

# Celebration of Worship May 28, 2023

## **Celebration of Worship**

May 28, 2023

#### 10:30 am

## **Pentecost Sunday**

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

**Opening Voluntary** 

*Veni, Creator Spiritus* Christopher Shaw, organ arr. Libby Larson

#### Welcome and Announcements

Introit

**Call to Worship** 

\*Opening Hymn

Holy Spirit, Come with Power

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#### \*Responsive Sentences

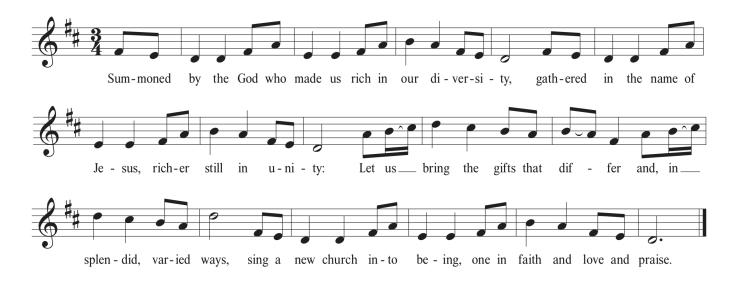
From Enfleshed. com

One: Peace be with you! All: And also with you! One: The Holy Spirit lives within you.

All: She also lives within you.

One: Let us gather in the presence of the Redeemer,

All: the Beloved who sets forth the path of Life.



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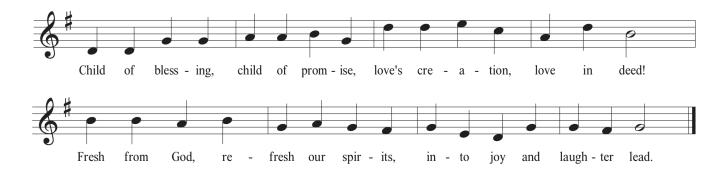
#### \*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

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Holy One, though we seek to love, still we fail one another. We get stuck in our guilt. We hide in shame. But you, O God, do not send us away. You draw us closer, more deeply into the heart of Love where we are transformed. Whatever burdens of regret we bear, may we hear and receive your eternal invitation to embrace the grace that sets us free. To make amends. To heal. To reconcile. Through 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

Child of Blessing

(Let the children come forward)



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## A Moment with Our Children

#### Lindsay Miller

arr. Craig Courtney

#### Duet

*Come, Thou Fount* Diane Fast and Clifton Vogt

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above; Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, Mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer; Hither by Thy help I'm come; And I hope, by Thy good please, Safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God; He, to rescue me from danger, Interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be! Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wand'ring heard to Thee: Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love; Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts above.

#### **Prayer Concerns**

#### **Pastoral Prayer**

From Enfleshed.com

Susan LaBarr

#### **Prayer Response**

#### **Invitation to Offering**

Anthem	

We Remember Them

At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of summer; At the opening of the buds and in rebirth of spring; At the rising of the sun and at its going down; We remember them.

At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter; At the rustling of the leaves and beauty of autumn time; At the start of the year and when it ends; We remember them.

As long as we live, they too will live.

When we are weary and in need of strength; When we are lost and sick at heart; When we have joy we crave to share; We remember them.

## **Scripture Reading**

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Hymn of Preparation	As the Wind Song through the T	rees (page 13)
Sermon	"When 'The End' is not the end"	Dr. Robu
*Hymn of Departure	Go in Grace and Make Disciple	s (page 14)
*Benediction		
Closing Voluntary	<i>Every Time I Feel the Spirit</i> Christopher Shaw, organ	arr. Aaron David Miller

#### \* Let all who are able please stand. \*\*\* Ushers will seat late comers.

#### North Entry Greeter Rich Euson

## Communion Table Flowers Rich Euson

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## A Heartfelt Thank-you to All!

Dear Friends,

I am deeply thankful for the kind words offered to me by Elaine Neel in the worship service this past Sunday and the generous gift from all of you that accompanied those words. It is a privilege and honor to serve Plymouth Congregational church. The past four months would not have been possible without help from all of you. I love the work we get to do together!

FYI we are using the money to help pay for our new electric riding lawn tractor! If you join us for dinner on June 7 we'll let you take it for a spin:)

With Love and Thanks, Karen

## **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

## 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.



## Health as a Spiritual Practice

Join us at Plymouth on Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. and bring a healthy sack lunch. We will spend 30 minutes walking at our own pace in Fellowship Hall. It's a nice flat surface, with air-conditioning, and benches to sit if you need to rest. Corinne Depew will be there to take blood pressures for anyone who would like. When we're finished walking we will all sit and eat lunch together. Bring a friend!

#### 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

## Vacation Bible School | July 17 – 20 | 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)



## SUMMER CHOIR SCHEDULE – Y'all come!!

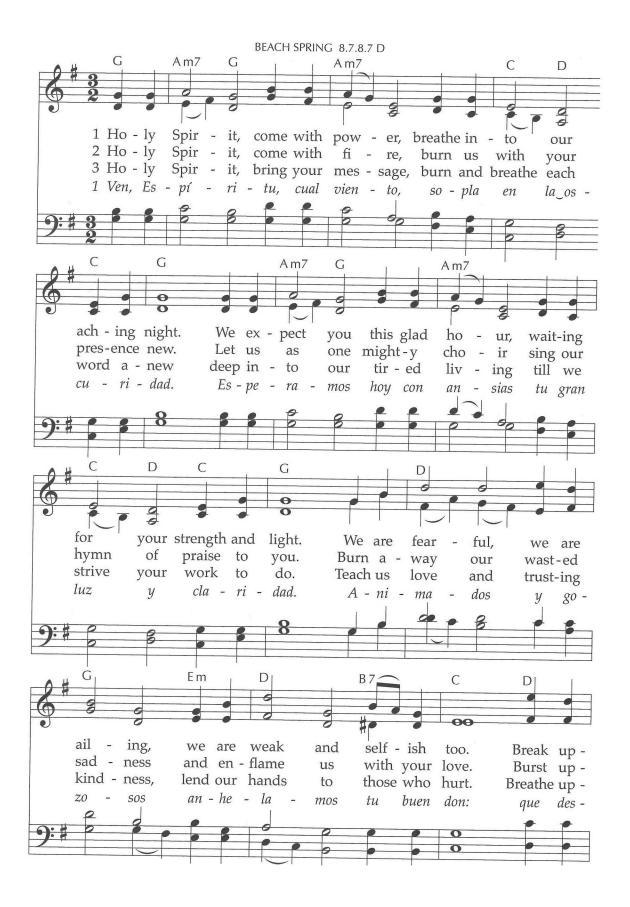
I would like to invite you to come sing in the choir this summer (June, July, August)!

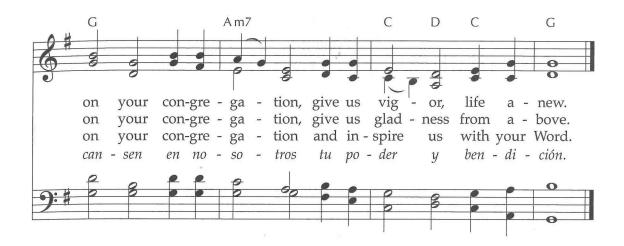
How it works: come to the choir room at 10 AM (directly below the sanctuary near the Commons) to rehearse a simple anthem that we will sing during the service that Sunday! I'll have music and a folder ready for you. You don't have to wear a robe and no processing – just come and sing!

Below are the Sundays where choir will be in worship. There is no commitment. You can come sing for one Sunday or ALL SUNDAYS!! There is always confidence in numbers so bring a friend!!

Sunday, June 4 Sunday, June 18 Sunday, July 2 Sunday, July 16 Sunday, July 30 Sunday, August 13 Sunday, August 27 **SPECIAL MUSIC**: Are you interested in singing a solo or duet, or even playing something? We'd love for you to share your gift of music. Email Henry at musicdirector@plymouth-church.net.

## Holy Spirit, Come With Power





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## **Plymouth 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 <u>holly.yager@gmail.com</u> if you would like a size that is not on the order form. All orders are due by June 4<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## **Plymouth Maintenance Update**

Over the next several months, there will be several contractors working outside the church to remove dead trees and shrubs in the courtyard and on the south side of the sanctuary. This work is necessary to address water infiltration issues and to properly grade the lawn and landscaping materials away from the church to ensure proper drainage.

Once waterproofing work is completed and proper drainage is established, new landscaping will be installed in 2024.

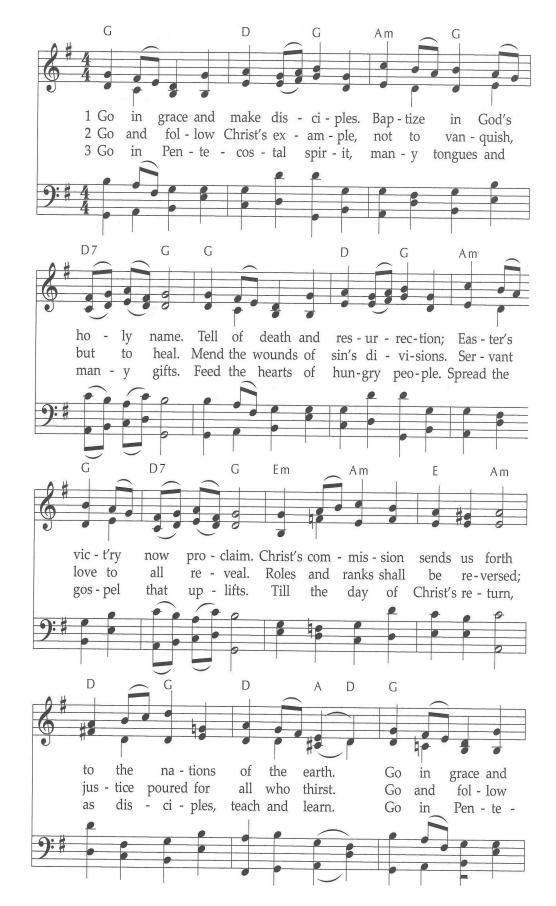
Please bear with us as the Trustees work to maintain and repair our beautiful church facility.

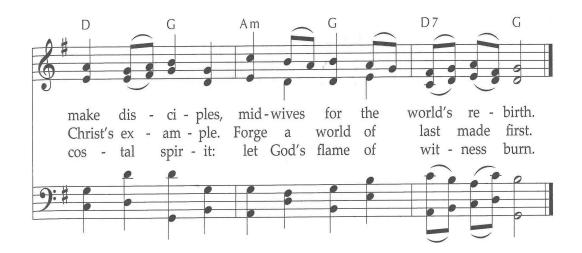
#### As the Wind Song through the Trees



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#### Go in Grace and Make Disciples





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May/June 2023									
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday		<b>Friday</b>	Saturday			
28	29	30	31	1	2	3			
10:30am Sunday Worship	Memorial Day Office Closed	5:30 pm Cabinet Mtg.		11:30am Walk & Lunch 2pm Plymouth Projects					
<b>4</b> 10:30am Sunday Worship	5 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	<b>6</b> 7pm Suncreek Youth Choir	7 6pm Summer Wednesday Night Dinner	8 11:30am Walk & Lunch 2pm Plymouth Projects	9	10			
<b>11</b> 10:30am	12 2 pm Prairie	<b>13</b> 5:30pm Growth	14 6pm Summer	<b>15</b> 11:30am Walk	16	17			
Sunday Worship	Wind Folk Dancers	Steering	Wednesday Night Dinner	& Lunch 2pm Plymouth Projects					

## Please join us for worship next Sunday, June 4 Dr. Robu 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.