

Plymouth

Congregational
Church

Sharing Faith's Journey



Celebration of Worship
July 23, 2023

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10:30 am

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

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

Opening Voluntary Prelude on "Gift of Finest Wheat" arr. Charles Callahan
Christopher Shaw, organ

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

***Opening Hymn** *For the Fruit of All Creation* (page 6)

***Responsive Sentences** Psalm 52:8-9

One: I am like a green olive tree in the house of God.

All: I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.

One: I will thank you forever, because of what you have done.

All: In the presence of the faithful I will proclaim your name, for it is good.

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

As we gather in worship keep us mindful of your presence, your grace, and your love. May our prayers and adoration speak honestly of our needs and your extravagant grace. Mold us together as one people, devoted to listening as an act of love, and life in the ways of 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.*

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:25-32

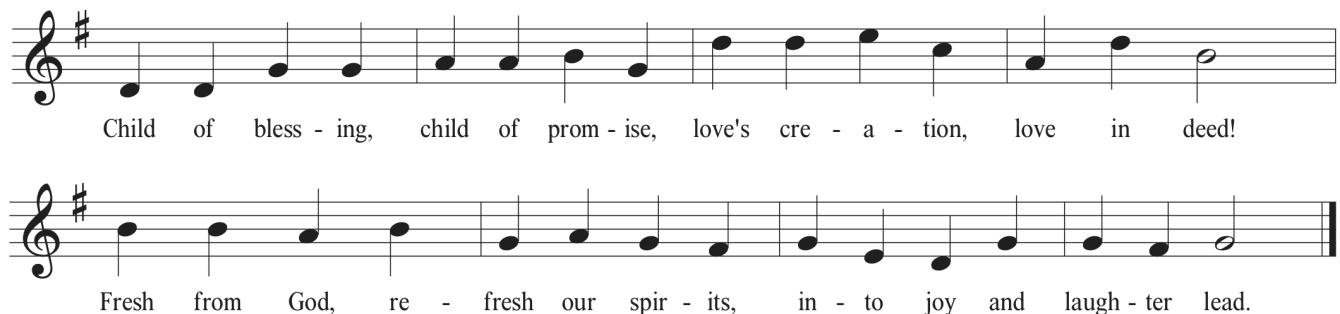
"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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

Solo

32 Etudes for Clarinet, no. 5 "Adagio"
Elyssa Astegiano, clarinet

Franx Wilhelm Ferling
ad. by Cyrille Rose

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Organ Response

Invitation to Offering

Solo

Steal Away
Emily Son, alto
Elyssa Astegiano, clarinet

arr. Howard Helvey

Steal away to Jesus.
Steal away home.
I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord, He calls me,
He calls me by the thunder,
the trumpet sounds within my soul,
I ain't got long to stay here.

Sermon

"Luke's Mini Gospel:
Lament of the Responsible"

Dr. Olsen

*Hymn of Departure

There Is Now a New Creation

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*Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Fanfare, Chorale, and Toccata on "There in God's Garden"
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Michael Burkhardt

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

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

North Entry Greeter Rich Euson

Communion Table Flowers Rich Euson

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

For the Fruit of All Creation

1. For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, Thanks be to
2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is
3. For the har - vests of the Spir - it, Thanks be to

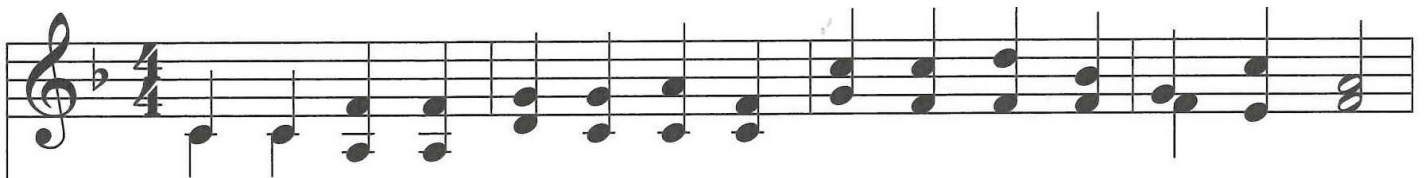
God. For these gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion,
done. In the help we give our neigh - bor,
God. For the good we all in - her - it,

Thanks be to God. For the plow - ing,
God's will is done. In our world - wide
Thanks be to God. For the won - ders

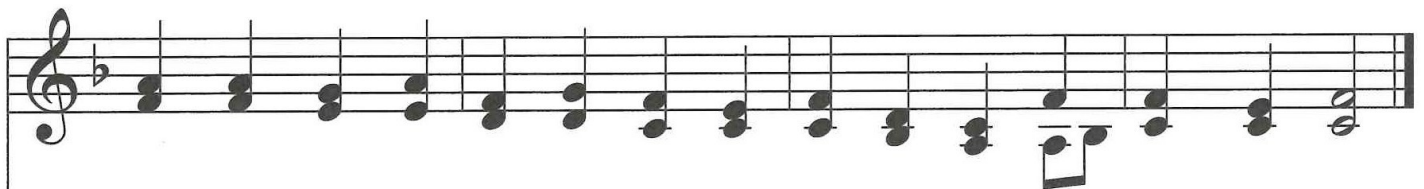
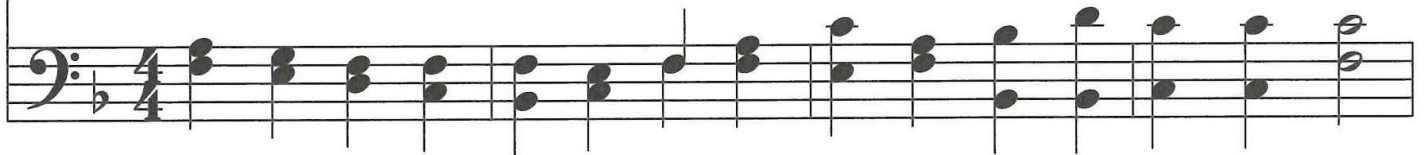
sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
that a - stound us, For the truths that still con - found us,

Fu - ture needs in earth's safe keep - ing, Thanks be to God.
In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

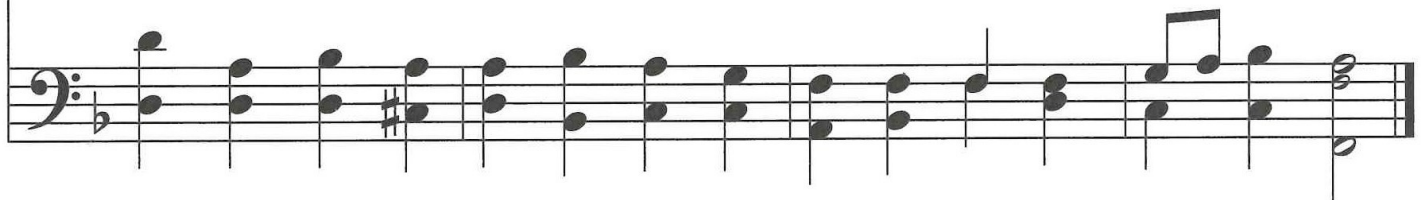
There Is Now a New Creation



1 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ,
2 Call the lost and found to - geth - er; tell the news to ev - ery - one:
3 Wrap the prod - i - gal in wel - come; run to greet the way - ward child.
4 Come and join the cel - e - bra - tion; come and join this hap - py feast;
5 There is now a new cre - a - tion through the grace of Je - sus Christ.



peace and rec - on - cil - i - a - tion with the God of end - less life.
now the past is gone for - ev - er and a new life has be - gun.
All is fin - ished and for - giv - en; let us now be rec - on - ciled.
Je - sus makes an in - vi - ta - tion to the great - est and the least.
Sing, with thanks and ad - o - ra - tion, to the God of end - less life!



Plymouth Art Gallery Display Case

The Fine Arts Board is happy to introduce a new exhibitor to our art display case. Dani's Handmade appeals to several of our senses with handmade bath and body products, so with a little stretch of your imagination you will enjoy this 'fine arts' experience. 85% of sales will return to our artist and 15% will support our Plymouth Fine Arts Fund. We thank Dani for sharing some of her sales with us.

Danielle began her handmade company in October 2005. She has a neighborhood store at 105 N Grove (Douglas & Grove) as well as selling her items at Saturday markets. She has been in business for 18 years now and is still going strong. She loves what she does and hopes you will love it too!

A recent customer review reads: "We met Dani at the Sedgwick County Extension Office Farmer's Market and bought a selection of soaps, shampoo and lotions and love them all! Her fragrances are beautiful, and we are obsessed with the quality and texture of her hand soaps! We will be a repeat customer for sure."

In Dani's words: "Dani's Handmade all-natural bath and body products are locally handmade with lots of love and care by me, Dani. I use only high-quality luxury ingredients. Several of my oils are organic, virgin & cold-pressed and are sustainably sourced. Essential oils and blends are used for natural aromas. No GMO's, synthetic or harmful chemicals are used--i.e., no petroleum or mineral oil-based products, no soy oil or products, no parabens, no sulfates, no phthalates, no synthetic fragrances, and of course no animal testing of any kind. No animal fats are used in any of my soaps or other body products, with the exception of a handful of goats milk options. The full-cream goats milk soaps impart a more moisturizing bar that works wonders for dry skin. My ultra-luxe hand and body creams also contain goats milk, as well as shea butter, and many other luxury moisturizing oils and naturally skin-renewing ingredients."

"I love getting customer feedback and am so delighted when people are thrilled with their products and tell their friends and family about their favorite things! Developing new products is a passion of mine, and I am very excited about some new facial care and men's care products I've added this year! It is my pride, joy & privilege to continue to provide a full line of high-quality, skin-pampering products."

Plymouth Sanctuary Fire, 25 Years Ago this week, July 21, 1998

The Archives Group, as we call ourselves, has been slowly working on organizing and preserving Plymouth's historical documents and photographs. We realized through our meetings that we'd hit upon a milestone date in relation to our sanctuary fire and subsequent restoration. This Friday, July 21, 2023, marks twenty-five years since the devastating fire that destroyed much of our beautiful sanctuary.

We felt we needed to bring this to the congregation's attention, and we plan to display photos and newspaper articles about the fire and restoration on Sunday, July 30th in Fellowship Hall.

Here is an excerpt from our worship bulletin, *Centennial Celebration at 1st and Clifton (Oct 2, 2022)*.

“In celebrating the 100th anniversary today we must also remember the fire that severely damaged this historic space. To quote from a service bulletin in January of 2020, ‘On July 21, 1998, during the repair of the sanctuary roof, a fire was accidentally started, resulting in extensive damage to the sanctuary structure and basement. A Restoration Steering Committee, consisting of Ken Arnold, [Rev Dr] Michael Chittum, Roger Douthett, Doris Nelson, Scott Smith, and Steve Woods, was immediately appointed, and they selected the Wichita architectural firm of Wilson Darnell Mann to oversee the complicated restoration process. [Bob Blackburn, Interior Designer, provided countless hours of support and consultation to the Steering Committee.] The general contractor, Conco, Inc., ... selected numerous local vendors to play key parts in the construction phase. The Steering Committee... select[ed] highly skilled specialists to build a new pipe organ, design stained-glass windows, construct pews and chancel woodwork, and replicate the sanctuary chandeliers. There were also important decisions to be made about furnishings, sound systems, pew cushions, pianos, sheet music replacement, how to best utilize the basement area, and a multitude of other choices that had to be made in a timely manner.... Every firm and person involved in this renovation has taken particular pride in the unique opportunity to bring a community landmark back to life. The results speak for themselves!’ We as a congregation in 2022 are forever grateful for the work of the pioneers and visionaries of 1885-1922, and to the leaders and givers toward the restoration in 1998 -2000. We are today honored to celebrate the present and strengthened to envision an exciting future for Plymouth in the years to come.”

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

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 Dr. Tim 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!

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
23 10:30am Sunday Worship	24 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers 5:30pm Deacons	25 5:30pm Trustee 5:45pm Men's Club	26 6pm Summer Wednesday Night Dinner	27 11:30am Walk & Lunch 2pm Plymouth Projects	28	29
30 10:30am Sunday Worship	31 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	1 Voting Day 5:30pm Cabinet	2	3 11:30am Walk & Lunch 2pm Plymouth Projects	4	5
6 10:30am Sunday Worship	7 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	8 5:30pm Growth Steering	9	10 11:30am Walk & Lunch 2pm Plymouth Projects	11	12

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, July 30th
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.