

# Plymouth

Congregational  
Church

*Sharing Faith's Journey*



***Celebration of Worship***  
**September 17, 2023**

# Celebration of Worship

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10:30 am

## Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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

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**Opening Voluntary**      *My Lord, What a Morning*      arr. Raymond Haan  
Christopher Shaw, organ

**Welcome and Announcements**      Anna Uhlig

**Mission Moment**      Ember Hope      Lori Gonzales

**Introit**

**Call to Worship**

**\*Opening Hymn**      *When Morning Gilds the Skies*      (page 6)

**\*Responsive Sentences**      Psalm 119:33-38 NRSV

One: Eternal One, maker of heaven and earth.

**All: We give thanks for your ordered gift of life to us:**

One: For the rhythms that reassure,

**All: The equilibriums that sustain,**

One: The reliabilities that curb our anxieties.

**All: Be our day and night, be our milk and honey, and in the end, our true home.**

**\*Response of Praise**      *Praise to God, Immortal Praise*      DIX



Praiseto God,im-mor-tal praise, For the love that crowns our days! Boun-teous source of ev-ery joy,



Let thy praise our tongues em-ploy: Sing-ing thus through all our days, Praiseto God,im-mor-tal praise.

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## \*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

**We beseech you, O Lord, come among us and teach us. We beseech you, O Lord, come among us and hear our supplication. We beseech you, O Lord, show us the way 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

Jonah 1: 1-17 NRSV

Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying, "Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me." But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.

But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down, and was fast asleep. The captain came and said to him, "What are you doing sound asleep? Get up, call on your god! Perhaps the god will spare us a thought so that we do not perish."

The sailors said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. Then they said to him, "Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?" "I am a Hebrew," he replied. "I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land." Then the men were even more afraid, and said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them so.

Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. He said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you." Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them.



O, when the love spills over, and music fills the night,  
and when you can't contain your joy inside,  
then dance for Jesus, dance for Jesus and live!

And with your final heartbeat kiss the world goodbye,  
then go in peace and laugh on glory's side.  
And fly to Jesus, fly to Jesus and live!

## **Prayer Concerns**

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Organ Response**

## **Invitation to Offering**

### **Anthem**

*The Meditations of My Heart*

Elaine Hagenberg

May the words of my mouth  
and the meditations of my heart  
be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord.

O Lord my Rock,  
O Lord my strength,  
O Lord my God and my Redeemer.

(text based on Psalm 19: 14)

### **Sermon**

“Eight Chapters of Minority Reports:  
The Inescapable Tasks of God”

Dr. Olsen

### **\*Hymn of Departure**

*Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart*

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### **\*Benediction**

### **Closing Voluntary**

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*  
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Robert Hobby

**\*Let everyone stand in body or in spirit.**  
**\*\*\* Ushers will seat late-comers.**

**North Entry Greeter** Jeanne Thompson

**Communion Table Flowers** Jeanne Thompson



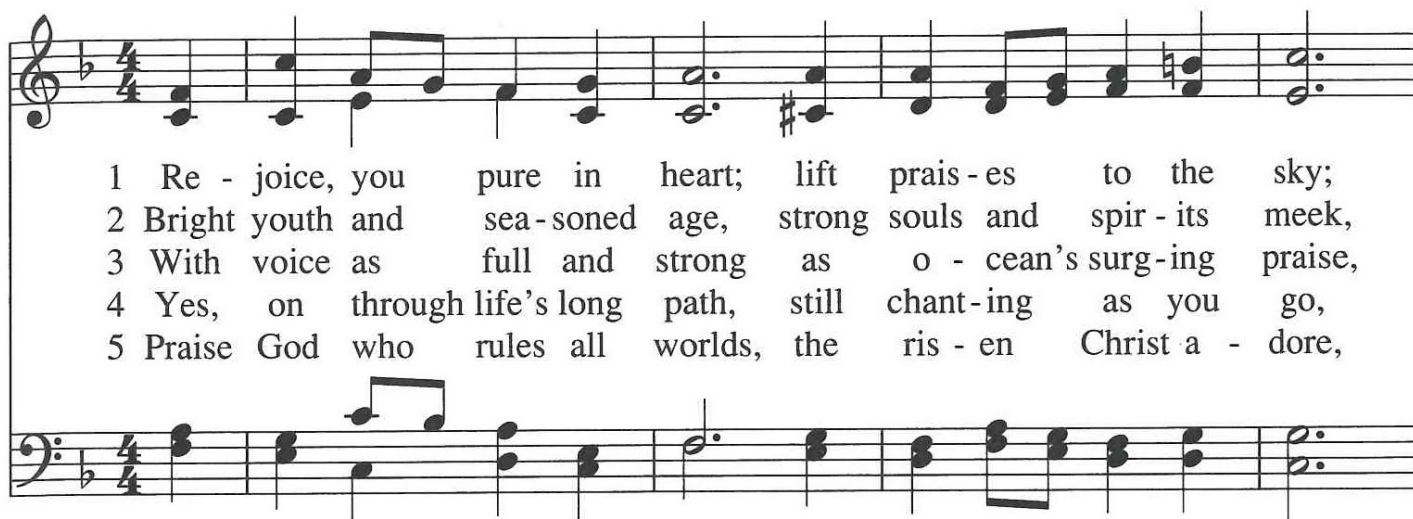
## When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing cries,  
 2 New strength comes night or day when from the heart we say,  
 3 Dis - cor - dant hu - man - kind, in this your con - cord find,  
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di - vine,

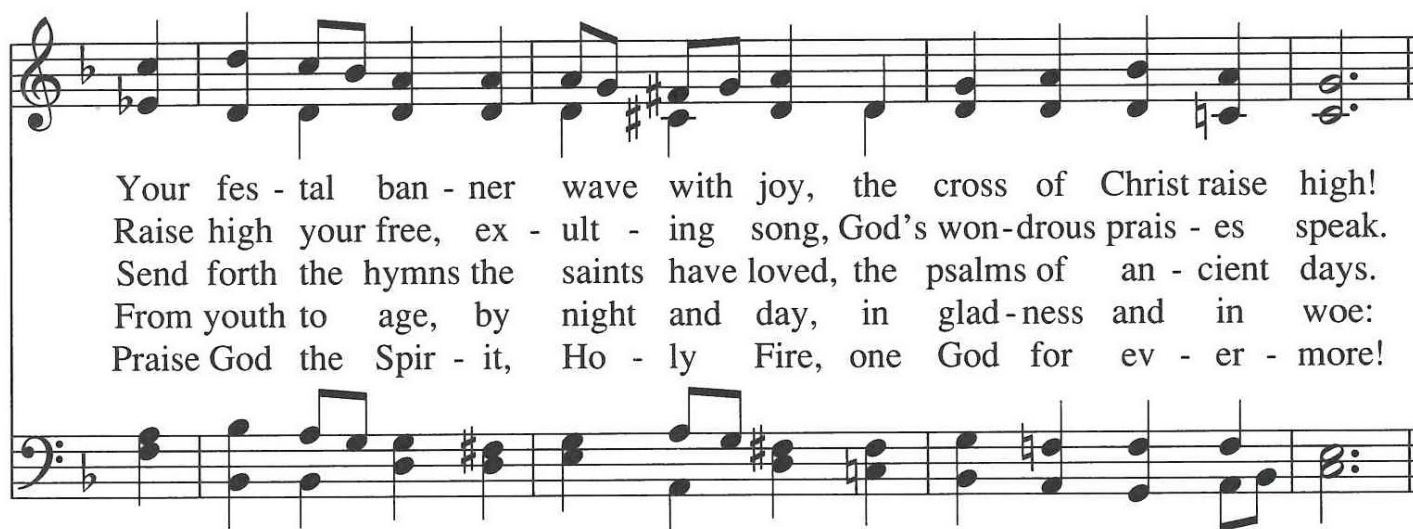
may Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer,  
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let sin and e - vil fear,  
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round  
 may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e - ter - nal song,

one pur - pose I de - clare: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 when this sweet chant they hear: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 ring joy - ous with the sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 through all the a - ges long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

# Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart



1 Re - joice, you pure in heart; lift prais - es to the sky;  
2 Bright youth and sea - soned age, strong souls and spir - its meek,  
3 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,  
4 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as you go,  
5 Praise God who rules all worlds, the ris - en Christ a - dore,



Your fes - tal ban - ner wave with joy, the cross of Christ raise high!  
Raise high your free, ex - ult - ing song, God's won - drous prais - es speak.  
Send forth the hymns the saints have loved, the psalms of an - cient days.  
From youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:  
Praise God the Spir - it, Ho - ly Fire, one God for ev - er - more!

## Refrain



Re - joice, re - joice, re - joice, give thanks and sing.  
Re - joice Re - joice



## Rooted in Love... Stewardship 2024 is here.

Now we begin our season of stewardship for 2024. We recognize the work of this church happens because of the generous volunteers and the financial support of our members. In the coming weeks, we will talk, listen, and learn from each other as we consider the future of Plymouth.

There will be several letters coming to your home with important financial information regarding our church and the importance of your pledges. We will hear from our stewardship speakers beginning September 24 with our moderator Judy Frick.

Thank you for your consideration of our stewardship request.

### Call to Offering:

In Sharing what we have, we practice community and solidarity with others and find our own belonging. Your gifts, your talents, your labor, your presence, your resources - Whatever is yours to offer this day is welcome. May it mingle and swell with the gifts of others and be blessed by the Liberating God.

From Enfleshed.com

Your stewardship committee: V. Jane Gilchrist, Rich Euson, Chris Bennett, Linda Morgan, Susan Arnold, and Sue and Kurt Watson.





## Mission Possible Sunday

This Sunday, Lori Gonzales, Chief Program Officer at Ember Hope, formerly known as Youthville will join us during worship to share her program with us.

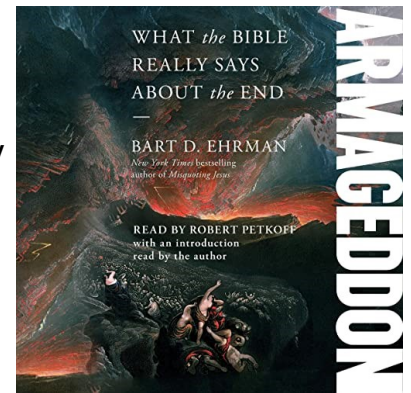
Ember Hope is a 501 C (3) nonprofit organization dedicated to impacting the lives of children, teens, and families. For more than 95 years, they led the change for a healthy child, family, and community.

Their core values of faith, integrity, cultural sensitivity, respect, excellence, and accountability are essential to everything we do.

They work with hundreds of donors, foster families, volunteers, businesses, churches, and foundations who want to help families inspire positive change to build a brighter future.

## Adult Ed Wednesday Nights Following Dinner

We will study the latest book by Bart Ehrman, our Word & Note Speaker in 2024, "Armageddon, What the Bible Really Says About the End." Syllabuses are available from Dr. Olsen, who will lead the class. Books may be purchase online or at local bookstores.



## Plymouth Art Gallery Hallway Art

From the Fine Arts Board:

Our Hall Gallery continues this month with the paintings of Virgil Penner, but only through Sunday Sept 24th. Be sure to let us know if you'd like to make a purchase and take one of his unique and vibrant paintings home with you. We can work out a 3-payment plan if that would be of help. 85% of the sale returns to the artist and 15% to our Fine Arts Fund.

Our Display Case features the thoughtfully created products of Dani's Handmade for bath and body. She shared some new fall scents with us recently, including some inspired by Halloween, so stop by and find something you'd like for yourself or for a gift. They are all priced from \$2-\$12. Thank you!

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## First Fine Arts Series Event, less than 2 weeks away!

We are very excited about our first event with renowned conductor, Dr Timothy Seelig, and FIVE choirs joining together to share a special evening of choral music. The date is Sat Sept 23 at 7PM, with a lovely reception to follow. Tickets are only \$20 per person.

If you're able to lend your Sponsor support to the Series, it would be so appreciated! We'd love to see your name(s) in the first concert program. More information about the Series is on our website. <https://www.plymouth-church.net/music-art/plymouth-fine-arts-series/>

Here are our Sponsors to date:

Annie & Keith Poulos  
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Don & Penny Olsen

## 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.



## 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.

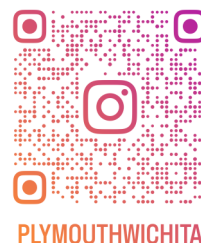


## Health as a Spiritual Practice

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!

## You can now find us on Instagram!

We are also on Threads <https://www.threads.net/@plymouthwichita>



## Plymouth Congregational Church Blood Drive

Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> | 8:30 am – 1:30 pm

Plymouth Congregational Church  
202 S Clifton – Fellowship Hall



Give in Sept. for free haircut coupon by email and race tix chance from Sport Clips! [rcblood.org/win](http://rcblood.org/win)

### Make an Appointment to Donate Blood:

To schedule your life-saving appointment call 1-800-REDCROSS (733-2767). Scan QR code to schedule:

# September 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>17</b> 9am Fine Arts Brd Mtg  Mission Possible Sunday  10:30am Sunday Worship	<b>18</b> 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	<b>19</b> 5:30pm Investment Club	<b>20</b> 9am Present Day Club  5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner  7pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>21</b> 11:30am Walk & Lunch  2pm Plymouth Projects  5:45pm CE Mtg	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> 7pm FAS #1
Adult Service Learning Trip						
<b>24</b> 8am Blood Drive  10:30am Sunday Worship	<b>25</b> 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers  5:30pm Deacons	<b>26</b> 5:30pm Trustee	<b>27</b> 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner  7pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>28</b> 11:30am Walk & Lunch  2pm Plymouth Projects	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>1</b> 9am Confirmation Class  10:30am Sunday Worship	<b>2</b> 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	<b>3</b> 5:30pm Cabinet  5:30pm Growth Steering	<b>4</b> 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner  7pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>5</b> 11:30am Walk & Lunch  2pm Plymouth Projects	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, September 24th  
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.