



Celebration of Worship

May 5, 2024

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10:30 am

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Opening Voluntary

Earth and All Stars
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Michael Burkhardt

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn

Earth and All Stars

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*Responsive Sentences

One: All is not lost

All: It must not be

One: There are children

All: There are wildflowers

One: Love creeps into our lives like vines

All: rooting into our hearts the ways of liberation

One: We are interconnected, branches of the same corner of the universe,

All: reaching for sunlight, yearning for transformation,

One: tenderly caring for all that still longs to live. Let us worship God—

All: Our Sunlight, Our Salvation, Our Ancient Ever New Hope.

*Response of Praise

Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls



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*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

God of dreams and visions, you unleash the imaginations of our hearts. In you, we catch sight of holy possibilities for thinking and living differently. Make us open to the wisdom of the past and to your promises of the future that today, we might be transformed by the love of the one who 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

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Welcoming Song *These Treasured Children* PUER NOBIS NASCITUR (Let the children come forward.)



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A Moment with Our Children

Dr. Olsen

Solo

“Quia fecit mihi magna” from *Magnificat*
Wesley Kelley

J. S. Bach

translation from Latin:

For he who is mighty has done great [things] for me, and holy [is] his name.

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

From Enfleshed.com

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

Bright Morning Stars
Christopher Strecker, solo

arr. Shawn Kirchner

Bright morning stars are rising,
Day is a-breaking in my soul.

Oh, where are our dear mothers,
Day is a-breaking in my soul.

They are down in the valley praying,
Day is a-breaking in my soul.

Oh where are our dear fathers,
Day is a-breaking in my soul.

They have gone to heaven shouting,
Day is a-breaking in my soul.

Bright morning stars are rising,
Day is a-breaking in my soul.

Sermon

“New Things”

Dr. Robu

***Hymn of Departure**

How Many Times We Start Again

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Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Earth and All Stars
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. David Cherwien

*** Let all who are able please stand.**

Select liturgy taken and/or adapted from Enfleshed.com

North Entry Greeter Karon Giles

Communion Table Flowers Karon Giles

Wednesdays in Summer

Select Wednesdays June—August | 6 pm at a different member's home each week. Watch your bulletin and Eblast for location and discussion topic.

Dates:

June 5 | Hosts: Karen and Tim Robu

June 12 | Hosts: TBA

July 3 | Hosts: TBA

July 10 | Hosts: TBA

July 17 | Hosts: TBA

Aug 28 | Hosts: TBA

Progressive Pilgrims Book Club

Reading Rough Sleepers by Tracy Kidder. Meeting Sunday, June 2. Location TBA

Mother's Day Sunday, May 12

It was suggested that we have three members of Plymouth honor their mothers by telling us about them on Mother's Day during worship. We quickly had two volunteers offer to do so and are looking for a third. Did you have a great mother? Please share those memories and stories with us so we can celebrate with you and remember our own moms. Each speaker is allotted 5-7 minutes. We know you can do it! Just let Dr. Olsen or Dr. Robu know. Only one spot left, first response gets it!

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

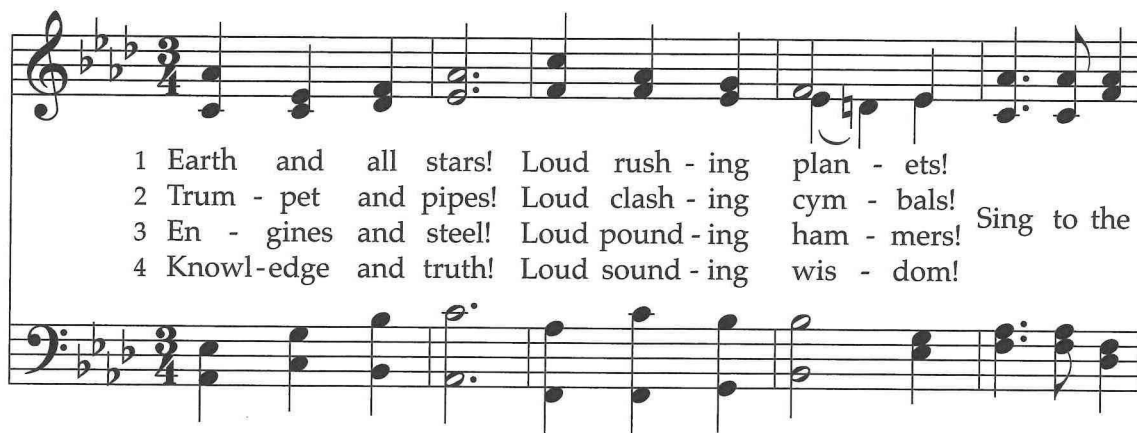
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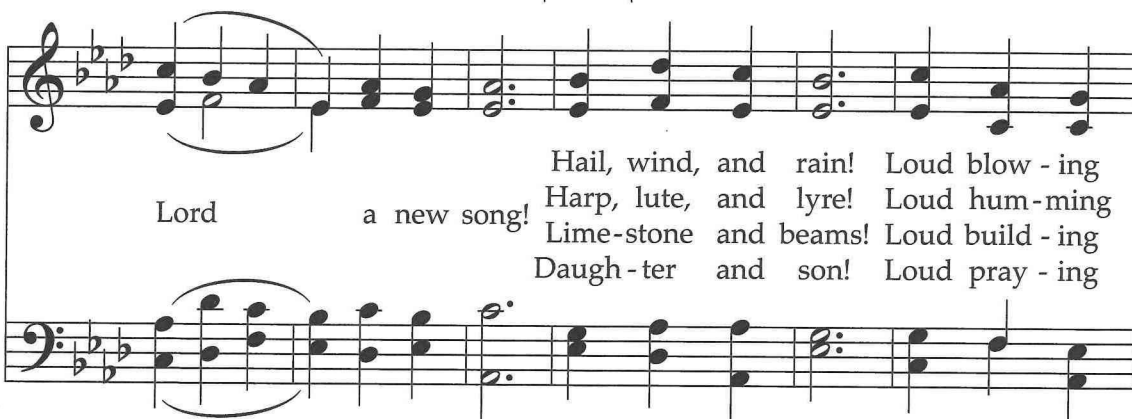
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Earth and All Stars



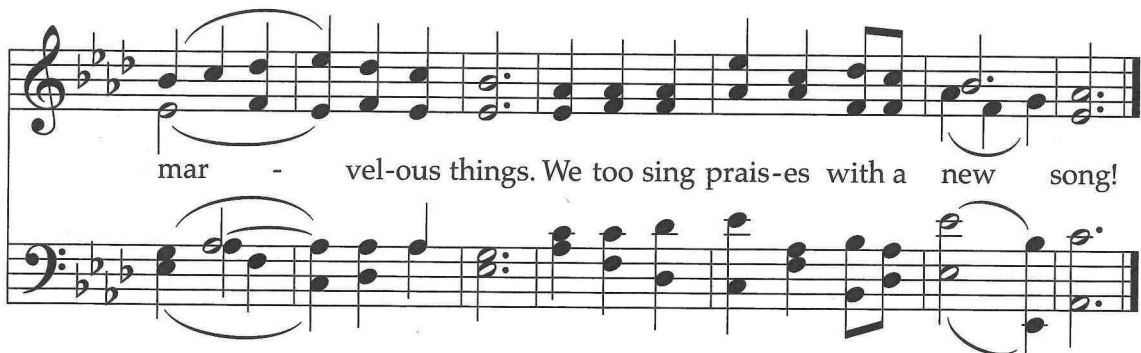
1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
 2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals! Sing to the
 3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!
 4 Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!



Lord a new song! Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming
 Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing
 Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing



snow - storm!
 cel - los! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done
 work - ers!
 mem - bers!



mar - vel - ous things. We too sing prais - es with a new song!

How Many Times We Start Again

1 How man - y times we start a - gain on faith's un-wind-ing way;
 2 Be - fore we go, we look a-round, sur-vey-ing where we are.
 3 But great-er than the cost we find is our ex-pand-ed view
 4 With ea - ger hope we now de-part the plac-es that we know,

we want, dear God, to set-tle in, to build a home and stay,
 Some ask, why leave fa - mil-iar ground for some-where strange and far?
 of what it means, with heart and mind, to trust and fol - low you:
 to trav - el re-gions in your heart where you would have us go.

but then a dream, a voice, a light dis - turbs our peace and rest
 We know from all our start-ings out each jour - ney has its cost:
 we hear a mu - sic nev - er heard, a dif - f'rent light de - scends,
 In you we live and move and dwell, as close as breath and prayer,

and sets be-fore our strain-ing sight new stag - es on our quest.
 that some - times faith gives way to doubt and some-times we get lost.
 and meet - ing stran-gers, we are stirred to wel-come them as friends.
 you are our home: Em - man - u - el, God-with-us ev - 'ry-where.

May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5 10:30am Sunday Worship 11:30 Cinco de Mayo Brunch	6 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	7 5:30pm Cabinet	8 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	9	10	11
12 Mother's Day 10:30am Sunday Worship	13 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	14 5:30pm Growth Steering	15 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	16 5:45pm CE	17	18
19 Graduation Sunday 10:30am Sunday Worship	20 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	21 5:30pm Investment Club	22 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	23	24	25

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, May 12th.
Mother's Day Special**

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.