



Celebration of Worship
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10:30 am

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

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

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

Welcome and Announcements Michael Aumack

Call to Worship

***Opening Hymn** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* (page 6)

***Responsive Sentences** From Enfleshed.com

One: In a world riddled with grief and uncertainty—

All: What words do we speak to soothe our spirits, oh God?

One: Smoke fills the air, violence fills our public space, illness lingers—

All: Where do we go to feel safe, oh God?

One: We are seeking restoration, longing for connection, yearning for joy—

All: How do we reach for flourishing, Oh God?

One: Be with us in our questions.

All: Draw your presence of love and compassion close.

*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

God of rebirth, renewal, and restoration - we acknowledge how easy it is to get stuck in our ways. While we wish for radical change in the world, we still struggle to discern what change is needed in ourselves. We turn to you for guidance. Release us from that which holds us back in mind, body, and spirit, that we might move forward together guided by 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

STUTT GART

(Let the children come forward)

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.

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A Moment with Our Children

Lindsay Miller

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

From Enfleshed.com

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Solo

Give Me Jesus
Emily Son

arr. Howard Helvey

I heard my mother say,
Give me Jesus.
You may have all this world,
Give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry,
Give me Jesus.
You may have all this world,
Give me Jesus.

Oh, when I come to die,
Give me Jesus.
You may have all this world,
Give me Jesus.

Scripture Reading

Luke 17:33

Those who try to make their life secure will lose it, but those who lose their life will keep it.

*Hymn of Preparation

Be Still My Soul

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Sermon

“The Dark Woods,
Part Two: Emptiness”

Dr. Robu

***Hymn of Departure**

My Life Flows On

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***Benediction**

Closing Voluntary

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. May Schwarz

*** Let all who are able please stand.**

***** Ushers will seat late comers.**

North Entry Greeter Steve Kimball

Communion Table Flowers Steve Kimball

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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, July 16

Sunday, July 30

Sunday, August 13

Sunday, August 27

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

G D7 G D
 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 heav'n re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bles-sing, ev - er bless'd,
 4 Mor-tals, join the might-y cho - rus, which the morn-ing stars be - gan.

G C Am G D7 G
 Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais-ing thee their 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 - cean-depth of hap - py rest!
 Love di - vine is reign-ing o'er us, lead-ing us with mer-cy's hand.

D G D G D7 B Em A D G*
 Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive our fear and doubt a - way. Giv -
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mead-ow, flash-ing sea, chant-
 Known in Je-sus Christ our broth-er, all who live in love are thine. Teach
 Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife. Joy -

C Am G D G
 - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day!
 - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di-vine.
 - ful mu - sic lifts us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

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July Blood Drive at Plymouth

To schedule your lifesaving appointment please visit redcrossblood.org or text Lindsay at 316-641-3969.



Blood Drive Plymouth Congregational Church

Fellowship Hall
202 N Clifton
Wichita, KS 67208

Sunday, July 16, 2023
8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Vacation Bible School

Join Us for Compassion Camp VBS

July 17-21, 2023

Ages - 3 years to 6th Grade

5:30pm - Dinner 6-8pm VBS Program

Register:

CHILDREN

VOLUNTEERS



Location: College Hill UMC - 2930 E. 1st Street, Wichita

Sponsored by the following churches:

College Hill United Methodist, Grace Presbyterian, Plymouth Congregational and St. James Episcopal

You're Invited



Be Still My Soul

F C7/G F B \flat C F

1 Be still, my soul! for God is on your side;
 2 Be still, my soul! for God will un - der - take
 3 Be still, my soul! the hour is has - t'ning on

C7/G F B \flat F

bear pa - tient - ly the cross of grief or pain:
 to guide the fu - ture sure - ly as the past.
 when we shall be for - ev - er in God's peace;

Dm F C Gm

leave to your God to or - der and pro - vide,
 Your hope, your con - fi - dence, let noth - ing shake;
 when dis - ap - point - ment, grief, and fear are gone,

F/C B \flat A

who through all chang - es faith - ful will re - main.
 all now mys - te - rious shall be clear at last.
 love's joys re - stored, our striv - ings all shall cease.

F Dm F C Gm

Be still, my soul! your best, your heav'n - ly Friend
 Be still, my soul! the waves and winds still know
 Be still, my soul! when change and tears are past,

F/C C7 F

through thorn - y ways leads to a joy - ful end.
 the voice that calmed their fu - ry long a - go.
 all safe and bless - ed we shall meet at last.

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My Life Flows On

1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com - forts die, I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring - ing!

G C G D G

I catch the sweet, though far - off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing - ing?
 What though the dark - ness gath - er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing - ing?

Refrain G D Em G D G

No storm can shake my in - most calm while to that Rock I'm cling - ing.

G C G D G

Since Love is lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from sing - ing?

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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.

**July 12 | Host: Corinne & Clifford Depew | Meal: Build your own fajitas
Conversation Starter | <https://sojo.net/articles/want-combat-climate-change-dont-tear-down-your-church>**

July 26 | Host: Bob Blackburn & Linda Morgan | Meal: Chef Alyssa will be preparing: bruschetta chicken and herb crusted salmon, garden rice, squash medley, mojito watermelon salad, small bite desserts.

Plymouth Staff

Rev. Dr. Donald P. Olsen, Senior Minister
Rev. Dr. Karen Robu, Associate Minister
Dr. Henry Waters, Director of Music
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July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 10:30am Sunday Worship	10 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	11 5:30pm Growth Steering	12 6pm Summer Wednesday Night Dinner	13 11:30am Walk & Lunch 2pm Plymouth Projects	14	15 2pm 80th Birthday Party for Joyce Gedraitis
16 7am Blood Drive Mission Possible Sunday 9am Fine Arts Brd 10:30am Sunday Worship	17 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	18 5:30pm Investment Club	19	20 11:30am Walk & Lunch 2pm Plymouth Projects	21	22
Youth Trip—Be the Neighbor						
23 10:30am Sunday Worship	24 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers 5:30pm Deacons	25 5:30pm Trustee	26 6pm Summer Wednesday Night Dinner	27 11:30am Walk & Lunch 2pm Plymouth Projects	28	29

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, July 16
 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.