



Celebration of Worship
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10:30 am

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

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

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Opening Voluntary "Vorspiel" (Prelude) Hans Vollenweider
Ken Rodgers, organ

Welcome and Announcements Tim Robu

Stewardship Moment Matthew Jones

Introit

Call to Worship

***Opening Hymn** *Called by Earth and Sky* (page 7)

***Responsive Sentences** from [Enfleshed.com](http://enfleshed.com)

One: The One who is Love is our firm foundation.

All: In times of loss and times of abundance, God upholds us.

One: Though we may be afraid,

All: We will not be abandoned.

One: Though the path may be unclear,

All: The Spirit will guide.

One: Though the journey is long,

All: We go together.

One: Let the people of God take heart.

All: We rejoice in the assurance of God with us!

***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

Spirit of Life, grant us the discernment to distinguish between shallow positivity and the riches of joy that surround us: Joy that neither shies away from pain nor pacifies us with short-term distraction. But joy that gives us the courage to face the struggles of our shared lives with the sustenance we need. May laughter and pleasure, beauty and the freedom you have given us be a source of strength, empathy, and creativity in all we do. This we ask 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.*

Welcoming Song

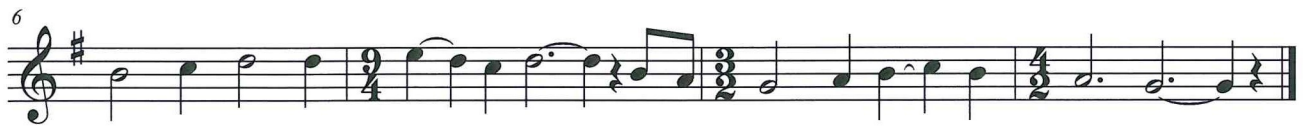
O Little Children Gather

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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Solo

Footprints in the Sand

Magnusson, Kreuger, Page, and Cowell
Jennifer King

You walked with me, footprints in the sand
and helped me understand where I'm going.
You walked with me when I was all alone
with so much unknown along the way.

Then I heard you say
I promise you I'm always there
When your heart is filled with sorrow and despair
I'll carry you when you need a friend.
You'll find my footprints in the sand.

I see my life flash across the sky;
so many times have I been so afraid.
And just when I, I thought I lost my way
you gave me strength to carry on,

Then I heard you say
I promise you I'm always there
When your heart is filled with sorrow and despair
I'll carry you when you need a friend.
You'll find my footprints in the sand.

When I'm weary, well, I know you'll be there
and I can feel you when you say
I promise you I'm always there
When your heart is filled with sadness and despair
I'll carry you when you need a friend.
You'll find my footprints in the sand.

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

From Enfleshed.com

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

The Lord is my shepherd
Scott Hay, conductor

Howard Goodall

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want;
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
For you are with me, you will comfort me.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

(Psalm 23)

Scripture Reading

Mark 12:41-44

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

Hymn of Preparation

Here I Am, Lord

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Sermon

"Giving All You've Got"

Dr. Robu

***Hymn of Departure**

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

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***Benediction**

Closing Voluntary

"Rejoice in the Lord Always"
Ken Rodgers, organ

Jeff Enns

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

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

North Entry Greeter Katy Brammer

Communion Table Flowers Katy Brammer

Rooted in Love... Stewardship 2024

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.

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: Watermark Books, Barnes & Noble, and Amazon.

Called by Earth and Sky

Kerrain

C G Am F C G

Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high,

Am G F C Am

this is our sa - cred liv - ing trust, treas - ure of life

G To verses
F Gsus G C

sanc - ti - fied, called by earth and sky.

Last time
F Gsus G Am Am/G F Gsus G C

called by earth and sky. called by earth and sky.

Verses

C F C F

1 Pre - cious, these wa - ters, end - less seas, deep
2 Pre - cious this gift, the air we breathe; wind
3 Pre - cious these moun - tains, an - cient sands; vast
4 Pre - cious the fire that lights the way, bright

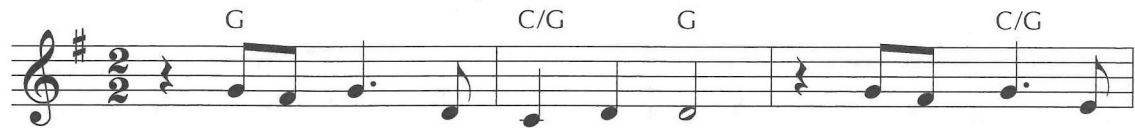
G Am G

o - cean's dream, wa - ters of heal - ing, riv - ers of
born and free. Breath of the Spir - it, blow through this
frag - ile land. Seeds of our waken - ing, root - ed and
dawn - ing day. Fire of pas - sion, sor - rows un -

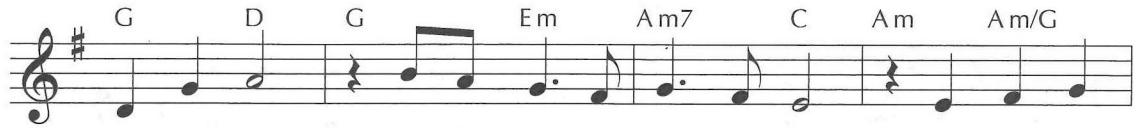
Dm C F Gsus G *To refrain*

rain, the wash of love a - gain.
place, our gath - 'ring and our grace.
strong, Cre - a - tion's faith - ful song.
done, our faith and jus - tice one.

Here I Am, Lord



1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will call the



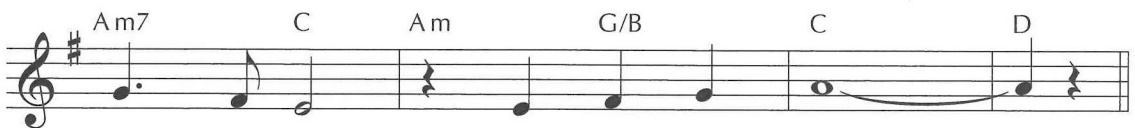
peo - ple cry. All who dwell in deep - est sin my hand will
 peo - ple's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn a -
 poor by name. I will set a feast for them. My hand will



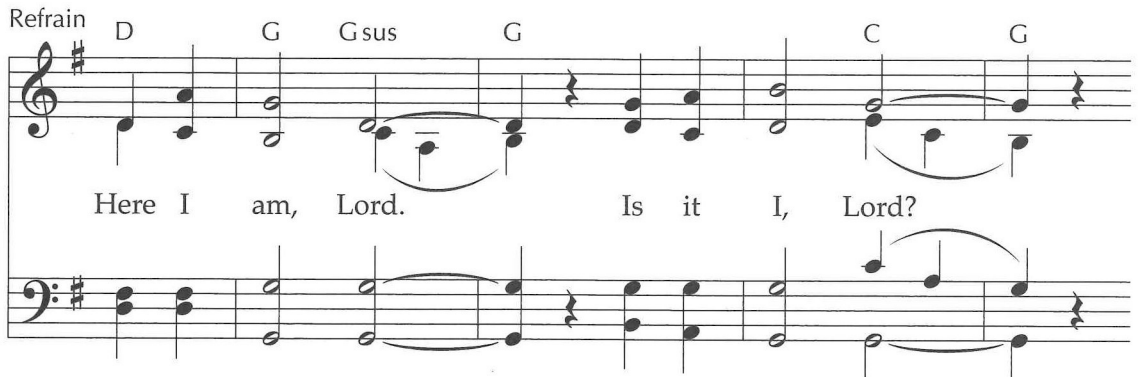
save. I who made the stars of night,
 way. I will break their hearts of stone,
 save. Fin - est bread I will pro - vide



I will make the dark - ness bright. Who will bear my
 give them hearts for love a - lone. I will speak my
 till their hearts be sat - is - fied. I will give my



light to them? Whom shall I send?
 word to them. Whom shall I send?
 life to them. Whom shall I send?



Am7 G/B Am/C C D

I have heard you call-ing in the night.

G Gsus G C/E G

I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

Am7 D G Gsus G

I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)
 F Dm B \flat

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) (Bm)
 F Dm

end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) (D) (A)
 B \flat F C

cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) (F \sharp m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)
 Dm Am Dm B \flat C F

to you, of - fering up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) (G) (D)
 Dm B \flat F

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.



Shoe Us the Love!

McLean PTA

Group Name:



Donate your gently worn, used and new shoes today!

Help us raise funds just by donating gently worn, used and new shoes! Be sure to ask, friends, family, neighbors and co-workers to donate too!

Collected shoes not only help support us, but they will be reused and given a second life by those in need through #microenterprise. It's a WIN-WIN!

Need ideas for Christmas Gifts?

How about a photo of Plymouth from the Centennial Celebration of the Sanctuary? 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. Check out 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/>



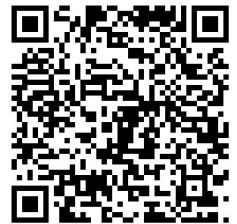
Men's Club Fundraiser

The Plymouth Men's Club is selling Red Wheel 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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15 9am Confirmation Class 10:30am Sunday Worship 12pm Food Packaging Event	16 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	17 5:30pm Investment Club	18 9am Present Day Club 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	19 11:30am Walk & Lunch 2pm Plymouth Projects 5:45pm CE	20	21
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**Please join us for worship next Sunday, October 22nd
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.