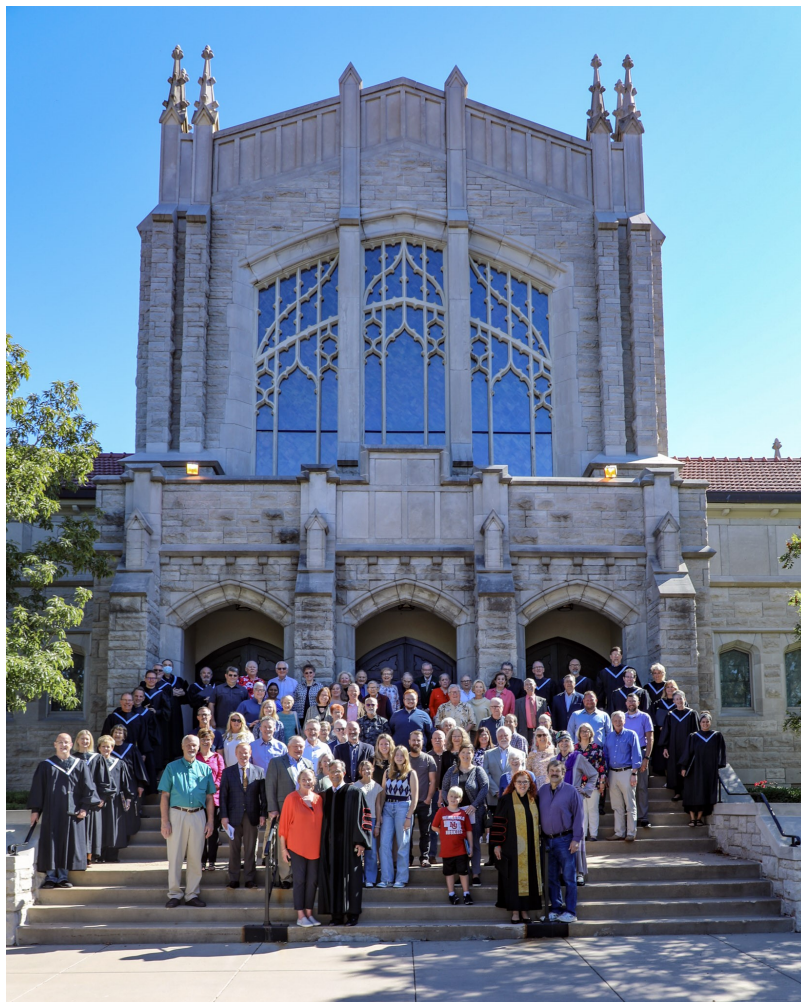


Plymouth
Congregational
Church
Sharing Faith's Journey



Celebration of Worship
September 3, 2023

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10:30 am

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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

Opening Voluntary Prelude on "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
Christopher Shaw, organ arr. Charles Callahan

Welcome and Announcements Tim Robu

Call to Worship

***Opening Hymn** *For the Beauty of the Earth* (page 7)

***Responsive Sentences** from Enfleshed.com

One: Leave behind what shrivels your spirit

All: and follow the lush lure of the Life-Giving.

One: Leave behind the hollowness of image

All: and follow the rich depth of Beauty.

One: Leave behind toxic positivity

All: and follow mourning, soulful and honest.

One: Leave behind holding it all together

All: and follow that which breaks your heart open into a field of wildflowers.

One: Dear people, follow the Thread of Love!

All: For Love guides us in the Ways 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

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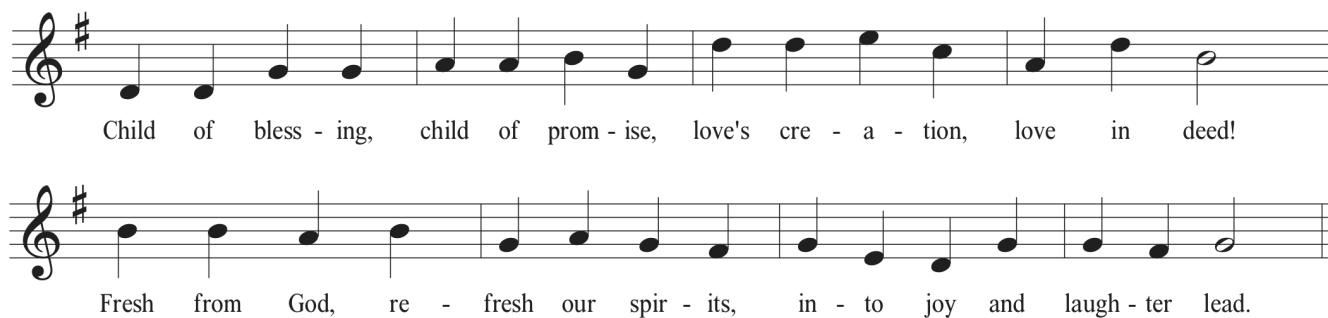
Perplexing One, we do not always understand you or what you ask of us. But in your presence, there is something that entices us. That comforts us. That challenges us toward the world we desire. Though you inevitably call us toward the risky and unfamiliar, may we not let our fears deter us. May curiosity and openness be our practices of faith as we follow 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.*

Welcoming Song

Child of Blessing

STUTTGART

(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

Panis Angelicus
Jennifer King

César Franck

translation from Latin

The bread of angels becomes the bread for all,
the heavenly bread provides eternal life.

O marvellous and wondrous sacrament:
a poor man, a servant, and the humble one
all take communion with the Lord.

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

From Enfleshed.com

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills the breast;
but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.

No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the memory find,
a sweeter sound than Jesus' Name, the Savior of mankind.

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,
to those who fall, how kind Thou art: how good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show;
the love of Jesus, what it is, none but who love Him know.

Jesus, our only joy be Thou, as thou our prize wilt be;
in thee be all our glory now, and through eternity.

Scripture Readings

Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Hymn of PreparationDraw the Circle Wide*

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Sermon

"The Dark Woods, Part Four:
Misfits"

Dr. Robu

***Hymn of Departure**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

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***Benediction**

Closing Voluntary

Westminster Fanfare
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Charles Callahan

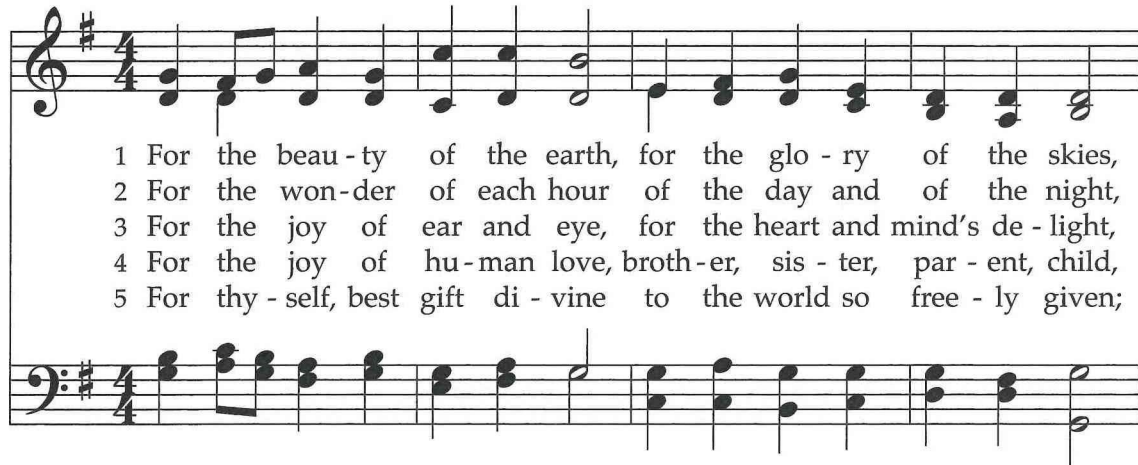
***Let everyone stand in body or in spirit.**

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

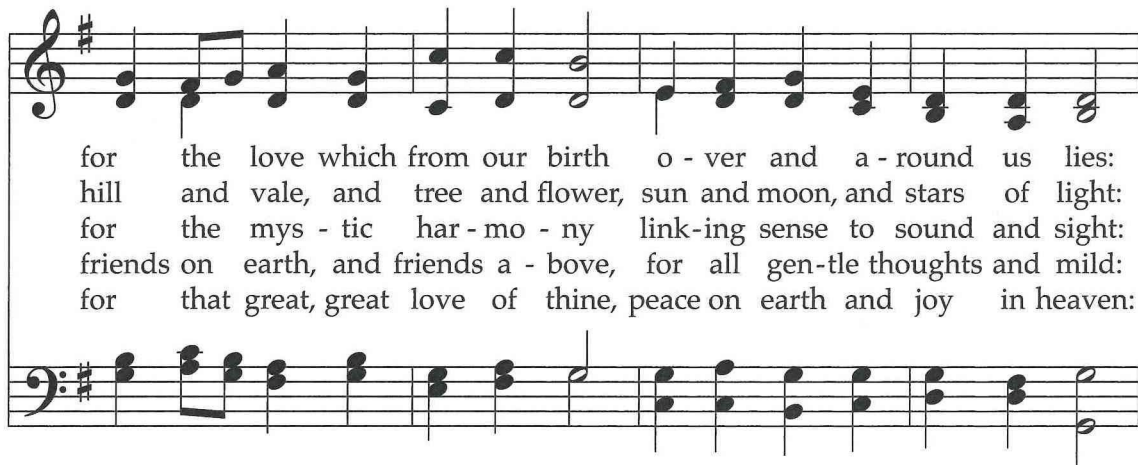
North Entry Greeter Steve Kimball

Communion Table Flowers Shelley Closson

For the Beauty of the Earth




1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Draw the Circle Wide

D G/D D G/D

Draw the cir - cle, draw the cir - cle wide. Draw the cir - cle,

G A D G A

draw the cir - cle wide. No one stands a-lone, we'll stand side by

Bm E Em A

1	2
D	D D/C

side. Draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. wide.

Bm7 Gmaj7 A D

Draw the cir-cle wide, draw it wid-er still. Let this

Bm7 Gmaj7 E A D G D/F#

be our song: no one stands a-lone. Stand-ing side by side,

F# Bm G A7

1	2
D D/C#	D

draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. wide.

G/D D A/D D

Draw the cir-cle wide, draw it wid-er still. Let this

G D E A D G D/F#

be our song: no one stands a-lone. Stand-ing side by side,

Repeat as desired
F# Bm G A D

draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide.

Last time
F# Bm D/A F# Bm E

draw the cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide. Draw the

Em *molto rit.* G A D

cir-cle, draw the cir-cle wide.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Capo 3: (D) F (A7) C7 (D) F (D7) F7 (G) Bb

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 We share each oth - er's woes, each oth - er's
 3 When we a - sun - der part, it gives us
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

(D) F (A) C (A7) C7 (D) F (A) C (A7) C7

Chris - tian love. The fel - low - ship of kin - dred
 bur - dens bear, and of - ten for each oth - er
 in - ward pain, But we shall still be joined in
 shall be free, and per - fect love and friend - ship

(D) F (G/D) Bb/F (D) F (G) Bb (D/A) F/C (A7) C7 (D) F

minds is like to that a - bove.
 flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 heart, and hope to meet a - gain.
 reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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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

Our special musical guest at the church picnic, Daniel Baird, "Handpan Dan" Daniel first heard the handpan in 2009 and fell in love with its mesmerizing sound. He has been playing the handpan since 2017 and it has become his biggest passion. He has performed at the Steel Mountain Handpan Gathering, the Derby Spring Into Art event, and has accompanied the WSU Shocker Choir and WuChoir. Daniel received his BA in Psychology from WSU and uses the handpan for therapeutic purposes. He plays regularly for memory care, assisted living, hospice, cancer treatment, and homeless events. The handpan also provides perfect background music for any occasion!

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.

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!

Ways to Give

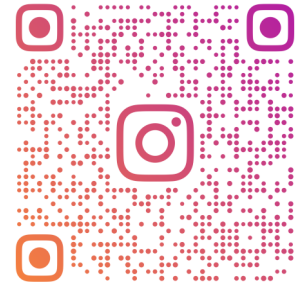
If you would like to make a donation to Plymouth Church's general operating fund or one of their special missions and you don't have a check or cash for the offering plate just scan the QR code to donate using a credit card.



You can now find us on Instagram!

We are also on Threads

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



PLYMOUTHWICHITA

A SACRED INVITATION



PRAYER VIGIL

In support of Transgender Rights
Hosted by faith leaders in the Wichita
Community



Saturday, September 9
6:00-8:00 pm

RSVP here:

<https://forms.gle/NqbKeWhqUQFuesdb6>

This will be a time of mourning,
confession, celebration, and action.

You are especially welcome if you are a
part of the LGTBQIA2S+ community.

Whether you are queer or not, religious
or not, you are invited to join us in
support of our transgender siblings.



If you would like to carpool please meet us in the Plymouth Parking lot. We will leave at 5:30 pm.



Plymouth Fine Arts Series

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.

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, you may view additional paintings and ink drawings for purchase. Virgil's exhibit will run from Aug 2 – Sept 30, 2023, at Plymouth Church.

September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 10:30am Sunday Worship	4 Labor Day Church Office Closed	5 5:30pm Cabinet	6 7pm Choir Rehearsal	7 11:30am Walk & Lunch 2pm Plymouth Projects	8	9
10 10:30am Sunday Worship All Church Picnic following Worship	11 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	12 5:30pm Growth Steering	13 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	14 11:30am Walk & Lunch 2pm Plymouth Projects	15	16 Adult Service Learning Trip
17 9am Fine Arts Brd Mtg 10:30am Sunday Worship	18 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	19 5:30pm Investment Club	20 9am Present Day Club 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	21 11:30am Walk & Lunch 2pm Plymouth Projects	22	23 7pm FAS #1
Adult Service Learning Trip						

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, September 10th
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.