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***Celebration of Worship***  
**August 27, 2023**

# Celebration of Worship

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10:30 am

## Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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

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**Opening Voluntary**

*Trio of Praise*  
Christopher Shaw, organ

John Behnke

**Welcome and Announcements**

Michael Aumack

**Call to Worship**

**\*Opening Hymn**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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**\*Responsive Sentences**

from [Enfleshed.com](http://Enfleshed.com)

One: Come and dwell in the presence of God

**All: In this place, we remember who we are**

One: We find ourselves capable of hard and holy things

**All: Love sets us free from fear and shame**

One: What is our part in God's Holy plan?

**All: We gather to listen, to dream, to discover, to commune with God.**

**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

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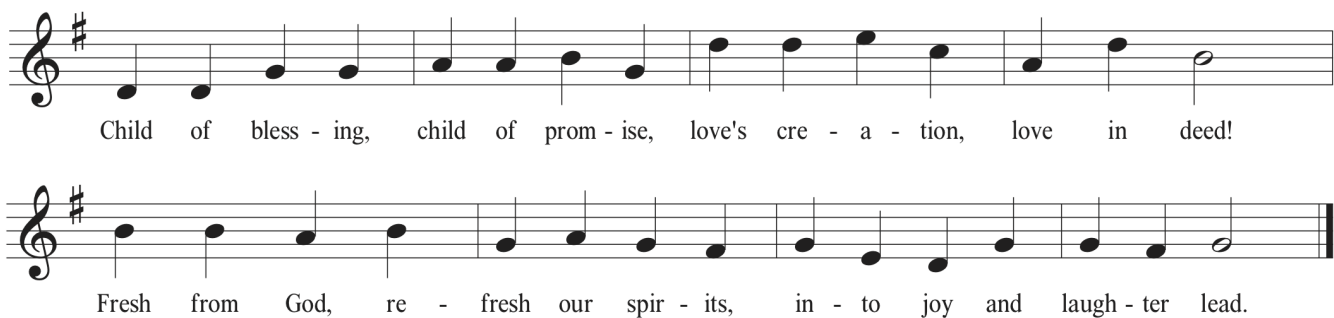
Divine Teacher, you are patient and wise. You do not rush our growth with a controlling hand. Neither are you passive before our harmful wrongdoing. You call each and all of us into honest and sacred introspection as a practice of our faith. That we may find healing, encounter truth, and show up with and for each other and all our neighbors with courage and humility, as we were taught by the one who prayed ... *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

#### Solo

*Cello Suite No. 3 in C Major, Bourrée I & II*  
Greg Nickel, tuba

J. S. Bach

### Prayer Concerns

### Pastoral Prayer

From Enfleshed.com

### Prayer Response

### Invitation to Offering

## Anthem

### *Like a River In My Soul*

arr. Tim Osiek  
ed. Dan Forrest

I've got peace like a river in my soul.  
I've got peace like a river, soothing river, calmly flow.  
When the world closes in,  
feel the stillness within.  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.

I've got love like an ocean in my soul.  
I've got love like an ocean, endless ocean, deep and full.  
When you're lost and alone,  
let the waves bring you home.  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul.

I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.  
When your hope nearly dies,  
just remember,  
once again you shall rise!

I've got joy like a fountain  
Love like an ocean Peace like a river  
in my soul.

## Scripture Readings

### **Psalm 29:1-9**

Ascribe to God, O heavenly beings, ascribe to God glory and strength. Ascribe to God the glory of God's name; worship God in holy splendor. The voice of God is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, over mighty waters. The voice of God is powerful; the voice of God is full of majesty. The voice of God breaks the cedars; it breaks the cedars of Lebanon. God makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of God flashes forth flames of fire. The voice of God shakes the wilderness; God shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of God causes the oaks to whirl, and strips the forest bare; and in God's temple all say, 'Glory!'

### **Job 37:1-5**

'At this also my heart trembles, and leaps out of its place. Listen, listen to the thunder of God's voice and the rumbling that comes from God's mouth. Under the whole heaven God lets it loose, and God's lightning to the corners of the earth. After it God's voice roars; God thunders with a majestic voice and God does not restrain the lightnings when God's voice is heard. God thunders wondrously with God's voice; and does great things that we cannot comprehend.

<b>*Hymn of Preparation</b>	<i>Far Above the Noise of Life</i>	(page 8)
<b>Sermon</b>	“The Dark Woods, Part Three: Being Thunderstruck	Dr. Robu
<b>*Hymn of Departure</b>	<i>God Speaks to Us in Bird and Song</i>	(page 10)
<b>*Benediction</b>		
<b>Closing Voluntary</b>	<i>When Morning Gilds the Skies</i> Christopher Shaw, organ	arr. Robert Hobby

**\*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

# Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Capo 1: (C) Db (D) Eb (G) Ab

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.  
 4 Great God of all glo - ry, great God of all light,

(C) Db (D) Eb (G) Ab

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble, hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might,  
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

(D) Eb

most bless - ed, most glor - ious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,  
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

(C) (D) (G/D) (D7) (G)  
 D $\flat$  E $\flat$  A $\flat$ /E $\flat$  E $\flat$ 7 A $\flat$

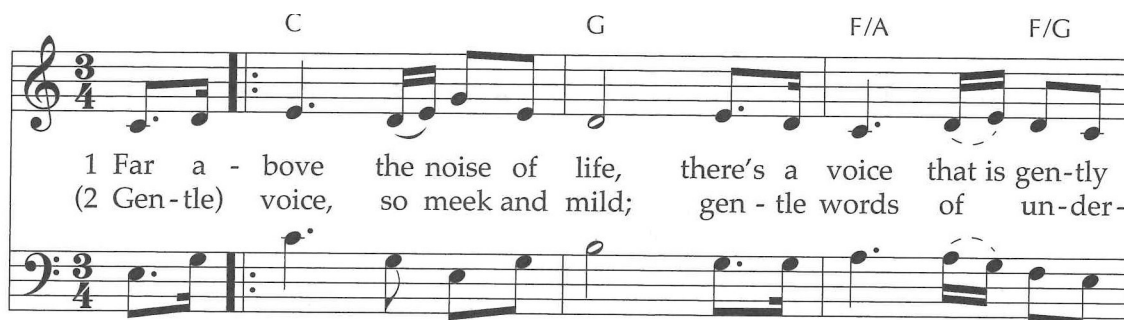
al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

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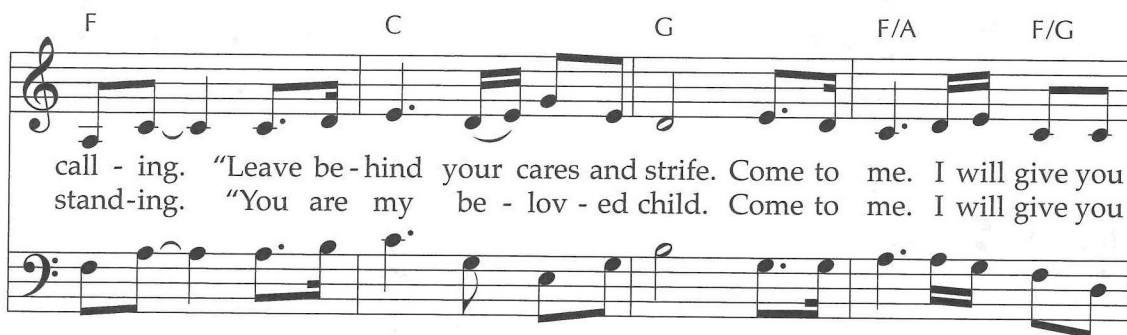
# Far Above the Noise of Life

C G F/A F/G



1 Far a - bove the noise of life, there's a voice that is gen - tly  
(2 Gen - tle) voice, so meek and mild; gen - tle words of un - der -

F C G F/A F/G



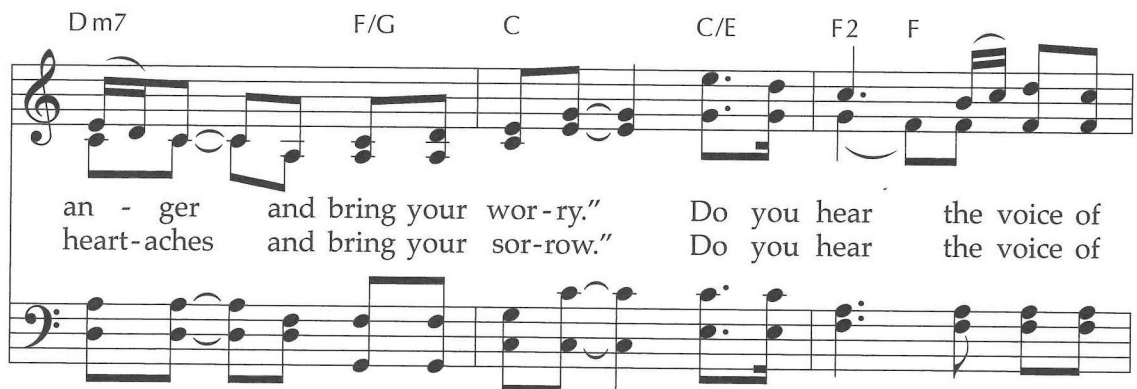
call - ing. "Leave be - hind your cares and strife. Come to me. I will give you  
stand - ing. "You are my be - lov - ed child. Come to me. I will give you

C C/E F2 F C2/E C/E



rest. Bring your fear and bring your pain. Bring your  
rest. Bring your grief and bring your cares. Bring your

Dm7 F/G C C/E F2 F



an - ger and bring your wor - ry." Do you hear the voice of  
heart - aches and bring your sor - row." Do you hear the voice of



C/E Dm7 F/G 1 C

Je-sus, gen-tly call-ing, "Come un-to me"? 2 Gen-tle  
 Je-sus, gen-tly call-ing, "Come un-to

2 C C/E F2 F C C/E

me"? Gen-tle voice, so full of love. Gen-tle

F2 F C/E Fmaj7 C/G G C/G C

words so rich in mer-cy. "You are my be-lov-ed

G F/A F/G C

child. Come to me. I will give you rest."

# God Speaks to Us in Bird and Song

Dm F G Am Dm Bb Am

1 God speaks to us in bird and song, in winds that  
 2 God speaks to us in far and near, in peace of  
 3 God speaks to us in dark - est night, by qui - et  
 4 O Voice di - vine, speak un - to me, be - yond the

Dm G A Bb F

drift the clouds a - long, a - bove the din and  
 home and friends most dear, from fad - ed past and  
 ways through morn - ings bright, when shad - ows fall with  
 earth, be - yond the sea, and let me ech - o

C/E Dm A Bb C Dsus G/D D

toil of wrong, a mel - o - dy of love.  
 pre - sent clear, a mel - o - dy of love.  
 eve - ning light, a mel - o - dy of love.  
 joy - ful - ly a mel - o - dy of love.



# 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**

**Sponsorships available**

**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.

## 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!

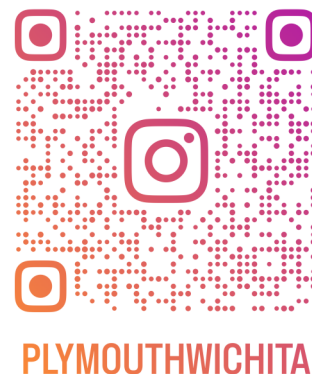
## One Great Hour of Sharing: Hawaii

Our hearts go out to the people in Maui where wildfires have caused overwhelming destruction. The death toll, already at 96, is expected to rise. While there are no National Association of Congregational Christian Churches (NACCC) on the island, the Mission and Outreach Ministry Council is working to identify partners responding to the disaster. Toward that end, contributions to the NACCC should include the notation OGHS-Hawaii. We are grateful for your generosity and concern.

## You can now find us on Instagram!

We are also on Threads

<https://www.threads.net/@plymouthwichita>



## **Men's Club Fundraiser**

"The Plymouth Men's Club is selling Red Wheel products from September 3rd through October 8th. Product distribution will be the late afternoon and evening of October 25th. Please support the club in this venture by purchasing and enjoying good products. Funds will go to the betterment of Plymouth Church."

I think you already have the logo scanned in, so it would be great to include it. We will be coinciding with the preschool this year as we did two years ago. The two fund raisers will be separate and have their own aims, but will cooperate to aim for truck delivery from Red Wheel.

## **All Church Picnic | Sunday, September 10 following the service**

Fried and Baked Chicken  
Baked Beans  
Salads  
Veggie Tray  
Ice cream with toppings  
Face painting  
Yard Games  
Live Music!  
Please RSVP

## **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!

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."

## **Plymouth Art Gallery Hallway Art**

Virgil Penner, a resident of North Newton KS, is known for his detailed, architectural ink drawings of homes and buildings. However, since retiring in 2009 as the CEO of the Newton Chamber of Commerce, he has focused on acrylic landscape paintings.

Virgil studied art under Marie Orr for four years at Newton High School. Miss Orr turned out professional students in her teaching career at NHS. After college Virgil taught Physical Education and coached in Wichita high schools (Northwest and Heights, from 1971-1983) and at Bethel College.

Virgil's acrylic paintings are bright, colorful, and whimsical. He constructs his paintings from memory as he does not paint on location or from photographs. By doing this he feels he can develop balance and movement in his paintings. His landscape paintings experiment with color, perspective, and creative composition.

Since October 2009 Virgil has painted over 690 paintings and sold over 580. Two of his most recent exhibitions were at CityArts in Wichita and the Graceful Arts Gallery in Alva OK. A recent quote from the Alva Review-Courier newspaper concludes with some of Mr. Penner's thoughts on his paintings: "For me art is not what you see, it's what makes you feel. Like music, you don't see anything in music, you feel. And art is a feeling experience."

On his website, [virgilapennerart.com](http://virgilapennerart.com), you may view additional paintings and ink drawings for purchase. Virgil's exhibit will run from Aug 2 – Sept 30, 2023, at Plymouth Church.



# August / September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> 10:30am Sunday Worship	<b>28</b> 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers  5:30pm Deacon	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> 7pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>31</b> 11:30am Walk & Lunch  2pm Plymouth Projects	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b> 10:30am Sunday Worship	<b>4</b> Labor Day  Church Office Closed	<b>5</b> 5:30pm Cabinet	<b>6</b> 7pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>7</b> 11:30am Walk & Lunch  2pm Plymouth Projects	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> 10:30am Sunday Worship  All Church Picnic following Worship	<b>11</b> 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	<b>12</b> 5:30pm Growth Steering	<b>13</b> 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner  7pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>14</b> 11:30am Walk & Lunch  2pm Plymouth Projects	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Adult Service Learning Trip

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, September 3rd  
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.