



Celebration of Worship
October 22, 2023

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10:30 am

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

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

Opening Voluntary

Praeludium in E minor
Christopher Shaw, organ

Nicolaus Bruhns

Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Moment

Alan Roskam

Introit

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn

Womb of Life, and Source of Being

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*Responsive Sentences

From Psalm 138

One: The mouths of the righteous utter wisdom, and their tongues speak justice.

All: The law of their God is in their hearts; their steps do not slip.

One: Mark the blameless, and behold the upright, for there is posterity for the peaceable.

All: Wait for the Lord, and keep to his way, and he will exalt you to inherit the land.

*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

In your presence we gather to worship. By your wisdom we meet to learn. Through your Spirit we unite one with another. Because of your love we follow 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

Luke17:11-19 NRSV

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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

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

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A Moment with Our Children

Dr. Robu

Solo

"O rest in the Lord"
from *Elijah*
Emily Son

Mendelssohn

O rest in the Lord,
wait patiently for Him,
and He shall give thee thy heart's desires.
Commit thy way unto Him,
and trust in Him,
and fret not thyself because of evildoers.

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Organ Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

Gather at the River

arr. Susan LaBarr

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control,
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river,
the river that flows by the throne of God.

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
even so, it is well with my soul.

Sermon

"Being Saved"

Dr. Olsen

***Hymn of Departure**

Give Thanks for Life

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***Benediction**

Closing Voluntary

Give Thanks for Life
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Paul Leddington Wright

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

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

North Entry Greeter Shelley Closson

Communion Table Flowers Shelley Closson

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

Womb of Life, and Source of Being

1 Womb of life, and source of being, home of ev -
 2 Word in flesh, our broth - er Je - sus, born to bring
 3 Brood - ing Spir - it, move a - mong us; be our part -
 4 Moth - er, Broth - er, ho - ly Part - ner; Fa - ther, Spir -

- ery rest - less heart, in your arms the worlds a -
 us sec - ond birth, you have come to stand be -
 - ner, be our friend. When our mem - ory fails, re -
 - it, On - ly Son: we would praise your name for -

wak - ened; you have loved us from the start.
 side us, know - ing weak - ness, know - ing earth.
 mind us whose we are, what we in - tend.
 ev - er, one - in - three, and three - in - one.

We, your chil - dren, gath - er 'round you, at the ta -
 Priest who shares our hu - man strug - gles, Life of Life,
 La - bor with us, aid the birth - ing of the new
 We would share your life, your pas - sion, share your word

- ble you pre - pare. Shar - ing stor - ies, tears, and
 and Death of Death, Ris - en Christ, come stand a -
 world yet to be, Free of ser - vant, lord, and
 of world made new, Ev - er sing - ing, ev - er

laugh - ter, we are nur - tured by your care.
 mong us, send the Spir - it by your breath.
 mas - ter, free for love and u - ni - ty.
 prais - ing, one with all, and one with you.

Give Thanks for Life

Unison

1. Give thanks for life, the meas - ure of our days,
2. Give thanks for those who made their life a light
3. And for our own, our liv - ing and our dead,
4. Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain

mor - tal, we pass through beau - ty that de - cays, yet
caught from the Christ - flame, burst - ing through the night, who
thanks for the love by which our life is fed, a
ly - ing in dark - ness, does its life re - tain in

sing to God our hope, our love, our praise,
touched the truth, who burned for what is right,
love not changed by time or death or dread,
res - ur - rec - tion to grow green a - gain.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Stewardship 2024 Rooted in Love

Celebrate Sunday, November 5th

Thank you Plymouth! \$179,000 in Pledges so far!

Almost 40% of our \$440,000 goal

More pledges every day. Your generosity is Plymouth's foundation.

Every pledge, each dollar, and all volunteer efforts are key.

Thank you! Sunday November 5th we'll celebrate our Faith, our Freedom and our Future.

Please Pledge Now!

Your stewardship Committee.

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.

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>.



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!

Men's Club Fundraiser

Through cooperation with Plymouth Preschool, we are fortunate to have a delivery truck coming. That means additional purchases may be made while the truck is here on Wednesday, the 25th, mid- afternoon and early evening.



Plymouth Art Gallery

Nicola Raadsma, a Northern California native, currently resides in Wichita, Kansas where she has been living for the past five years with her partner Jean Rhea and their two labradoodles, one cockatiel, and four budgies. She and Jean are good friends of Plymouth Church.

Creativity, as long as she can remember, has served as a unifying center in her life. However, getting to a place where she consciously recognized herself as an “artist” didn’t come until mid-life at which time she decided to pursue a master’s degree in Arts and Consciousness, with a focus on Transformative Art, from JFK University in Berkeley, California. She chose the program because it combined the three things that had fascinated her and she felt most passionate about since her early adulthood: depth psychology, philosophy, and art. She graduated with her Master’s in 1999 but responsibilities and obligations took her away from creating art until 2009 when she took up painting.

The only formal or technical art training she received was in ceramics and sculpture at Laney Community College in Oakland, California during the same time was attending JFK University. Although she loves working with clay, ultimately, she found painting to be more versatile and suitable for her purposes.

Nicola’s paintings are acrylic paint on canvas. In some of her paintings she also includes collage images. Most of her paintings take the form of mandalas. Nicola’s choice to paint mandalas comes from a desire to have art serve as a visual affirmation of inspiration, healing, peace, harmony, and balance. She consciously chooses specific colors, shapes, and symbols for that purpose.

New Artist for the Fine Arts Display Case

Joshua Larson has been creating pottery for over ten years. He specializes in wheel thrown pieces with a concentration on colorful, creative, and functional pieces. Joshua loves to travel, and each season gets inspired with new techniques to help his artistry evolve. Joshua especially loves visiting Mexico and gets inspired with all the color and patterns used in that part of the world. When not at pottery class Joshua can be found heading up the education program at Music Theatre Wichita or selling real estate with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices PenFed Realty.

Be sure to stop by to view – and purchase - his *Halloween creations* between Oct 15 and Nov 7; then Josh will showcase holiday pieces through the end of December, all sure to be of interest and beautifully crafted.

We will end sales of **Dani’s Handmade** products today, Sunday Oct 22nd. Bath bombs, lip balms, lotions, scrubs, aftershave, beard oil, and lots of fragrant bar soaps, all priced between \$2-\$12. Thank you for your support of the Fine Arts at Plymouth!

Plymouth Fine Arts Series



BACH BEER BRATS

10.28.23
6 PM

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Tickets can be purchased online (qr
code), by phone, or at the door.
\$40 per person or \$50 with beer mug

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/>



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>



TIP CHEF DON!

Don Olsen is participating in Cooking for a Cause, gathering tips to support programs at The Pando Initiative.

Scan the QR code or visit the link to tip Chef Don!



bit.ly/chefdon23

Attention all bakers!

The Preschool is in search of volunteers to donate any baked goods for their "Fall Carnival and Fundraiser."

Please refrain from anything with **NUTS** in it

Date baked items will be due: November 2nd

If you have any questions, please contact the Preschool office and they will be happy to assist you.

(316) 684-0222

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Thank you for your generosity in making this a remarkable event for our Littles!



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Nov 03, 2023

FROM 6PM TO 7:30PM

IN THE GYM



October / November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22 9am Confirmation Class 9am Fine Arts Brd 10:30am Sunday Worship	23 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers 5:30pm Deacon Mtg.	24 5:30pm Trustee	25 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	26 11:30am Walk & Lunch 2pm Plymouth Projects	27	28 7pm FAS #2 Bach & Brats
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**Please join us for worship next Sunday, October 29th
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.