

Plymouth

Congregational
Church

Sharing Faith's Journey



Celebration of Worship
November 5, 2023

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10:30 am

Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

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

Opening Voluntary

Prelude on THAXTED
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. David Cherwien

Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Moment

Finley Watson

Introit

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn

Praise with Joy the World's Creator

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*Responsive Sentences

Psalm 106:1-5

One: O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

All: Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and I will praise you with the harp, O God, my God.

One: Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

All: O send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling.

*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

Remind us of what binds us together. Remind us of what finds us in fellowship. Remind us of what builds our community, that we may remember what Jesus taught and how he prayed ...*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

I John 4:7-8; 18-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because God first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from Jesus is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

Lord, Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace arr. Howard Helvey
Clifton Vogt

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, let there be pardon;
where there is doubt, let there be faith;
where there is anguish, let there be hope;
where there is darkness, let there be light;
where there is sadness, let there be joy.

O Divine Savior,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pard'ning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born into eternal life. Amen.

(Based on a prayer attributed to
St. Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226)

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Organ Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

Ubi caritas
Translation from Latin:

Ola Gjeilo

Where charity and love are, God is there.
Christ's love has gathered us into one.
Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.
Let us fear, and let us love the living God.
And may we love each other with a sincere heart.

Sermon

"Lost and Loved"

Dr. Olsen

***Hymn of Departure**

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***Benediction**

Closing Voluntary

Lobe den Herren
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Philip Moore

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

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

North Entry Greeter Katy Brammer

Communion Table Flowers Katy Brammer

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

Praise with Joy the World's Creator

1 Praise with joy the world's Cre - a - tor, God of jus - tice,
 2 Praise to Christ who feeds the hun - gry, frees the cap - tive,
 3 Praise the Spir - it sent a - mong us, lib - er - a - ting
 4 Praise the Mak - er, Christ, and Spir - it, one God in Com -

love, and peace, Source and end of hu - man knowl - edge,
 finds the lost, Heals the sick, up - sets re - li - gion,
 truth from pride, For - ging bonds where race or gen - der,
 mu - ni - ty, Call - ing Christ - ians to em - bod - y

grace be - stow - ing with - out cease. Cel - e - brate the
 fear - less both of fate and cost. Cel - e - brate Christ's
 age or na - tion dare di - vide. Cel - e - brate the
 one - ness and di - ver - si - ty. Thus the world shall

Ma - ker's glo - ry, power to res - cue and re - lease.
 con - stant pres - ence— Friend and Strang - er, Guest and Host.
 Spir - it's trea - sure— fool - ish - ness none dare de - ride.
 yet be - lieve when shown Christ's vi - brant un - i - ty.

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Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us

Unison

1 Like a moth - er who has borne us, held us
2 Like a fa - ther who has taught us, grasped our
3 Though as chil - dren we have wan - dered, placed our
4 When we of - fer food and com - fort, grasp our

close in her de - light, Fed us free - ly from her
hand and been our guide, Lift - ed us and healed our
trust in power and might, Left be - hind our broth - ers,
neigh - bor's hand in love, Tread the path of peace and

bod - y, God has called us in - to life.
sor - rows, God has walked with us in life.
sis - ters, God still calls us in - to life.
jus - tice, God still walks with us in life.

Thanksgiving Book Drive/Book Sale - hosted by the Archives group & Plymouth Librarian Bev Douthett

Is your home library bulging at the seams? Do you have a box of books in your attic or garage? Here's your opportunity:

Bring a bag or two of books to Plymouth by Thanksgiving weekend - we're having a book drive for a worthy organization or two! A school, a nonprofit, the downtown library, etc. - we will do some research in the coming weeks.

You can begin on Nov 1st and drop off your donations in Fellowship Hall. There will be designated tables. We will collect through Sunday Nov 26th.

Bev and the Archives group will be adding some books and other items from the Plymouth library.

You may also donate CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes, artwork, and supplies in good condition. Please no computer equipment.

If you are browsing each week and see a book or item YOU'D like to take home, please put a donation in our donation box. \$1/book is our general suggestion, and \$2 for current titles. Children's books that are short in nature could be 2/\$1. Other items will be up to your discretion. Monetary donations will be used for archival and library supplies for Plymouth. Thank you for your donations and your support!

Operation Holiday

Since 1961, Operation Holiday has made holidays brighter for families in need. The program distributes non-perishable food, fresh food vouchers, winter wear and blankets to low-income families and individuals.

We at Plymouth have an opportunity to help again this year. We will be collecting non-perishable food items, pet food, as well as new and gently used coats and blankets for the next 5 weeks. In order to get a wide variety of the items we will focus on one item per week.

Nov. 5—Protein Sunday (Canned meats, Peanut Butter, etc.)

Nov. 12—Cereal Sunday (Bring on the healthy breakfast cereal)

Nov. 19—Pet Food Sunday (Small bags of dog food and cat food)

Nov. 26—Be a Peach Sunday (Bring in those cans of fruit and veggies)

Dec. 3—Soupy Sunday (Let's finish it off with canned soups)

Have you dreamed of being onstage? If so come be a part of our 2023 multi-generational Christmas pageant. Written by Tim and Karen Robu in the style of Dr. Seuss. (Yes it will rhyme!)

Performance Wednesday, Dec. 20 at 6:30 in the sanctuary
Rehearsals will take place Wednesday, Dec. 6 and 13 after the church dinner and Sunday, Dec. 17 after the service.
All ages are encouraged to participate. Please let Dr. Robu know by Sunday, Nov. 12 if you would like to participate.

Progressive Pilgrims book club gathering

Our next gathering of the Progressive Pilgrims Book Club will be Sunday, November 26 at 6:30 p.m. Location TBD
We will be discussing the book *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. Watermark Books and Barnes and Noble have copies in their store.

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!

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!



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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.

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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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November 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 Day Light Savings Ends 9am Confirmation Class 10:30am Stewardship Sunday Worship	6 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	7 Election Day 5:30pm Cabinet	8 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	9 11:30am Walk & Lunch 2pm Plymouth Projects	10	11
12 9am Confirmation Class 10:30am Sunday Worship	13 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	14 5:30pm Growth Steering	15 9:30 am Present Day Club 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	16 11:30am Walk & Lunch 2pm Plymouth Projects	17 4pm Youth Bread Baking	18 10am Youth Bread Baking
19 9am Confirmation Class 10:30am Sunday Worship 11:30am Youth Bread Sale	20 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	21 5:30pm Investment Club	22 No Wednesday Night Activities	23 Thanksgiving Day	24 Church office Closed	25

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, November 12th.
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.