



Celebration of Worship
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10:30 am

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

Opening Voluntary *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* arr. Joel Raney
Christopher Shaw, organ
Matteo Generani, piano

Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Moment Kurt Watson

Introit

Call to Worship

***Opening Hymn** *God Is Here* (page 8)

***Responsive Sentences**

One: How precious, how fragile, how short is life!

All: Our lives are but a breath.

One: The Divine brings us into being,

All: weaves our lives together,

One: and ushers us into eternal rest. Blessed are the Sacred rhythms of life and
holy are these tasks:

All: to be alive, to pay attention, to honor the fleeting with awe and care.

From: Enfleshed

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 dreams and visions, you unleash the imaginations of our hearts. In you, we catch sight of holy possibilities for thinking and living differently. Make us open to the wisdom of the past and to your promises of the future that today, we might be transformed by the mystery of your love as was the one who prayed ...*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

Genesis 1:1-31

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.

And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day.

And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.'

So God created humankind in his image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

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. ___

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/2 time signature. It contains the first five measures of the melody. The second staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 2/4 time signature. It contains the remaining six measures of the melody, including a 6-measure rest at the beginning of the line. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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A Moment with Our Children

Dr. Olsen

Solo

Hungarian Melody in B Minor, D 817
Matteo Generani, piano

Franz Schubert

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Adapted from Enfleshed

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

Built on the Rock

Todd Kendall

Built on the rock the church does stand,
even when steeples are falling;
crumbled have spires in ev'ry land,
bells still are chiming and calling;
calling the young and old to rest,
but above all the soul distressed,
longing for life everlasting.

We are God's house of living stones,
built for his own habitation;
he thro' baptismal grace us owns,
heirs of his wondrous salvation;
where two or three his name to tell,
yet he would deign with them to dwell
with all his grace and his favor.

Now may we gather with our King,
even in the lowliest dwelling;
praises to him we there may bring,
his wondrous mercy foretelling;
Jesus to us his grace accords,
spirit and life are all his words,
his truth does hallow the temple.
Amen!

Sermon

"To Sir with Love"

Dr. Robu

***Hymn of Departure**

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***Benediction**

Closing Voluntary

Immortal, Invisible
Christopher Shaw, organ
Matteo Generani, piano

arr. Deborah Governor

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

Thank you Matteo Generani for joining us during worship.

North Entry Greeter Joe Henderson

Communion Table Flowers Robert Lee

Cover Photo Picture of the library at Trinity College in Dublin.

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. 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.

God Is Here

1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an

of - fer praise and prayer, may we find in
life - long need of grace; here are ta - ble,
Shep - herd's flock and fold; here as bread and
age of change and doubt keep us faith - ful

full - er mea - sure what it is in Christ we share.
font, and pul - pit; here the cross has cen - tral place.
wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us as of old.
to the gos - pel; help us work your pur - pose out.

Here, as in the world a - round us, all our
 Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in
 Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in
 Here, in this day's ded - i - ca - tion, all we

var - ied skills and arts wait the com - ing
 si - lence, as in speech, here, in new - ness
 wor - ship to ex - plore what it means in
 have to give, re - ceive: we, who can - not

of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

God is the Poet

1 God is the po - et, Word of cre - a - tion,
2 New fa - shioned crea - tures, called in - to be - ing,
3 From our cre - a - tion, mu - sic en - chants us,
4 God, grant us wis - dom, formed in your im - age,

con - jur - ing won - ders and wak - ing the dawn,
rise up ex - ult - ing in joy and sur - prise.
mov - ing our spir - its to seek and to learn,
po - ets, com - pos - ers, in all that we do:

not - ing and nam - ing breath - tak - ing beau - ty:
Sum - moned from mys - tery, we join their sing - ing,
till grace - filled jour - neys end in be - gin - ning:
help us to fa - thom worlds past our know - ing.

God is the sing - er and life is the song.
o - pening our lips— as we o - pen our eyes.
dy - ing we rise,— and to mys - tery, re - turn.
May our cre - a - ting be wor - thy of you.

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 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.**

November 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
13 9am Adult Sunday School 10:30am Sunday Worship, (Sanctuary)	14 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	15 Church Office Closed 5:30pm Investment Club 5:30pm Trustee	16 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	17 2pm Plymouth Projects	18 4-8pm Bread Baking	19 10am –5pm Bread Baking
20 Thanksgiving & Mission Possible Sunday 9am Adult Sunday School 9am Fine Arts Board Mtg. 10:30am Sunday Worship, (Sanctuary)	21 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	22 2 pm Preparing food for Shelter 5:30pm Serving at the Shelter	23 No Wednesday Night Activities	24 Church office Closed Thanksgiving	25 Church office Closed	26
27 10:30am Sunday Worship, (Sanctuary)	28 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers 5:30pm Deacons	29	30 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	1	2	3

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, November 20th
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.