



Sharing Faith's Journey



**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
AUGUST 2, 2026**

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August 2, 2026

10:30 AM

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Opening Voluntary

How Beautiful
Marisa Callan, piano

arr. Lloyd Larson

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

O Worship Our God, All Glorious Above

LYONS

*O worship our God, all glorious above,
and joyfully laud her power and her love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.*

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

Bring Many Names

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*Responsive Reading

Ken Arnold

One: To tussle with God is an ancient tradition

All: Saints and prophets wrestle in the night

One: Tossing and turning our questions

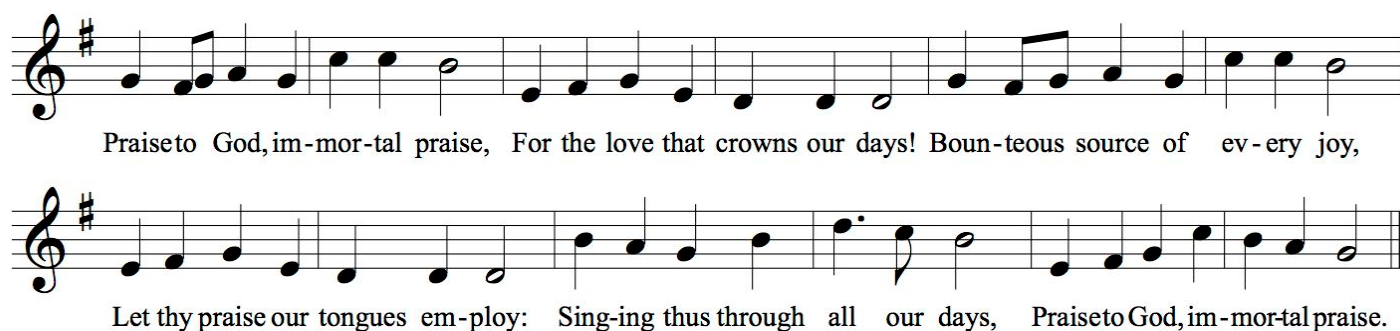
All: Arguing on behalf of our neighbors

One: We raise our voices in holy exasperation

All: Our hearts race with the fury of love

One: God welcomes the conflict and embraces our audacity

All: Here we are, to grapple with faith. In honest pursuit of God, let us worship



***Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

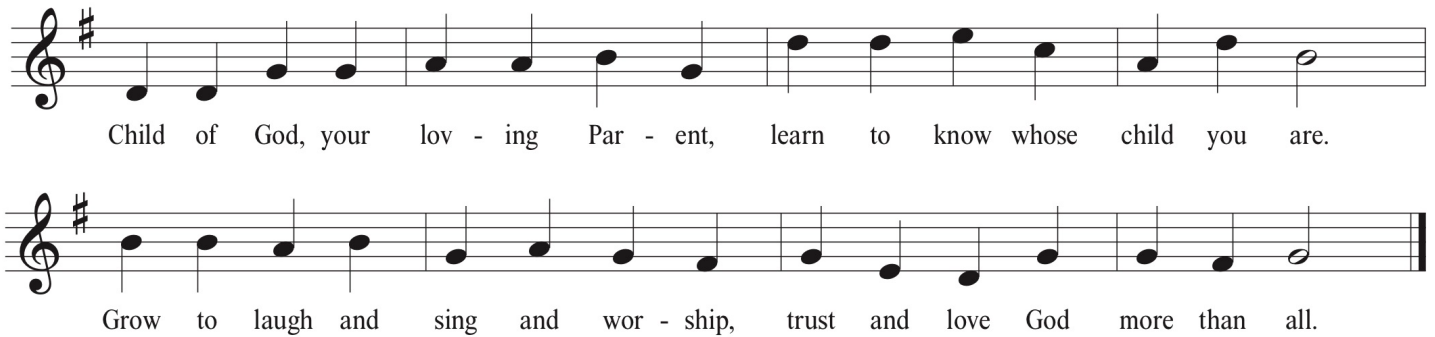
God of Doubters and Skeptics, God of Fiery Prophets, God of Those Who Dissent and Disagree, today we gather to challenge and be challenged. We come with questions! There is pain we carry. There is anger we feel on our behalf and others. There are so many other ways the world could be! In the confidence of our faith, we bring all our wrestling with what is to you in prayer

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

Genesis 32:22-31

The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans^[c] and have prevailed." Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.



A Moment with our Children

Lindsay Miller

Solo

How Great Thou Art

Stuart K. Hine

Jennifer King, soloist; Marisa Callan, piano

*O Lord My God! when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hands hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:*

*Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

*When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze; [Refrain]*

*When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home-what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art! [Refrain]*

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

Come, Thou Fount

arr. Craig Courtney

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love!*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.*

Sermon

"Encountering God"

Dr. Robu

*Hymn of Departure

Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown

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*Benediction

Closing Voluntary

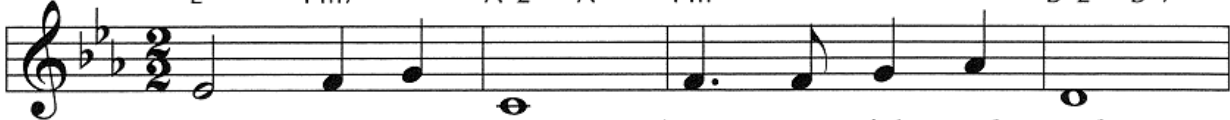
Now Thank We All Our God
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. David Cherwien

* Let all who are able please stand.

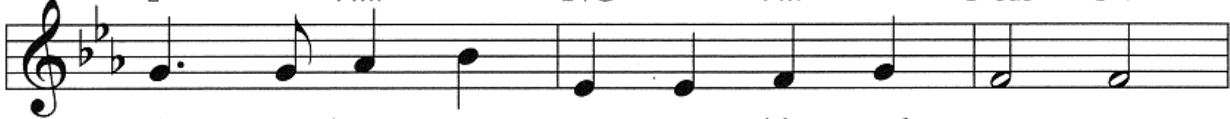
Bring Many Names

Capo 1: (D) (Em7) (G2) (G) (Em) (A2) (A7)
 E^b Fm7 A^b2 A^b Fm B^b2 B^b7



1 Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good,
 2 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day,
 3 Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - ery child,
 4 Old, ach - ing God, gray with end - less care,
 5 Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger, on the move,
 6 Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,

(D) (Em7) (D/F#) (Em) (Asus) (A7)
 E^b Fm7 E^b/G Fm B^bsus B^b7



cel - e - brate, in par - a - ble and sto - ry,
 plan - ning all the won - ders of cre - a - tion,
 feel - ing all the strains of hu - man liv - ing,
 calm - ly pierc - ing e - vil's new dis - guis - es,
 say - ing no to false - hood and un - kind - ness,
 joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing,

(D) (Em7) (G2) (G) (Em) (A2) (A7)
 E^b Fm7 A^b2 A^b Fm B^b2 B^b7



ho - li - ness in glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God.
 set - ting each e - qua - tion ge - ni - us at play:
 car - ing and for - giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled:
 glad of good sur - pris - es, wis - er than de - spair:
 cry - ing out for jus - tice, giv - ing all you have:
 clos - er yet than breath - ing, ev - er - last - ing home:

1-5 6
 (D) (Em) (D) (A) (G) (D/F#) (Em) (Asus) (A) (D/F#) (Em) (A) (D)
 E^b Fm E^b B^b A^b E^b/G Fm B^bsus B^b E^b/G Fm B^b E^b



Hail and Ho - san - na! Bring man - y names!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, strong moth - er God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, warm fa - ther God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, old, ach - ing God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, young, grow - ing God!
 Hail and Ho - san - na, great, liv - ing God!

Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown

VERNON 8.8.8.8.8.8

Dm C

1 Come, O thou Trav - el - er un - known, whom still I hold, but
 2 Wilt thou not yet to me re - veal thy new, un - ut - ter -
 3 My strength is gone, my na - ture dies, I sink be - neath thy
 4 Yield to me now - for I am weak, but con - fi - dent in
 5 'Tis Love! 'tis Love that wres - tled me! I hear thy whis - per

Dm

can - not see! My com - pa - ny be - fore is gone, and
 a - ble name? Tell me, I still be - seech thee, tell, to
 weight-y hand, faint to re - vive, and fall to rise. I
 self - de - spair! Speak to my heart, in bless - ing speak, be
 in my heart. The morn - ing breaks, the shad - ows flee, pure,

C Dm F Dm

I am left a - lone with thee. With thee all night I
 know it now re - solved I am. Wres - tling, I will not
 fall, and yet by faith I stand; I stand and will not
 con - quered by my in - stant prayer. Speak, or thou nev - er
 u - ni - ver - sal Love thou art. To me, to all, thy

F Dm

mean to stay and wres - tle till the break of day.
 let thee go till I thy name, thy na - ture know.
 let thee go till I thy name, thy na - ture know.
 hence shalt move, and tell me if thy name is Love.
 mer - cies move - thy na - ture and thy name is Love.

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FOOD & FELLOWSHIP
WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 5, 2026

SUMMER DINNERS @ HOME

YOUR HOSTS: CLIFFORD & CORINNE
DEPEW, AND SUSAN & KEN ARNOLD
WEDNESDAY / AUGUST 5TH AT 6 PM

A few spots are left for Wednesday, August 5th at 6 PM !!

The August Summer Dinner will be hosted by Clifford and Corinne Depew, and Susan and Ken Arnold, at the Depew's home in Eastborough. Menu will include French Dip Sandwiches, Sides and Dessert. Water and tea provided. BYOB.

Space is limited. RSVP through Weekly Word Email link, or call (316) 684-0221 or email office@plymouth-church.net.

**THANK YOU PLYMOUTH FRIENDS & FAMILIES
FOR DONATING SCHOOL SUPPLIES!
for COLLEGE HILL ELEMENTARY**

Collection tubs are in the main, North Lobby!





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.
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Help us keep our pantry stocked!

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.

Plymouth Preschool - OPEN HOUSE

Next Sunday, April 9th, the Preschool will be open for visitors. You’re invited to take a tour - 11:30 am to 12:30 pm! Special thanks to our preschool supervisors and staff who are coming in on their day off to host the open house. The Preschool is Enrolling Now! You are welcome to invite family or friends who are looking for a high quality, safe space for little learners!



Plymouth Preschool Learning Center - Enrolling Now!

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Garry Neel
Steve Woods
Nancy Mundhenke

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AUGUST Birthdays

August 2026					Friday	Saturday
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	7	8
2 10:30 WORSHIP	3 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	4 5:30 PM CABINET	5 AEROBICS	6 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE PRESCHOOL GRADUATION	AEROBICS MUSIC THEATER GUILD	
9 10:30 WORSHIP 11:30 PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE - YOU'RE INVITED!	10 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	11	12 AEROBICS 7 PM BEER CHOIR AT NORTONS BREWING CO.	13 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	14 AEROBICS	15 2ND LIGHT SHELTER LUNCH SERVICE
16 10:30 WORSHIP	17 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	18 INVESTMENT CLUB	19 AEROBICS DULL CREATIVES: COLLAGE MAKING 7 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL	20 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	21 AEROBICS	22
23 10:30 WORSHIP 11:30 DEACONS 11:30 FINE ARTS BOARD	24 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	25 5:30 PM TRUSTEES	26 AEROBICS WED NIGHT DINNER: PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER BOOK CLUB 7 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL	27 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	28 AEROBICS	29
30 10:30 AM WORSHIP	31 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	1 SEPTEMBER	2 AEROBICS WED NIGHT DINNER 7 pm CHOIR REHEARSAL	3 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	4 AEROBICS	