

*Plymouth*  
Congregational  
Church  
*Sharing Faith's Journey*



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***Celebration of Worship***  
**October 29, 2023**

# Celebration of Worship

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10:30 am

## Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

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

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**Opening Voluntary**    *Prelude and Fugue in E minor, BWV 533*    J.S. Bach  
Christopher Shaw, organ

### Welcome and Announcements

**Stewardship Moment**    Corinne & Clifford Depew

### Introit

### Call to Worship

**\*Opening Hymn**    *We Gather Together*    (page 6)

**\*Responsive Sentences**    Psalm 106:1-5

One: Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; for God's steadfast love endures forever.

**All: Who can utter the mighty doings of the Lord, or declare all God's praise?**

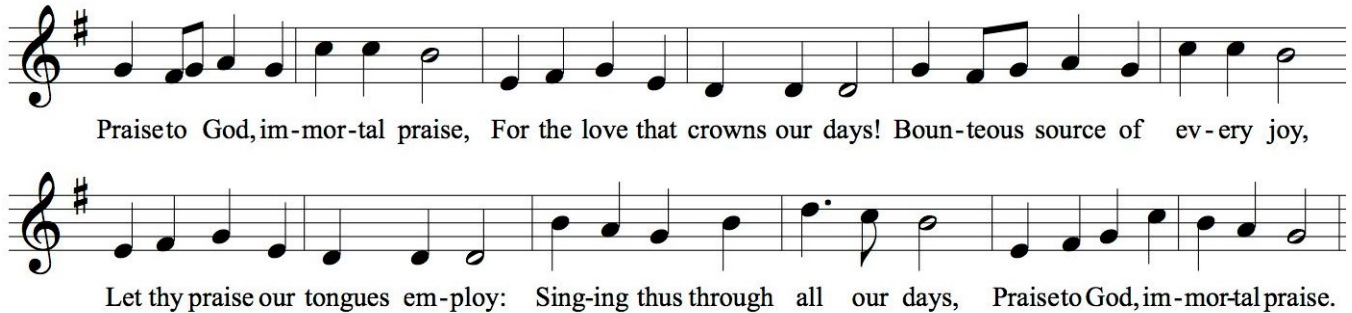
One: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

**All: Remember me, O Lord, when you show favor to your people; help me when you deliver them; that I may see the prosperity of your chosen ones, that I may rejoice in the gladness of your nation, that I may glory in your heritage.**

## \*Response of Praise

*Praise to God, Immortal Praise*

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Praise to 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, Praise to God, im-mor-tal praise.

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## \*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

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**Eternal God, who unites us in origin and offers us the gift of diversity, come to your people and guide us by your presence. Instill in us your vision, that we might know the fullness of life, as did 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

Luke 12:13-21 NRSV

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

## 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

Dr. Robu

### Solo

“The heavens declare the glory of God”  
movement 3, BWV 76  
Carter Tholl, soprano

J. S. Bach

Translation from German:

Hear, you peoples, God's voice,  
hurry to his throne of mercy!  
The basis and end of all things  
is his only begotten son:  
so everything turns towards him.

## Prayer Concerns

## Pastoral Prayer

## Organ Response

## Invitation to Offering

**Anthem**

*Amazing Grace*

arr. Will Todd

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come;  
'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far  
and Grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me.  
His word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be,  
As long as life endures.

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,  
The sun forbear to shine;  
But God, who call'd me here below,  
Will be for ever mine.

—John Newton

**Sermon**

“Rich Toward God”

Dr. Olsen

**\*Hymn of Departure**

*Praise to the Living God*

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**\*Benediction**

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

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

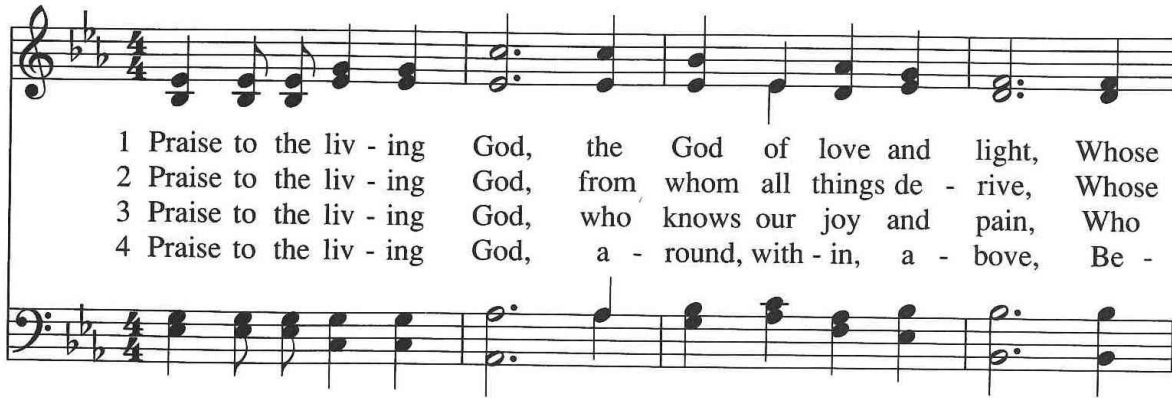
**North Entry Greeter** Shelley Closson

**Communion Table Flowers** in Celebration of Alberta & Bernie Nichols  
60th Anniversary

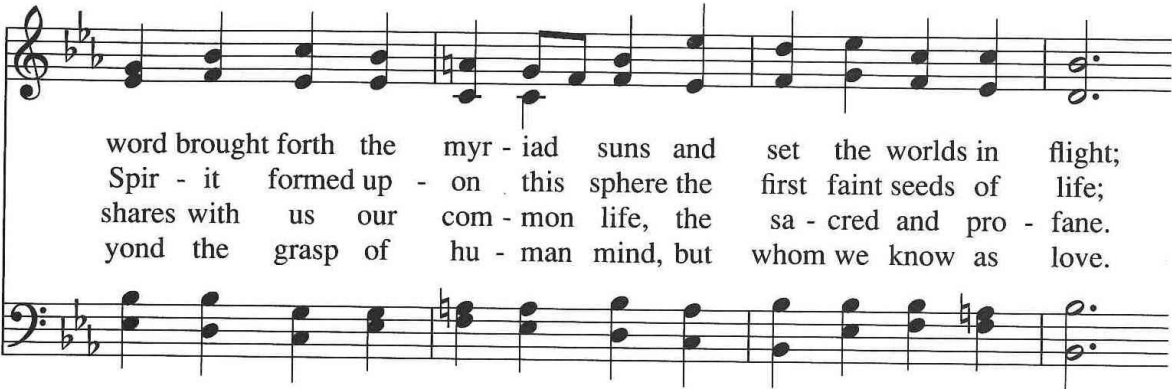




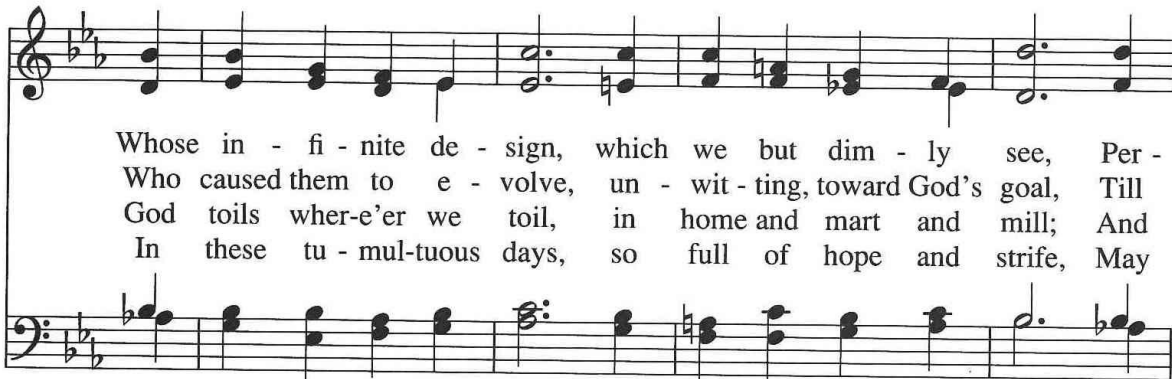
# Praise to the Living God



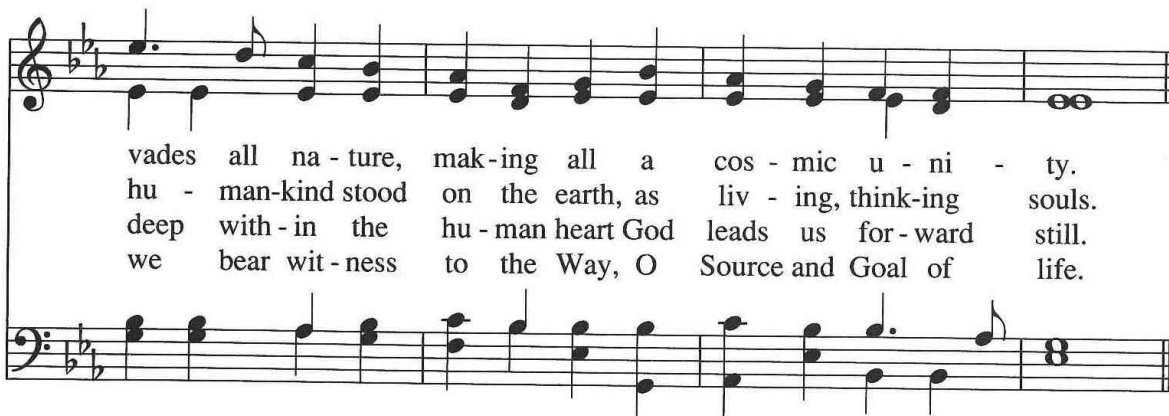
1 Praise to the liv - ing God, the God of love and light, Whose  
2 Praise to the liv - ing God, from whom all things de - rive, Whose  
3 Praise to the liv - ing God, who knows our joy and pain, Who  
4 Praise to the liv - ing God, a - round, with - in, a - bove, Be -



word brought forth the myr - iad suns and set the worlds in flight;  
Spir - it formed up - on this sphere the first faint seeds of life;  
shares with us our com - mon life, the sa - cred and pro - fane.  
yond the grasp of hu - man mind, but whom we know as love.



Whose in - fi - nite de - sign, which we but dim - ly see, Per -  
Who caused them to e - volve, un - wit - ting, toward God's goal, Till  
God toils wher - e'er we toil, in home and mart and mill; And  
In these tu - mul - tuous days, so full of hope and strife, May



vades all na - ture, mak - ing all a cos - mic u - ni - ty.  
hu - man - kind stood on the earth, as liv - ing, think - ing souls.  
deep with - in the hu - man heart God leads us for - ward still.  
we bear wit - ness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

Dear Plymouth Members and Friends,

Notice is hereby given of the regular Annual Budget Meeting of the membership of Plymouth Congregational Church, Wichita Kansas, called by the Church Cabinet. The meeting will be held in the Sanctuary on Sunday, October 29, 2023, following the regular 10:30 a.m. worship service to:

1. Approve the Proposed 2024 Church Budget.
2. Approve the Nominating Committee's slate of nominees to fill board and committee vacancies for 2024.
3. Address any additional business items.

Thank you for your dedication to our church.

In faith,

Judy Frick, Moderator

Sharon Fearey, Church Clerk



# TIP CHEF DON!

Don Olsen is participating in Cooking for a Cause for the 5th year to support Pando.

He's currently in 10th place.  
He REALLY needs your help!

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



[bit.ly/chefdon23](https://bit.ly/chefdon23)

## **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



## Plymouth Men's Club

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who made purchases during the Men's Club Fund Raiser. Thanks, also, to K D Keim for everything she did to help the sale, to Plymouth Preschool for the splendid cooperation, and to the members of the Men's Club.



## 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](mailto: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 26<sup>th</sup>.

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!

## **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.

Thank you for your support of the Fine Arts at Plymouth!



# Plymouth

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## STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

### November 5th

*Your Pledge is the Promise of Plymouth's Future*

**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

**2024 Stewardship Speakers:**

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|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Judith Frick             | Sunday, September 24                  |
| Kitchel & Steve Woods    | Sunday, October 1                     |
| Jennifer King            | Sunday, October 8                     |
| Matthew Jones            | Sunday, October 15                    |
| Alan Roskam              | Sunday, October 22                    |
| Corinne & Clifford Depew | Sunday, October 29                    |
| Finley Watson            | Sunday, November 5 Stewardship Sunday |

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**Plymouth**

**Since 1885**

**Rooted in Love**



# October / November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> 9am Confirmation Class 10:30am Sunday Worship 11:30am Budget Mtg. 5:30pm Book Club	<b>30</b> 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> 9:30 Present Day Club 5:30pm Youth Chili Feed 7pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>2</b> 11:30am Walk & Lunch 2pm Plymouth Projects	<b>3</b> 6pm Preschool Carnival	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> 9am Confirmation Class 10:30am Stewardship Sunday Worship	<b>6</b> 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	<b>7</b> Election Day 5:30pm Cabinet	<b>8</b> 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>9</b> 11:30am Walk & Lunch 2pm Plymouth Projects	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
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**Please join us for worship next Sunday, November 5th.  
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.