



Sharing Faith's Journey



**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
JULY 19, 2026**

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10:30 AM

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Opening Voluntary *Arioso*, from Cantata BWV 156 J.S Bach
Amanda Wen, cello: Christopher Shaw, organ

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn *All Things Bright and Beautiful* Page 6

***Responsive Reading** Abby Arthur

One: Generously. Lavishly. Abundantly. God spreads seeds of holy possibility far and wide.

All: Who will nurture their potential? Who will tend to their growth?

One: The Spirit of Life cries out for co-operation.

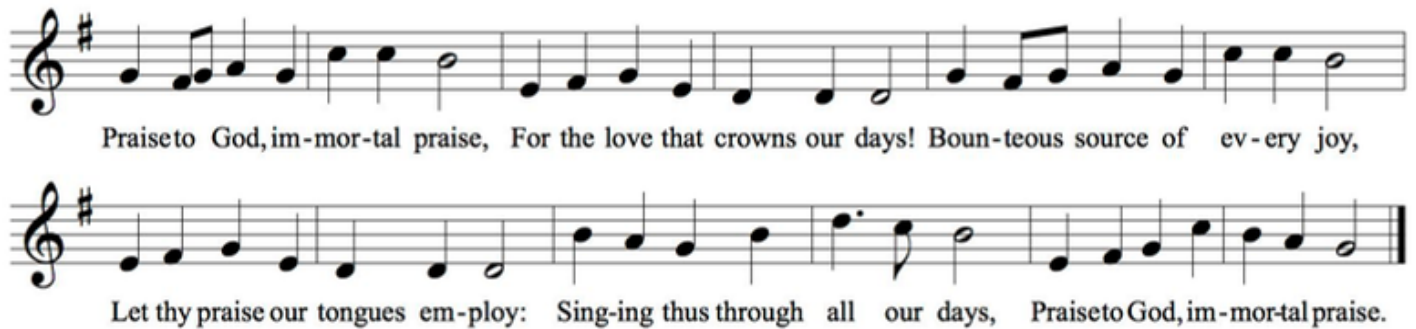
All: May all who long for God join in the labors of liberation.

One: That love may blossom.

All: That justice may be a bountiful crop.

One: That courage may grow unencumbered. Let not the gifts of God be wasted but the harvest be plenty.

All: Let Divine Life flourish among us.

***Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

Holy Wisdom, as we journey through valleys of death and over mountains of injustice, your truth is our sustenance and your presence our comfort. Though the struggles make us weary, keep us determined in love. We are here, O God, to grow and be transformed and to pray together the prayer that Jesus taught

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

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

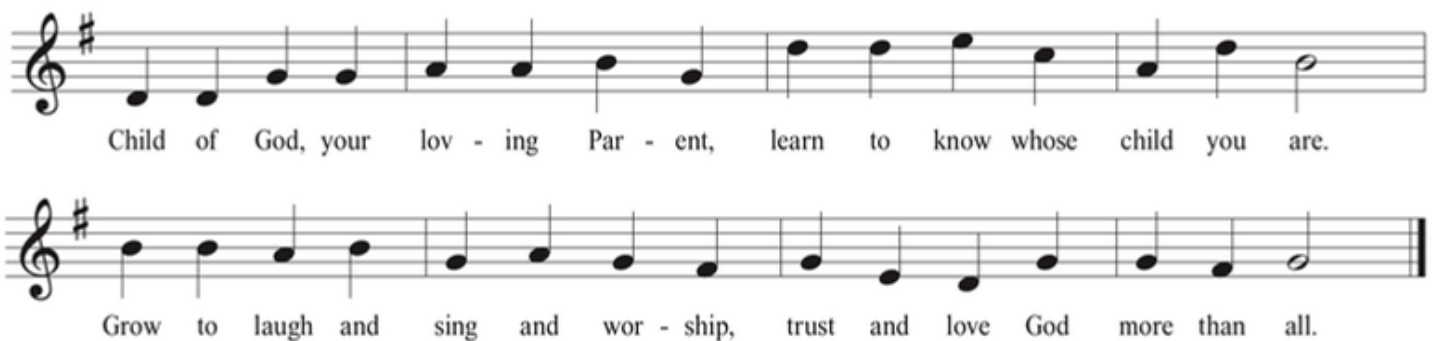
He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field, but while everybody was asleep an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No, for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’ ”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Welcoming Song

Child of Blessing

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A Moment with our Children

Lindsay Miller

Solo

Ah, Holy Jesus

arr. Raymond Haan

Amanda Wen, cello; Christopher Shaw, organ

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Solo

It Is Well!

arr. Craig Phillips

Amanda Wen, cello; Christopher Shaw, organ

Sermon

“Wheat and Weeds...and Tomatoes”

Dr. Robu

*Hymn of Departure

Touch the Earth Lightly

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*Benediction

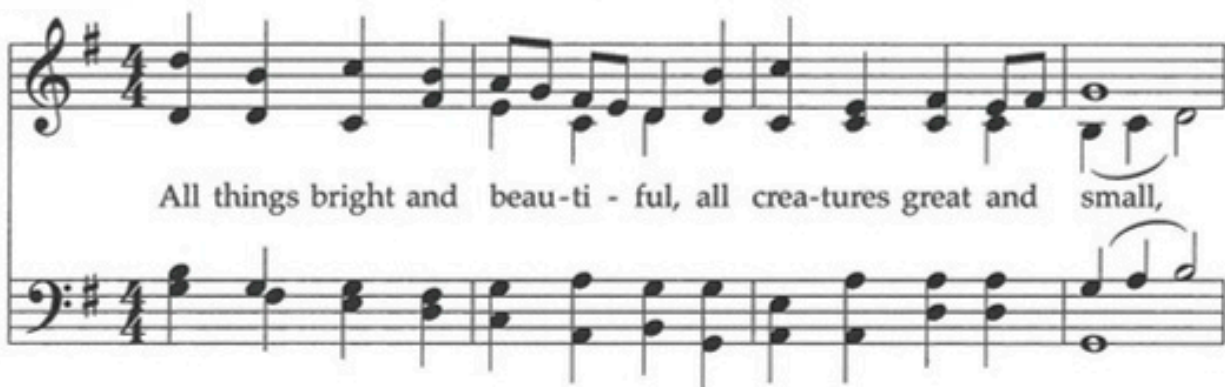
Closing Voluntary

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

arr. Robert Hobby

* Let all who are able please stand.

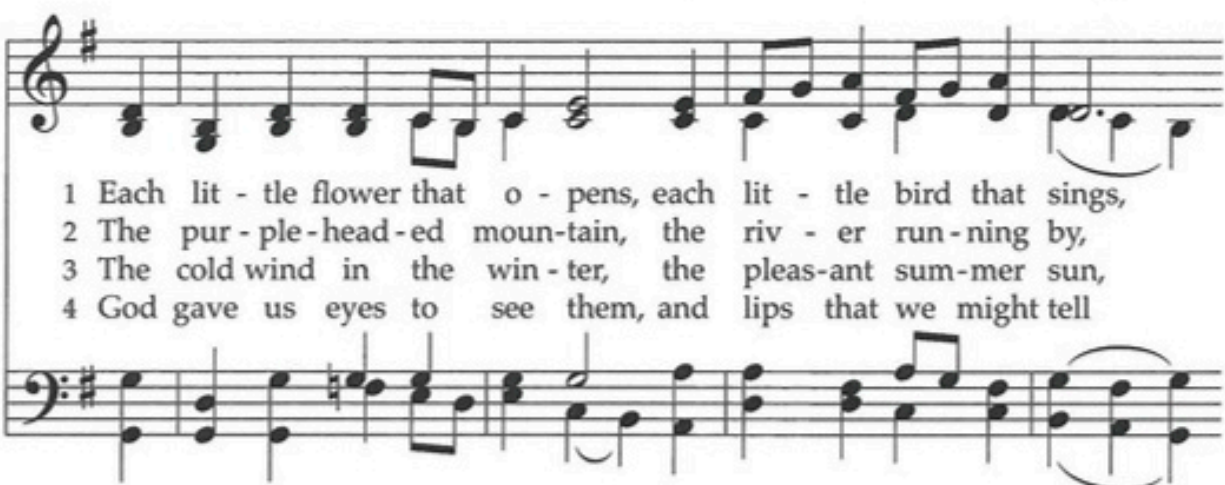
All Things Bright and Beautiful



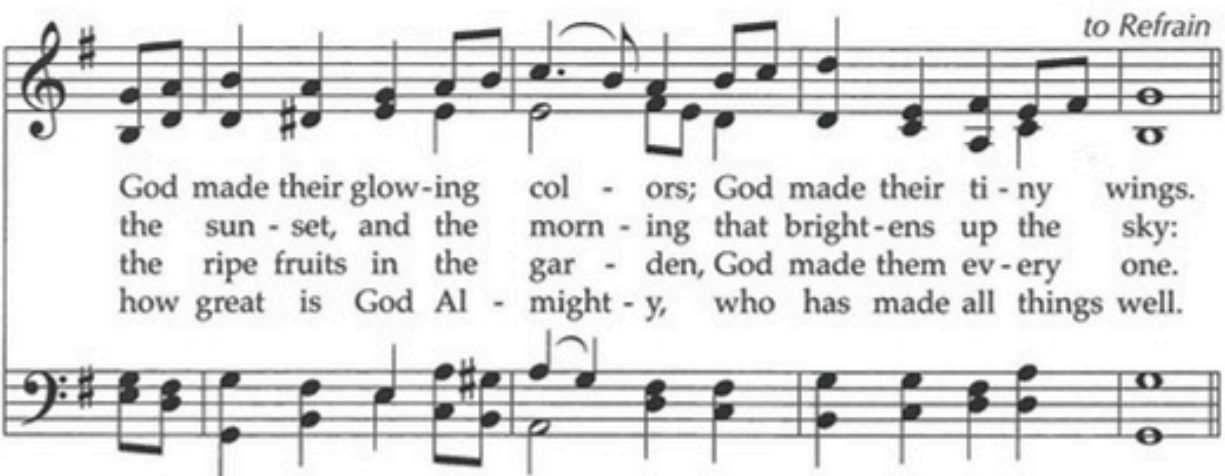
The first system of the song features a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a simple harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,"



The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all." The system ends with a double bar line and the word "Fine" written above the treble staff.



The third system introduces a four-part vocal harmony in the treble staff, with four numbered lines of lyrics. The bass staff continues the accompaniment. The lyrics are: "1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple-head-ed moun-tain, the riv - er run-ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



The fourth system continues the four-part vocal harmony and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "God made their glow-ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky:
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev-ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well." The system ends with a double bar line and the words "to Refrain" written above the treble staff.

Touch the Earth Lightly

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Chords: F, C/E, Dm, Am, B♭, C/B♭, F/A, Gm9, C7, F, C/E, Dm, Am, B♭, C/B♭, F/A, B♭/C, F

1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gen - tly,
 2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
 3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
 4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,

nour - ish the life of the world in our care:
 a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
 wa - ter that bless - es, and air that is sweet,
 God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,

gift of great won - der, ours to sur - ren - der,
 we who still fos - ter clouds of dis - as - ter,
 health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
 teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,

trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
 God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
 re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
 us - ing us gen - tly and mak - ing us one.



Stay Tuned for details for the August Summer Dinner! Watch for
info in the July 21st email newsletter

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Help! Our Food Pantry is bare :-(Need some shopping ideas?

Pick up some Food Bank Recipe ideas for creating “Meal-in-a-Bag” food kits in the North Lobby.

Also needed: Fruit cups, Ramen, Mac N Cheese, protein and snack bars, oatmeal cups, cracker packets, cereal, canned soups, and canned meats. Please choose canned goods that don’t require a can opener.

Missions Guest

Please welcome Madison Orton,
School Psychologist at College Hill
Elementary. Our neighborhood school
is the recipient of this month’s
Missions Contribution.





Do you like to sing? Do you like to drink beer? Have you tried doing them together?

Join us on Wednesday, August 12th at 7 PM at Norton's Brewing Company for Plymouth's first Beer Choir! Purchase your favorite beer and we will provide music for you to join us in song. Some of us will be there at 6 PM to have dinner, so feel free to make an evening of it and join us!

What is beer choir?

Beer Choir is a national singing movement founded by composer Michael Engelhardt in 2015. If you like beer, and you like singing, you'll love Beer Choir. This isn't like your traditional choir - if you show up the night of a Beer Choir event, you ARE the choir! No singing experienced required, just come and sing, drink, and laugh together!



We invite you to consider joining Plymouth as a member of our congregation!

We are a progressive and caring community of friends and families who seek to support each other, and our diverse membership, open to all. Our boards, committees, clubs, social and spiritual groups all offer ways to be of service to members, friends and neighbors. Members are invited to serve on various boards and committees. They also reserve the privilege of voting during annual meetings.

Through worshiping, learning, and caring together throughout the seasons of our lives, we grow in faith and come to better understand God's prevailing grace and love for all humanity.

Dr. Robu would be happy to visit with you about membership and answer any questions you may have. krobu@plymouth-church.net

Special Music in July!

12 JULY | SUNDAY

JOIN US @
10:30 AM

**SPECIAL GUESTS:
FRAU HAUS**



19 JULY | SUNDAY

JOIN US @
10:30 AM

**SPECIAL GUEST:
CELLIST, AMANDA WEN**



26 JULY | SUNDAY

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10:30 AM

**SPECIAL GUESTS:
HOPEFUL BLUES**



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July 9

Grace Gill
Robert Safley
Shawn Bartel
Gerald Nelson
Jeanne Shoecraft
Joyce Gedraitis
Don Fast
Karen Malone

July 10
July 12
July 13
July 13
July 14
July 15
July 23
July 24

JULY

Birthdays

Sunday		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 10:30 WORSHIP	29 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	30	1 AEROBICS	2 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	3 AEROBICS PRESCHOOL CLOSED	4 HAPPY 4TH OF JULY	
5 10:30 WORSHIP SPECIAL MUSIC 250 TH CELEBRATION	6 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	7 5:30 PM CABINET	8 AEROBICS	9 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	10 AEROBICS	11	
12 10:30 WORSHIP SPECIAL MUSIC FRAU HAUS QUARTET	13 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	14	15 AEROBICS DULL CREATIVES: TILE MAKING	16 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	17 AEROBICS	18 YOUTH GROUP LOCK-IN	
19 SPECIAL MUSIC: AMANDA WEN, CELLO 10:30 WORSHIP	20 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	21 INVESTMENT CLUB	22 AEROBICS	23 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	24 AEROBICS	25	
26 10:30 AM SPECIAL MUSIC HOPEFUL BLUES ORGAN & BRASS CONCERT @ 4:00 PM	27 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	28 5:30 PM TRUSTEES	29 AEROBICS	30 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	31 AEROBICS		