

Plymouth

Congregational
Church

Sharing Faith's Journey



Celebration of Worship
May 28, 2023

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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.

*Response of Praise

Summoned by the God

NETTLETON

Sum-moned by the God who made us rich in our di-ver-si-ty, gath-ered in the name of
Je-sus, rich-er still in u-ni-ty: Let us—bring the gifts that dif-fer and, in—
splen-did, var-ied ways, sing a new church in-to be-ing, one in faith and love and praise.

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*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Adapted from Enfleshed.com

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)

STUTT GART

Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, love's cre - a - tion, love in deed!
Fresh from God, re - fresh our spir - its, in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes.

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A Moment with Our Children

Lindsay Miller

Duet

Come, Thou Fount
Diane Fast and Clifton Vogt

arr. Craig Courtney

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

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

We Remember Them

Susan LaBarr

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

John 20:30-21:14

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	<i>As the Wind Song through the Trees</i>	(page 13)
Sermon	"When 'The End' is not the end"	Dr. Robu
*Hymn of Departure	<i>Go in Grace and Make Disciples</i>	(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

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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)



▶ Child Registration



▶ Volunteer Registration

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

BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7 D

1 Ho - ly Spir - it, come with pow - er, breathe in - to our
 2 Ho - ly Spir - it, come with fi - re, burn us with your
 3 Ho - ly Spir - it, bring your mes - sage, burn and breathe each
 1 Ven, Es - pí - ri - tu, cual vien - to, so - pla en la os -

ach - ing night. We ex - pect you this glad ho - ur, wait - ing
 pres - ence new. Let us as one might - y cho - ir sing our
 word a - new deep in - to our tir - ed liv - ing till we
 cu - ri - dad. Es - pe - ra - mos hoy con an - sias tu gran

for your strength and light. We are fear - ful, we are
 hymn of praise to you. Burn a - way our wast - ed
 strive your work to do. Teach us love and trust - ing
 luz y cla - ri - dad. A - ni - ma - dos y go -

ail - ing, we are weak and self - ish too. Break up -
 sad - ness and en - flame us with your love. Burst up -
 kind - ness, lend our hands to those who hurt. Breathe up -
 zo - sos an - he - la - mos tu buen don: que des -

G Am7 C D C G
 on your con-gre - ga - tion, give us vig - or, life a - new.
 on your con-gre - ga - tion, give us glad - ness from a - bove.
 on your con-gre - ga - tion and in - spire us with your Word.
 can - sen en no - so - tros tu po - der y ben - di - ción.

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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 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.

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

1 As the wind song through the trees, as the stir - ring of the
 2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the hope that's born a -

breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of God; as the
 gain, so it is with the Spir - it of God; as the

heart made strange - ly warm, as the voice with - in the storm, so it
 green in the spring, as a kite on a string, so it

is with the Spir - it of God. Nev - er
 is with the Spir - it of God, mak - ing

seen, ev - er known where this wind has blown, bring - ing
 worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come true, bring - ing

life, bring - ing pow'r to the world, as the
 gifts, bring - ing love to the world; as the

dan - cing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de - sire, so it
 ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the feast, so it

is with the Spir - it of God.
 is with the Spir - it of God.

Go in Grace and Make Disciples

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of four systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, and guitar chords are indicated above the treble staff.

System 1: Chords: G, D, G, Am, G. Lyrics: 1 Go in grace and make dis - ci - ples. Bap - tize in God's

System 2: Chords: D7, G, G, D, G, Am. Lyrics: 2 Go and fol - low Christ's ex - am - ple, not to van - quish, 3 Go in Pen - te - cos - tal spir - it, man - y tongues and

System 3: Chords: G, D7, G, Em, Am, E, Am. Lyrics: ho - ly name. Tell of death and res - ur - rec - tion; Eas - ter's but to heal. Mend the wounds of sin's di - vi - sions. Ser - vant man - y gifts. Feed the hearts of hun - gry peo - ple. Spread the

System 4: Chords: D, G, D, A, D, G. Lyrics: vic - t'ry now pro - claim. Christ's com - mis - sion sends us forth love to all re - veal. Roles and ranks shall be re - versed; gos - pel that up - lifts. Till the day of Christ's re - turn, to the na - tions of the earth. Go in grace and jus - tice poured for all who thirst. Go and fol - low as dis - ci - ples, teach and learn. Go in Pen - te -

D G Am G D7 G

make dis - ci - ples, mid-wives for the world's re - birth.
 Christ's ex - am - ple. Forge a world of last made first.
 cos - tal spir - it: let God's flame of wit - ness burn.

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May/June 2023

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28 10:30am Sunday Worship	29 Memorial Day Office Closed	30 5:30 pm Cabinet Mtg.	31	1 11:30am Walk & Lunch 2pm Plymouth Projects	2	3
4 10:30am Sunday Worship	5 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	6 7pm Sun creek Youth Choir	7 6pm Summer Wednesday Night Dinner	8 11:30am Walk & Lunch 2pm Plymouth Projects	9	10
11 10:30am Sunday Worship	12 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	13 5:30pm Growth Steering	14 6pm Summer Wednesday Night Dinner	15 11:30am Walk & Lunch 2pm Plymouth Projects	16	17

**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.