

Plymouth
Congregational
Church
Sharing Faith's Journey



Celebration of Worship
May 14, 2023

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10:30 am

Sixth Sunday of Easter | Mother's Day

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

Opening Voluntary *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens* arr. Dale Wood
Christopher Shaw, organ

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

***Opening Hymn** *All Things Bright and Beautiful* (page 10)

***Responsive Sentences** From Psalm 29

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul. O Lord my God, you are very great.

All: You are clothed with honor and majesty, wrapped in light as with a garment.

One: You stretch out the heavens like a tent, you set the beams of your chambers on the waters, you make the clouds your chariot, you ride on the wings of the wind,

All: You make the winds your messengers, fire and flame your ministers.

Response of Praise *Alleluia!*

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Response of Praise Alleluia! The music is in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff has a key signature of one sharp and a 6/8 time signature. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), A2 (quarter), G2 (quarter). The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! The second staff has a key signature of one sharp and a 6/8 time signature. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), A2 (quarter), G2 (quarter). The lyrics are: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

The sufficiency of your creation, O God, is gift and delight. The extravagance of your love, O God, causes our cup to overflow. Teach us of such practical lavishness that we may walk in the ways of the one who taught us to pray... *Our Mother, 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 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

Isaiah 55:1, 8-13

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price... For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Welcoming Song *These Treasured Children* PUER NOBIS NASCITUR (Let the children come forward.)

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Our an - cient sto - ry we shall tell, till these our chil - dren know it well with -". The second staff continues the melody for the second line: "in their souls and minds and hearts, for this is where their jour - ney starts." The music consists of quarter and eighth notes, with some rests. A fermata is placed over the final note of the second staff.

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A Moment with Our Children

Dr. Robu

Solo

How Lovely are Thy Dwellings
Emily Son

S. Liddle

How lovely are Thy dwellings, O Lord of Hosts!
My soul longeth, yea, fainteth, for the courts of the Lord:
My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house,
and the swallow a nest, where she may lay her young,
even Thing altars, O Lord of Hosts, my King and my God.
O Lord God of Hosts, hear my prayer.
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God,
than to dwell in the tents of wickedness
For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand.

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Organ Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

O Living Bread of Heaven
Scott Hay, guest conductor

Lloyd Larson

O living Bread of Heaven, how well You feed Your guest!
The gift that You have given has filled my heart with rest.
O wondrous food of blessing, O cup that heals our woes!
My heart, Your gift possessing, with praises overflows!

O Lord, by faith You've led me to this most holy place;
Your love and mercy feed me with treasures of Your grace;
for You have freely given what earth could never buy,
the gift of life from heaven, that I shall never die.

I receive You, Bread of Heaven, this food death can't destroy.
Your sacrifice has given the cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit the favor You have shown,
but humbly in my I bow before Your throne.

Lord, grant me by your mercy the strength that I shall need,
to follow in Your footsteps the path that You shall lead.
And when You call my spirit to leave this world below,
I will enter, by Your merit, where joys unending flow. Amen.

Sermon	“In Praise of Spring”	Dr. Olsen
*Hymn of Departure	<i>Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory</i>	(page 11)
*Benediction		
Closing Voluntary	<i>Toccata in e minor</i> Christopher Shaw, organ	Johann Pachelbel

***Let everyone stand in body or in spirit.
*** Ushers will seat late-comers.**

North Entry Greeter Jeanne Thompson

Communion Table Flowers Jeanne Thompson

Plymouth Staff

Rev. Dr. Donald P. Olsen, Senior Minister
Rev. Dr. Karen Robu, Associate Minister
Dr. Henry Waters, Director of Music
Christopher Shaw, Organist
KD Keim, Financial Secretary/Administrative Assistant
Lindsay Miller, Sunday School Teacher
Tim Robu, Maintenance Engineer
Erik Breckenridge, Video Tech
John Palmer, Video Tech Assistant



New Member Sunday

May 21, 2023

If you are interested in joining
Plymouth Congregational Church

Contact Dr. Robu

krobu@plymouth-church.net

Wednesday, May 17

Following our dinner this evening we will be planting in the Growing Together Garden at College Hill Elementary School.
Volunteers Welcome!

Wednesday, May 24

Following our dinner this evening we will be doing a closet cleanout downstairs.
Volunteers Welcome!

Wednesdays in Summer

Join us for dinner, drinks, and dialogue in the homes of Plymouth members at 6 pm on select Wednesdays this summer.

Cost of the meals will vary from week to week but will not exceed \$15 per person.
BYOB.

Sign-up sheet and weekly discussion topics will be posted on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall.

June 7

Host: Tim & Karen Robu
Meal catered by Katie Robu

June 14

Host: Sharon & Alan Fearey
Sloppy Joes, Potato Salad, and Baked Beans

June 21

Host: Ken & Susan Arnold
Fried Chicken Dinner

July 12

Host: Corinne & Clifford Depew
Meal TBA

July 19

**Host: Bob Blackburn &
Linda Morgan**
Meal TBA

Ways to Give

If you would like to make a donation to Plymouth Church's general operating fund or one of their special missions and you don't have a check or cash for the offering plate just scan the QR code to donate using a credit card.



Plymouth Hallway Art Gallery

The photographs in the hallway are from the Centennial Celebration of the Sanctuary that was held last October. The photographer, Kendra Cremin, did a fantastic job capturing the beauty of our sanctuary. The photographs are for sale as marked and will be on display through the month of May. If you would like to order a photo you can find an order form in the Sunday bulletins. Please contact Holly Yager at holly.yager@gmail.com if you would like a size that is not on the order form. All orders are due by June 4th. Proceeds will be used to promote Plymouth Congregational Church in the community.

Plymouth Art Display Case

Our display case artist for May/June is Doug Richards of Wichita, owner of *OriginalsbyDoug*. To quote Doug: "I have done some form of art for years. The last couple of years I have gone headfirst into jewelry making. I've done sculpting, painting, leathercrafting, stained glass, beadwork, woodworking and now jewelry. I took sculpting from Babs Mellor at Mark Arts (previously Center for the Arts) and enameling, jewelry and metalsmithing at Mark Arts and City Arts. I don't know what it is, but I just have to be creating something all the time."

Doug designs then fires his original jewelry in a small kiln in his workshop. He has owned his shop on the website Etsy.com since January 2022. Doug also exhibits at various shows in the Wichita area.

A comment on his website includes this buyer: "The earrings are beautiful, even prettier than the pictures, and so comfortable because they are so lightweight while still feeling substantial."

Doug's works are perfect for gifting -- Mother's Day, birthdays, graduations, anniversaries! As a reminder 85% of sales go to the artist, and the remaining 15% to the Plymouth Fine Arts fund. Thank you for your support.

Save the Dates!

Vacation Bible School | July 17 – 21 | 5:30 – 8 p.m.

This year Plymouth Congregational Church will join forces with College Hill United Methodist, Grace Presbyterian, and St. James Church for a College Hill Community Vacation Bible School

Location for the event will be College Hill United Methodist Church (The plan is to have a different church host the event each year)

More details to come!



All Things Bright and Beautiful

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

Fine

all things wise and won-der-ful: the Lord God made them all.

1. Each lit - tle flower that o-pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2. The pur - ple-head-ed moun-tains, the riv - er run-ning by,
3. The cold wind in the win-ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
4. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

D.C.

God made their glow-ing col - ors, and made their ti - ny wings.
 the sun-set and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky.
 the ripe fruits in the gar - den: God made them ev-ery one.
 how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

Joyous Light of Heavenly Glory

1 Joy-ous light of heav'n-ly glo - ry, lov-ing glow of God's own face,
 2 In the stars that grace the dark-ness, in the blaz-ing sun of dawn,
 3 You who made the heav-en's splen-dor, ev'-ry danc-ing star of night,

you who sing cre - a-tion's sto - ry, shine on ev'-ry land and race.
 in the light of peace and wis-dom, we can hear your qui-et song.
 make us shine with gen-tle jus - tice, let us each re-lect your light.

Now as eve - ning falls a - round us, we shall raise our songs to you.
 Love that fills the night with won-der, love that warms the wear-y soul,
 Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, gen-tle Christ who lights our way,

God of day-break, God of shad-ows, come and light our hearts a - new.
 love that bursts all chains a - sun - der, set us free and make us whole.
 lov - ing Spir - it of sal - va - tion, lead us on to end - less day.

Chord markings: Cm, Fm, Bb, Cm, Fm7, Bb, Eb, Cm, Ab, Eb, Bb, Eb, Ab, Eb, Bb, G7, Cm, Bb, Fm, Ab, Eb, Fm7, Bb7, Eb

May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 Mother's Day 10:30am Sunday Worship 	15 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	16 5:30pm Investment Club	17 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	18 2pm Plymouth Projects 5:30 CE via Zoom	19	20
21 9am Fine Arts Brd Mission Possible 10:30am New Member Sunday Worship 2pm Bunny TNT	22 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers 5:30pm Deacons	23 5:30 pm Trustee Mtg.	24 5:30pm Final Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	25 2pm Plymouth Projects	26	27
28 10:30am Sunday Worship	29 Memorial Day Office Closed	30 5:30 pm Cabinet Mtg.	31	1 2pm Plymouth Projects	2	3

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, May 21st.
Dr. Robu will be Preaching, "The Time I Held the Hands of Christ"**

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.