



Celebration of Worship
July 16, 2023

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10:30 am

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

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

Opening Voluntary

How Great Thou Art
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Robert Hobby

Welcome and Announcements

Mission Possible

Head to Toe Hygiene Pantry

Debbi Green

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn

God of Great and God of Small

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*Responsive Sentences

From Psalm 65

One: You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

All: You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

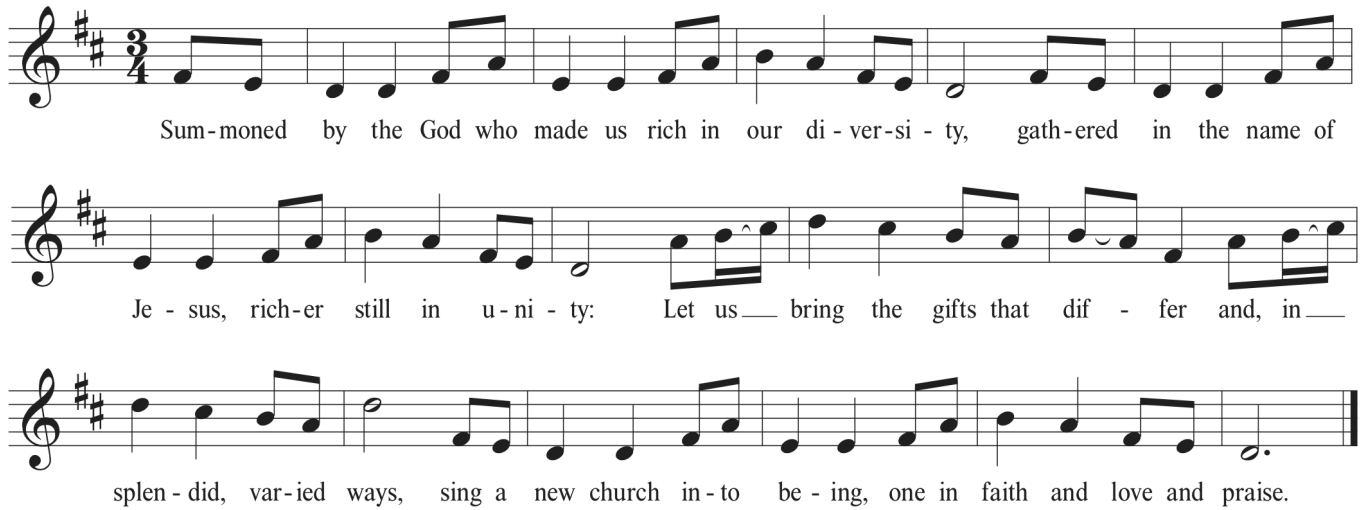
One: You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

All: May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy. May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

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

Eternal God, whose Spirit moved over the face of the deep, bringing forth light and life: by that same Spirit, renew your creation, and restore the divine image in your people. Turn us from careless tenants to faithful stewards, that your threefold blessing of clean air, pure water, and rich earth may be the inheritance of everything that has the breath of life, and one generation may proclaim to another the wonder of your works; through Jesus the Christ, your living Word, 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.*

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:11-24

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe -- the best one -- and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

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

Organ Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

Music of the Morning

Pepper Choplin

Hear the music of the morning,
rising with the sun.
Light has come to fill the darkness,
now the night is done.

So let us take time to pause,
take time to pray,
and pray to God, who made us,
to God, who made the day.

Know the blessing of the morning,
feel the peace within.
Hold the promise of the dawning,
see the day begin.

Lift up your head,
lift up your song, and sing,
and sing to God, who made us,
to God, who made the day.

Come rise up and sing alleluia.
Take time to pause, take time to pray,
and pray to God, who made us,
to God, who made the day.

Sermon

“Luke’s Mini Gospel:
Lost and Found”

Dr. Olsen

*Hymn of Departure

Amazing Grace

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*Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Toccata in Seven
Christopher Shaw, organ

John Rutter

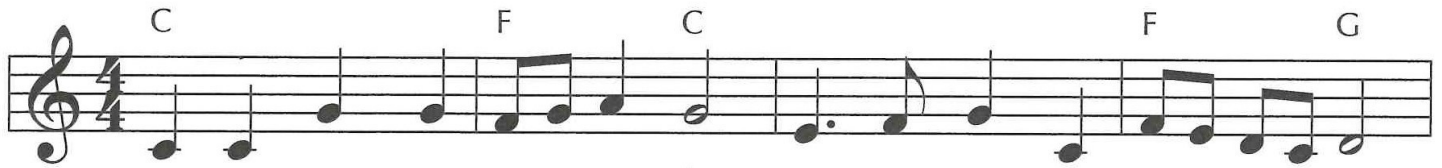
***Let everyone stand in body or in spirit.**

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

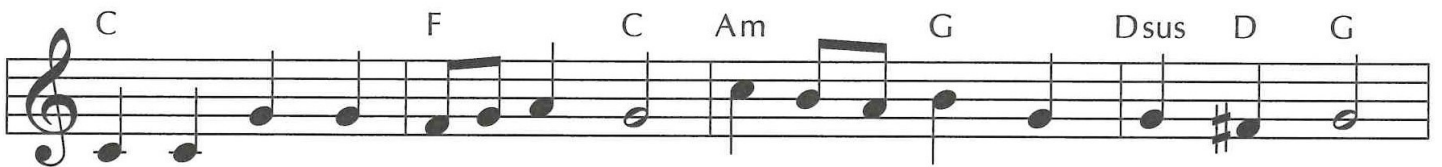
North Entry Greeter Jeanne Thompson

Communion Table Flowers Jeanne Thompson

God of Great and God of Small

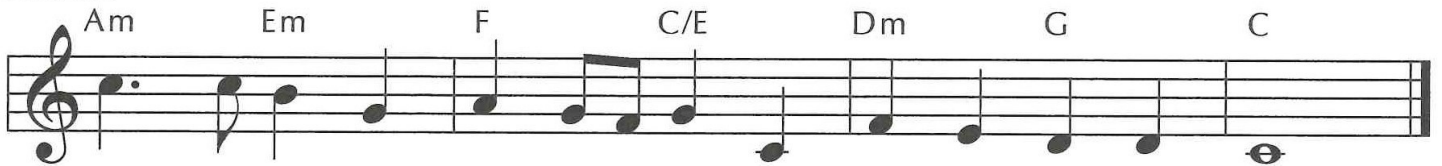


1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and des - ti - ny,
3 God of si - lence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found,
4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,



God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things be - long,
God of nev - er - end - ing power, yet be - side me ev - ery hour,
God of day and dark - est night, God whose love turns wrong to right,
God of now and days be - fore, God who reigns for - ev - er - more,

Refrain



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, praise be to your name.

Amazing Grace

1. A - maz - ing grace! How sweet the sound that
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
5. Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail, and
6. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought me
word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
mor - tal life shall cease, I shall pos - sess, with -
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found; was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved.
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.
in the veil, a life of joy and peace.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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Mission Possible

Our Mission Possible speaker this month is Debbi Green who is one of the coordinators for University Congregational Church's Head to Toe Hygiene Pantry. UCC partners with the United Methodist Open Door Food Pantry located at 2130 E. 21st St. North. This ministry provides basic personal hygiene items to low income individuals and includes essentials like toilet paper, laundry detergent, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, diapers, baby wash, baby lotion, feminine hygiene items, deodorant, shaving creams and razors. Plymouth has participated in this program for years thru member donations of toilet paper.

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

Plymouth Staff

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Christopher Shaw, Organist
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Tim Robu, Maintenance Engineer
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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 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.

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!



Plymouth Fine Arts Series

Presents

2023/2024 Season

September 23, 2023 | “Songs of Wisdom”
With guest director Tom Seelig
Concert followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall \$20

October 28, 2023 | Bach, Beer, & Brats

March 17, 2024 | A Taste of Ireland
An evening of Irish food and music

Entertain • Educate • Inspire • Transform

More information about events 2 & 3 coming soon!

Art From the Heart Events you can participate in!

Plymouth’s Got Talent
Oct. 4, 2023 | 5:30 p.m.

Dinner followed by Talent Show
Multi-generational Christmas Pageant
Dec. 20, 2023 | 5:30 p.m.
Dinner followed by the pageant.

Songs of Wisdom

with guest conductor Tim Seelig

Saturday, September 23, 2023, 7:00 PM

Conductor Tim Seelig will lead choirs from Plymouth Congregational, College Hill United Methodist, Bethel College in Joseph Martin's "Song of Wisdom from Old Turtle." The piece will be accompanied by a chamber orchestra and narrated by Tim and Karen Robu.



Tim Seelig is conductor, singer, speaker and educator. He continues a busy schedule of appearances across the U.S. He is the Conductor Laureate of the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus and Conductor Emeritus of the Turtle Creek Chorale.

Dr. Seelig holds four degrees, including the Doctor of Musical Arts degree and the Diploma from the prestigious Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria. He has six published books and DVDs on choral technique.

He has conducted 50 recordings which have been on Billboard Top Ten and iTunes Top Ten charts. His choruses have been the topic of three award-winning documentaries. He made his European operatic debut in St. Gallen, Switzerland and his solo recital debut at Carnegie Hall.

His autobiographical memoir, "Tale of Two Tims," was released June, 2020.

Sponsorships

Up to \$249 – You will get your name in the program for all three events.

\$250 to \$499 – You will get your name in the program for all three events and two season tickets.

\$500 and above – You will get your name in the program for all three events and four season tickets. Plus, a stein with the Plymouth Logo.

If you would be interested in sponsoring the cost of an entire event, or sponsoring specific costs relating to one of the events, contact Dr. Robu for specific pricing. Tickets are available in the church office, or by calling 316-684-0221. Cash, Check, Visa or MasterCard accepted. Tickets are also available on Eventbrite.com

July/August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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
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**Please join us for worship next Sunday, July 23rd
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.