



Celebration of Worship
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10:30 am

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

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

Opening Voluntary

Many and Great
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. David Schelat

Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Moment

Jennifer King

Introit

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn

Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works

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*Responsive Sentences

Bob Blackburn

One: From the dust of the earth, the Holy One breathed us into life.

All: Through the breath of life we are all connected.

One: Shaped in her image, God formed us with a purpose.

All: To create, to serve, to tend, to protect, to love

One: That life may flourish in all its forms.

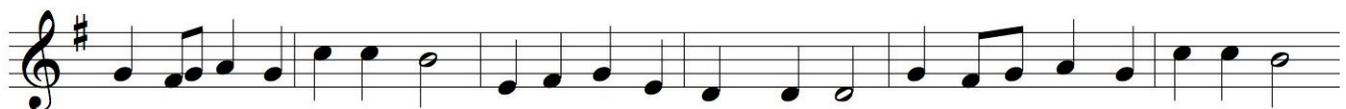
All: May the Spirit of the living God be manifest in us!

from Enfleshed.com

*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

Adapted from Enfleshed.com

Holy One, may we grow in wisdom, grace, understanding, humility, and most of all love as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught ...*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

1 King 3:3-15

Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt-offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.'

Then Solomon awoke; it had been a dream. He came to Jerusalem, where he stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. He offered up burnt-offerings and offerings of well-being, and provided a feast for all his servants.

Welcoming Song

O Little Children Gather

BEAUTIFUL FLOWER

(Let the children come forward.)



O lit-tle chil - dren, gath - er near and learn of Je - sus' glo - ry. Now come and of his



good - ness hear, his love and pow'r; come list - en to his sto - ry.

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A Moment with Our Children

Sharon Fearey

Solo

Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Ted Dvorak

Tom Trenney

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changed not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

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Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

Psalm of Comfort

Benjamin Harlan

Because the Lord is my shepherd,
I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in pastures green:
He leads me beside still waters.
He restoreth my soul:
And He leads me in righteousness
for His name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
Yet I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
thy rod and staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointed my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

(words adapted from Psalm 23)

Sermon

“Wisdom of the Elders”

Michael Aumack, Clifford Depew, Alan Fearey, Sheri Mayes

***Hymn of Departure**

Light Dawns on a Weary World

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***Benediction**

Closing Voluntary

Scherzo

Christopher Shaw, organ

Alan Ridout

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

North Entry Greeter Rich Euson

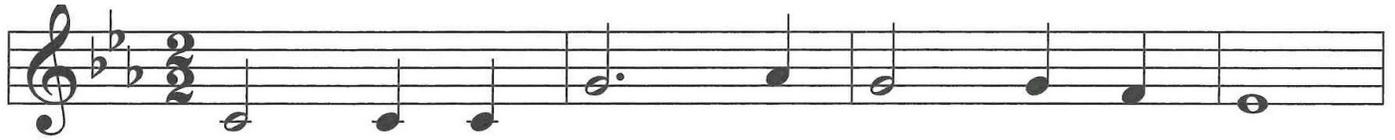
Communion Table Flowers Rich Euson

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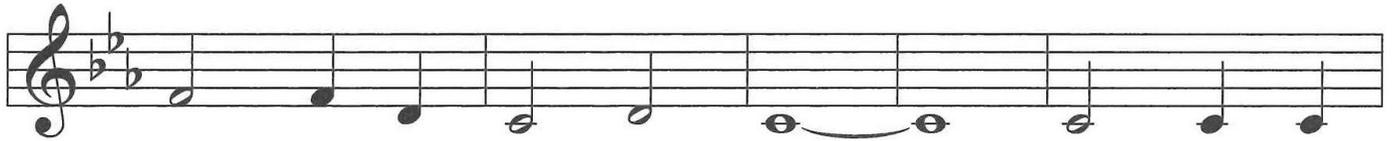
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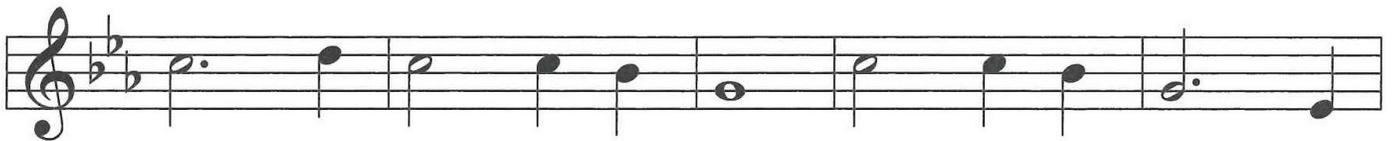
Many and Great, O God, Are Thy Works



1 Man - y and great, O God, are thy works,
2 Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with thee,



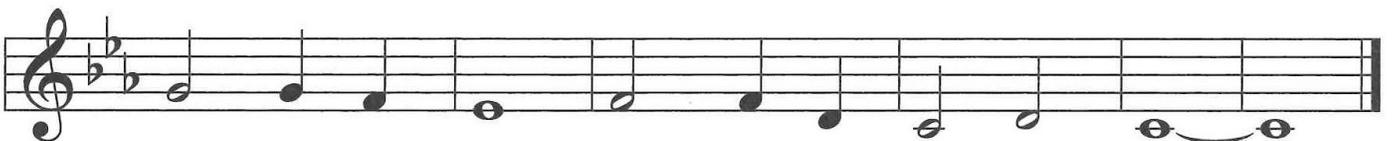
Mak - er of earth and sky. Thy hands have
thou star - a - bid - ing One. Come un - to



set the heav - ens with stars; thy fin - gers spread the
us and dwell with us. With thee are found the

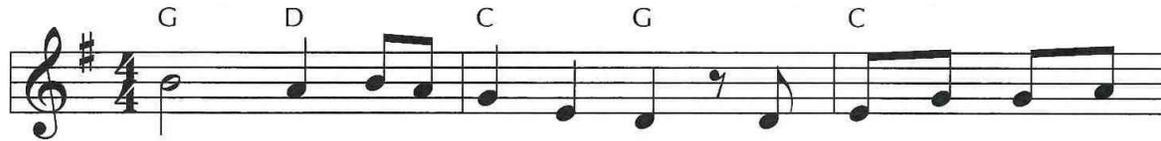


moun - tains and plains. Lo, at thy word the
gifts of life. Bless us with life that

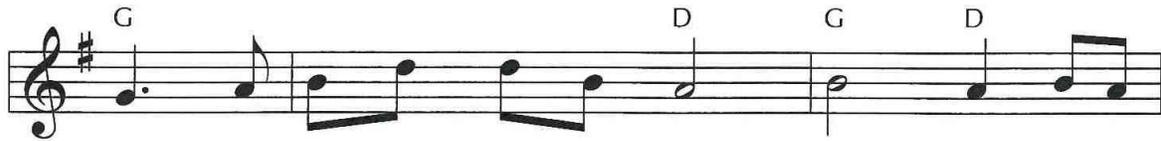


wa - ters were formed. Deep seas o - bey thy voice.
has no end, e - ter - nal life with thee.

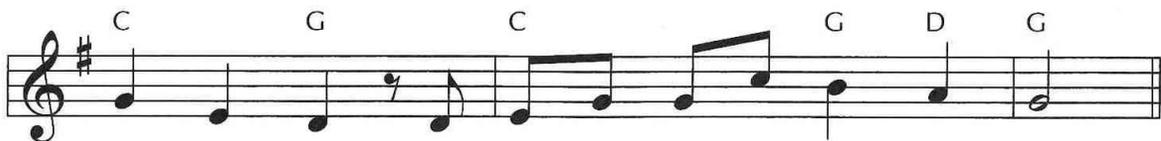
Light Dawns on a Weary World



1 Light dawns on a wea - ry world when eyes be - gin to
 2 Love grows in a wea - ry world when hun - gry hearts find
 3 Hope blooms in a wea - ry world when crea - tures, once for -



see all peo - ple's dig - ni - ty. Light dawns on a
 bread and chil - dren's dreams are fed. Love grows in a
 lorn, find wil - der - ness re - born. Hope blooms in a



wea - ry world: the prom - ised day of jus - tice comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised feast of plen - ty comes.
 wea - ry world: the prom - ised green of E - den comes.



The trees shall clap their hands; the dry lands, gush with springs;



the hills and moun - tains shall break forth with sing - ing!



We shall go out in joy, and be led forth in peace,



as all the world in won - der ech - oes sha - lom.



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McLean PTA

Group Name:



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Rooted in Love... Stewardship 2024 Begins.

Our Stewardship speaker for Sunday, October 8 is Jennifer King. Matthew Jones is scheduled for October 15th. We thank them for their commitment to Plymouth and look forward to their stewardship message.

Thank you also to members who have sent in their pledges. Each day the mail contains more pledges representing the abundant generosity of Plymouth members. Pledges are the most important source of revenue for our church and represent over 80% of our annual budget. With a goal of \$440,000 every pledge, each and every dollar matters!

Please take a moment and look at the stewardship tree, newly installed in the Plymouth Hallway Art Gallery. Handcrafted by our talented member artists Linda Morgan and Chris Bennet. Our tree has deep roots and strong branches, providing shelter to one and all. Our tree represents Plymouth taking root in 1885 and symbolizes our history and heritage while reaching out to our future.

At Plymouth your generous pledges also ensure we fulfill the mission of our Church which is *“To create together a place where persons with a variety of beliefs are strengthened and supported in their spiritual growth and ministry.”*

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.

Food Packaging Event

The Plymouth Mission's Board is pleased to sponsor another food packaging event in Fellowship Hall immediately following the Sunday service on October 15. This event is now overseen by The Outreach Project, formerly known as Numana and the goal that day is 15,000 meals that will go to the Ukraine. Lunch will be provided before packaging begins and our goal is to have at least 50+ volunteers signed up by October 10. Sign-ups sheets will be on the FH bulletin board and we would ask that members sign there. You can also contact the church office and give your name to KD as a volunteer. Non-members and children are welcome to participate.

If you have any questions about this important event in our church life, please contact Steve Woods or Karen Robu.

Progressive Pilgrims book club gathering

Our second book club gathering will take place at the home of Corinne Depew on Sunday, October 29 at 6:30 p.m. Bring your own beverage and a snack to share.

We will be discussing the book *Neither Wolf Nor Dog: On Forgotten Roads With an Indian Elder* by Kent Nerburn. It is available for purchase from the following online locations:

<https://www.watermarkbooks.com/book/9781608686384>

<https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/neither-wolf-nor-dog-25th-anniversary-edition-kent-nerburn/1130391119?ean=9781608686384>

https://www.amazon.com/Neither-Wolf-nor-25th-anniversary/dp/1608686388/ref=sr_1_1?crid=3FW60WQE3LBZL&keywords=neither+wolf+nor+dog+by+kent+nerburn+25th+anniver-sary&qid=1695659295&sprefix=neither+wolf+nor+dog+by+kent+nerburn+25th+anniverary%2Caps%2C147&sr=8-1

Need ideas for Christmas Gifts?

Need ideas for Christmas Gifts? How about a photo of Plymouth from the Centennial Celebration of the Sanctuary? Please see the attached [sheet](#) for pricing. Please contact Holly Yager at holly.yager@gmail.com if you would like a size that is not on the order form. All order forms are due in the church office by November 26th. Proceeds will be used to promote Plymouth Congregational Church in the community. Click on the following link to view the photos that are for sale <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1h0L-OVRBVIQEHWo6FuzkQ6IBWOeHIV2O?usp=sharing>.





Please join us for our second Fine Arts series event:
BACH, BEER, and BRATS
Saturday, October 28, 6 PM



As you dine in the fellowship hall, you will hear a variety of music written by one of the greatest composers of Western music history, Johann Sebastian Bach. This year, we celebrate 300 years since Bach was appointed cantor at the St. Thomaskirche in Leipzig, Germany. He would remain in this position until his death in 1750. For each Sunday of the Lutheran church, there would be a cantata - a musical sermon with voices and orchestra performed directly before the sermon. At the dinner, you will hear one of those cantatas that was first heard in 1723.

The **menu** will include a wonderful spread of German cuisine including brats provided by Peabody Sausage House, potato salad (German and cold), sauerkraut, and of course BEER! Root Beer will be available, too!

Tickets for the event are \$40 per person, which half of the ticket price goes to supporting the musical arts at Plymouth. If you'd like to add a Plymouth logo mug, tickets are \$50 per person. There will only be 60 mugs available for purchase so get your ticket now!

If you're able to lend your Sponsor support to the Series, it would be so appreciated!
More information about the Series is on our website. <https://www.plymouth-church.net/music-art/plymouth-fine-arts-series/>



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>



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October 2023

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8 9am Confirmation Class 10:30am Sunday Worship	9 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	10 5:30pm Growth Steering	11 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	12 11:30am Walk & Lunch 2pm Plymouth Projects	13	14
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**Please join us for worship next Sunday, October 15th
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.