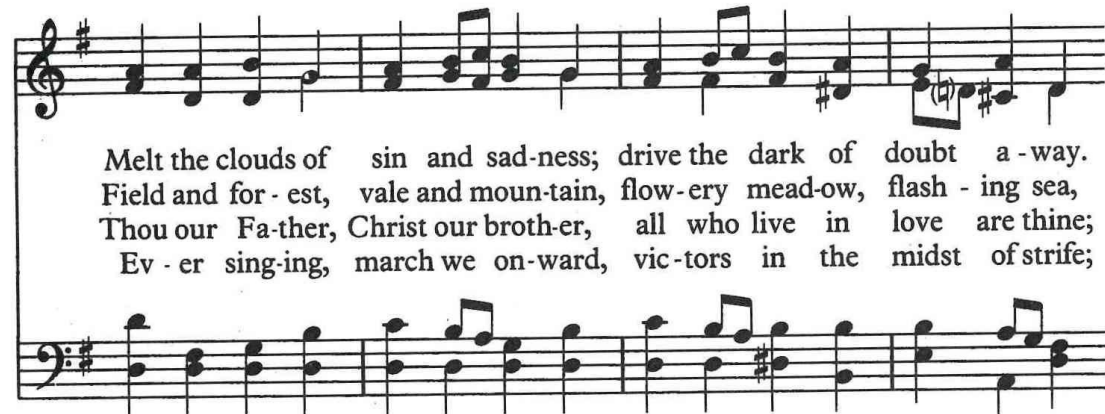
## Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



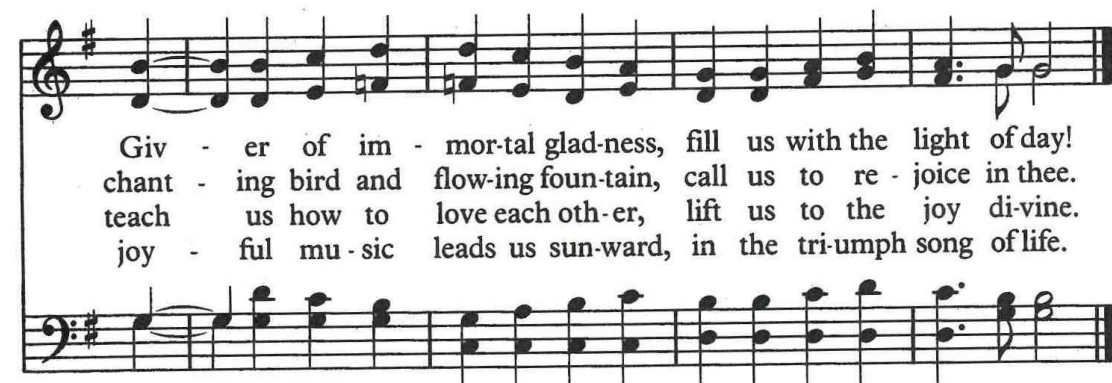
1. Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore thee, God of glo-ry, Lord of love;  
 2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re-lect thy rays,  
 3. Thou art giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blest,  
 4. Mor-tals, join the might-y cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan;



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-ccean 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.

# Take My Gifts

1 Take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me,  
2 Take the fruit that I have gath - ered from the tree your Spir - it sowed,  
3 Take what - ev - er I can of - fer— gifts that I have yet to find,

gave me light and food and shel - ter, gave me life and set me free,  
har - vest of your own com - pas - sion, juice that makes the wine of God,  
skills that I am slow to sharp - en, tal - ents of the hand and mind,

now be - cause your love has touched me, I have love to give a - way,  
spiced with hu - mor, laced with laugh - ter— fla - vor of the Je - sus life,  
things made beau - ti - ful for oth - ers in the place where I must be:

now the bread of love is ris - ing, loaves of love to mul - ti - ply!  
tang of risk and new ad - ven - ture, taste and zest be - yond be - lief.  
take my gifts and let me love you, God who first of all loved me.

# November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>6</b> <b>Daylight Saving Time Ends</b> 9am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Sunday Worship, (Sanctuary)	<b>7</b> 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	<b>8</b> <b>Election Day</b> 5:30pm Growth Steering	<b>9</b> 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 6pm Adult Ed 7pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>10</b> 2pm Plymouth Projects	<b>11</b> <b>Veterans Day</b> 7pm Matteo Generani	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b> 9am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Sunday Worship, (Sanctuary)	<b>14</b> 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	<b>15</b> <b>Church Office Closed</b> 5:30pm Investment Club 5:30pm Trustee	<b>16</b> 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 6pm Adult Ed 7pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>17</b> 2pm Plymouth Projects	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Thanksgiving & Mission Possible Sunday 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Fine Arts Board Mtg. 10:30am Sunday Worship, (Sanctuary)	<b>21</b> 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	<b>22</b> 2 pm Serving at the Shelter	<b>23</b> 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 6pm Adult Ed	<b>24</b> Church office Closed Thanksgiving	<b>25</b> Church office Closed	<b>26</b>

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, November 13th  
Dr. Robu will be preaching “Beauty in Times of Darkness”**

## 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.