



Celebration of Worship

November 17, 2024

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10:30 am

Twenty Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Opening Voluntary

Children of the Heavenly Father
Christopher Shaw, organ

2002 Augsburg

Welcome and Announcements

Judy Frick

Mission Possible

Lloyd Hanna

Medical Loan Closet

Introit

Call to Worship

*Adapted from Unitarian Hymnal Adapted from Israel Zangwill

Opening Hymn

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*Responsive Sentences

Steve Woods

One: Beloveds, let us gather in the presence of God.

All: When the last is made first, God is with us.

One: Choosing collaboration over competition, service over success, community over individualism,

All: We seek the way of Christ.

One: Looking in unexpected places, learning from children, listening to those the world calls "the least,"

All: God, we welcome you in our midst!

Adapted from Enfleshed.com

Response of Praise

Praise to God, Immortal Praise

DIX

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

Mother of us all, we pray for the children here in our community and across the globe who are suffering this day. We pray especially for those who are caught up in systems of institutional evil and injustice, those who are ill treated by their families, and those who the church and its leaders are doing harm. Receive our offerings and make us advocates, friends, and family to the young and vulnerable. May your Spirit guide us in service to them. Hear us as we 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.

Invocation adapted from Enfleshed.com

Scripture Reading

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and the disciples went on through Galilee and Jesus didn't want anyone to know. He was telling his disciples, "The Son of Humanity will be betrayed into human hands - he will be killed and rise again after three days. But they didn't understand him.

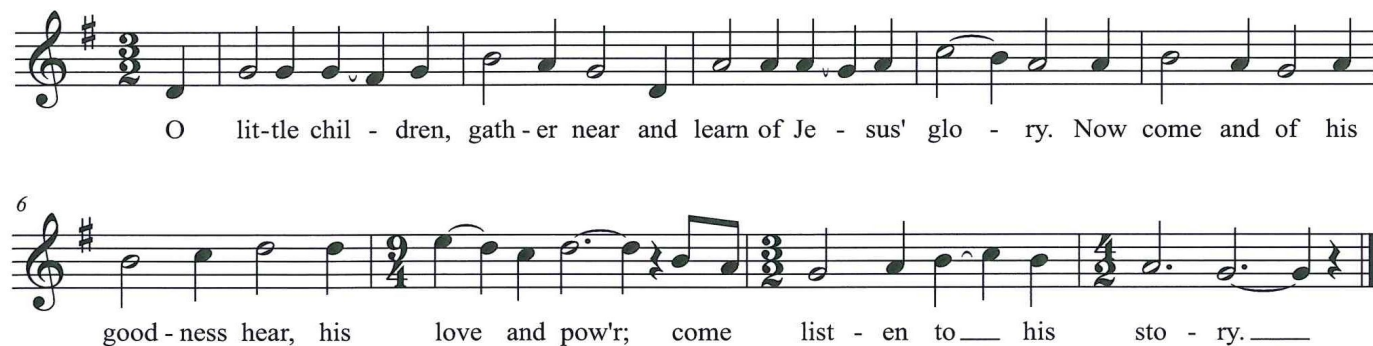
They came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked, "what were you arguing about?" They were silent because they had been arguing about who was the greatest. Jesus sat them down and told them, "whoever wants to be first must be last and servant of all." He took a child in his arms and said, "whoever welcomes one child welcomes me and who welcomes me, welcomes the one who sent me."

Welcoming Song

O Little Children

Beautiful Flower

(Let the children come forward.)



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A Moment with Our Children

Lindsay Miller

Solo

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Ted Dvorak

arr. Tom Trenney

I want to walk as a child of the Light:
I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world.
The star of my life is Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God.
I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine, on my path
and show me the way to the Father.

In Him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

We Pray for Children

by Ina Hughs

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

I Choose Love

arr. Mark Miller

In the midst of pain, I choose love.
In the midst of pain, I choose love.
In the midst of pain, sorrow falling
down like rain,
I await the sun again, I choose love.

When my world falls down, I will rise.
When my world falls down, I will rise.
When my world falls down,
explanations can't be found,
I will climb to holy ground, I will rise.

In the midst of war, I choose peace.
In the midst of war, I choose peace.
In the midst of war, hate and anger
keeping score,
I will seek the good once more,
I choose peace.

In the midst of pain, I choose love.
In the midst of pain, I choose love.
In the midst of pain, sorrow falling
down like rain,
I await the sun again, I choose love.

Sermon

Every Child Deserves a Childhood

Judy Frick

*Closing Hymn

God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

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*Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Holy Manna

arr. Wilbur Held

Select liturgy adapted or taken from Enfleshed.com

* Let all who are able please stand.

*** Ushers will seat late comers

North Entry Greeter Kitchel Woods

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Mission Possible

Please welcome our Mission Possible guest speaker, Lloyd Hanna, CEO of the Medical Loan Closet. This program serves the community by loaning, not selling, good quality, preowned medical equipment to the underserved and those who have issues with their insurance. Donations of equipment are made by Wichita families that no longer have a need for the item. All donated equipment is inspected, cleaned, and repaired if necessary. The organization is staffed largely with volunteers. Plymouth's Missions Board will be making a \$1,000 contribution to help support the work of the Medical Loan Closet.





An evening of music for saxophone and organ. Plymouth organist Christopher Shaw will be joined by saxophonist Nick May. May is the founder of the I Exist Project, which aims to advocate for, bring light to, and celebrate the multifaceted aspects of queer life, culture, and artistry through the collaboration with a diverse range of queer composers and performers to promote the creation and visibility of new queer repertoire.

General admission tickets = \$20. Student tickets = \$5
Available at the door with current student ID. Reception to follow.

SAT I NOV 23 7 PM Saxophone & Organ Duo

*****A few more VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED****

**For the Nov. 23rd Concert: There is a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall.
A few more helpers are needed for wine servers + reception food set-up.**

Plymouth Staff

Rev. Dr. Karen Robu, Senior Minister
Dr. Henry Waters, Director of Music
Christopher Shaw, Organist
Julie Martin, Administrative Assistant
Lindsay Miller, Sunday School Teacher
Tim Robu, Maintenance Engineer
Erik Breckenridge, Video Tech
John Palmer, Video Tech Assistant

2024 Operation Holiday Food Drive



NOV 3RD

PROTEIN SUNDAY!
CANNED MEAT
PEANUT BUTTER ETC.



NOV 10TH

CEREAL SUNDAY!
BRING THE
HEALTHY STUFF



NOV 17TH

PET FOOD SUNDAY!
SMALL BAGS FOR
DOGS & CATS



NOV 24TH

BE A PEACH SUNDAY!
CANNED FRUITS
AND VEGGIES



DEC 3RD

SOUPY SUNDAY!
HEALTH
CANNED SOUPS



Plymouth Congregational Church Blood Drive

Sunday, December 1st 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

We're celebrating 30 years of FRIENDS with exclusive merch! Come to give blood at Plymouth for 2 pairs of custom FRIENDS + Red Cross socks, while they last! Keep a pair, gift a pair & ask a friend to be there for patients too! Giving is better with FRIENDS

To make an appointment to donate blood or call 1-800-RED CROSS (733-2767). Photo ID or Red Cross Donor Card required.



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NOV. 18-DEC. 8



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Fine Arts Display Case

Welcome Svitlana Tararuk

Welcome to Svitlana Tararuk, our display case artist for November and December. As Ukrainian artist, the tradition of decorating Easter eggs, or “pysanky,” holds a profound significance in my life and creative expression. It is a celebration of heritage, spirituality, and the cyclical nature of life. Each design is carefully considered and often inspired by traditional motifs. My artistic journey is deeply rooted in personal experiences and observations. Emotions play a pivotal role in my creative process. I believe that art is a bridge between cultures and generations. Beyond the aesthetic aspect, my work carries a deeper message about resilience and hope. In the face of challenges, the act of creating pysanky becomes a meditative process, allowing me to reflect on themes of renewal and transformation, and giving me a feeling of stability. Each egg is a symbol of new beginnings, and through my art I aspire others to embrace their own journeys of growth and discoveries.



Fine Arts Hallway Display

Welcome Pam Bjork

Born in Wichita, Pam Bjork's creative journey has been shaped by a lifetime of rich experiences and global exploration. After attending UC Berkeley in 1968-69, she spent 26 years as a restaurateur in Colorado and Kansas, earning recognition such as the Business in the Arts Award. Her travels have taken her across five continents, where she participated in and observed diverse cultural ceremonies that deeply inform her artistic practice.



Pam's work reflects her belief in the presence of the sacred in everyday life. She finds inspiration in the objects and environments that surround us, from a pair of cloisonné lovebirds brought back from Singapore by her father to the quilt lovingly stitched by her grandmother. Through her art, she invites viewers to explore the deeper meanings and connections these items hold, reminding us that as archetypal psychologist James Hillman suggests, "All things are full of Gods."

NOVEMBER

- NOV 20: Progressive Pilgrims Book Club following dinner**
- NOV 23: *Saxophone and Organ Duo* from the Fine Arts Concert Series**
- NOV 27: No Wed Night Dinner -**
- NOV 28: Office CLOSED Thanksgiving Day**

DECEMBER

- DEC 4: Christmas Pageant Rehearsal following dinner**
- DEC 8: Christmas Music Sunday**
- DEC 11: Christmas Pageant Rehearsal following dinner**
- DEC 15: Christmas Caroling @ 5:45 pm to 7:45 pm**
- DEC 18: Christmas Pageant following dinner. Pageant @ 6:30 pm**
- DEC 19: Christmas Organ Concert @ 7 PM**
- DEC 21: Blue Christmas Service @ 5:30 pm**
- DEC 24: Christmas Eve Services Tuesday @ 6 PM and 11 PM**





Holiday

YOUTH GROUP BREAD SALE

316 684 0221

Orders taken thru NOV 20TH -Pick Up on NOV 24



Full Sized Loaves

\$10 / EACH

- PUMPKIN SPICE WITH CINNAMON GLAZE
- LEMON POPPY SEED WITH LEMON BUTTER GLAZE
- APPLE WALNUT WITH CARAMEL GLAZE
- CRANBERRY ORANGE WITH ORANGE BUTTER GLAZE
- ZUCCHINI GINGERBREAD WITH VANILLA GLAZE

Mini Loaves

5 - FOR - \$15

MIX & MATCH FLAVORS

- PUMPKIN SPICE WITH CINNAMON GLAZE
- LEMON POPPY SEED WITH LEMON BUTTER GLAZE
- APPLE WALNUT WITH CARAMEL GLAZE
- CRANBERRY ORANGE WITH ORANGE BUTTER GLAZE
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Holiday Bread Sale

ORDER NOW & PICK UP SUN/NOV 24
FREEZE & SAVE FOR CHRISTMAS!

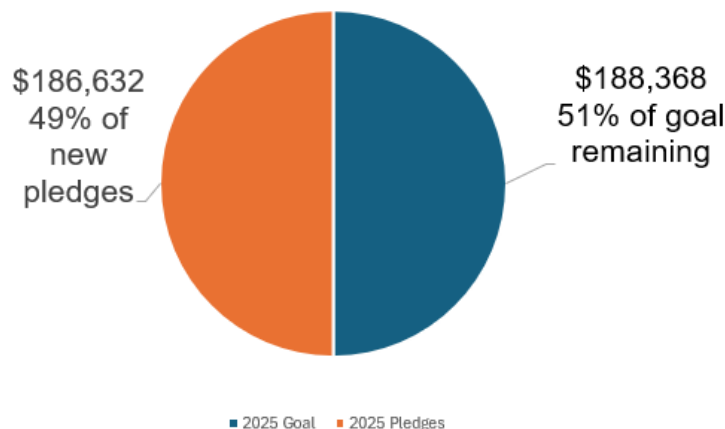
Honoring our Heritage, Welcoming our Future Stewardship 2025

Thank you so much to those who've already pledged!

We are grateful for your generosity.

Pledge cards are available in our office. We'll be happy to send you one by mail, as well. Questions about pledging? Contact one of the Stewardship co-chairs: Chris Bennett cbennett@ppmwichita.com or Rich Euson richeuson@aol.com

2025 GOAL: \$375,000



Children of the Heavenly Father

SANDELL LM

D A

1 Chil - dren of the heav'n - ly Fa - ther safe - ly
 2 God his own doth tend and nour - ish, in his
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak - eth, God his

A7 D G

in his bos - om gath - er. Nest-ling bird nor star in
 ho - ly courts they flour - ish. From all e - vil things he
 Lord his chil - dren sev - er. Un - to them his grace he
 chil - dren ne'er for - sak - eth. His the lov - ing pur - pose

D B7 Em A A7 D

heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
 show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 sole - ly to pre - serve them safe and ho - ly.

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God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

HOLY MANNA 8.7.8.7 D

1 God, who stretched the span-gled heav - ens, in - fi - nite in
 2 We have ven - tured worlds un-dreamed of since the child-hood
 3 As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge

time and place, flung the suns in burn - ing ra - diance
 of our race, known the ec - sta - sy of wing - ing
 us a - new, chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose

through the si - lent fields of space; we, your chil - dren
 through un - trav - eled realms of space, probed the se - crets
 serv - ing oth - ers, hon - 'ring you. May our dreams prove

in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive pow'rs with you. Great Cre -
 of the at - om, yield - ing un - im - ag - ined pow'r, fac - ing
 rich with prom - ise, each en - deav - or well be - gun. Great Cre -

a - tor still cre - a - ting, show us what we yet may do.
 us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.
 a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

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November/December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
17 9 AM Fine Arts Board 10:30 am Worship Service Lay Speaker Series: Judy Frick	18 8 AM Aerobics 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	19 6:30 PM Spinning Boots	20 8 AM Aerobics 5:30 pm WED Night Dinner / Book Club 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	21 11:30 am Lunch & Walk! 12:30 pm Plymouth Projects 1:30 pm Women's AA Coffee Group	22 8 AM Aerobics	23 Fine Arts Series: Sax and Organ Duo 7 pm
24 9:15 AM CE Board 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Deacons	25 8 AM Aerobics 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	26 6:30 PM Spinning Boots	27 NO WED NIGHT DINNER	28 THANKS-GIVING DAY	29 8 AM Aerobics	30
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Join us for Worship and Communion next Sunday the 24th

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.