



Sharing Faith's Journey



**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
JULY 26, 2026**

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July 26, 2026

10:30 AM

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Opening Voluntary

Hymn of Promise
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Jeremy J. Bankson

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

Here in This Place

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*Responsive Reading

Catherine Menefee

One: To worship is to stand in awe under a heaven of stars, before a flower, a leaf in sunlight, or a grain of sand.

All: To worship is to be silent, receptive, before a tree astir with the wind, or the passing shadow of a cloud.

One: To worship is to work with dedication and with skill; it is to pause from work and listen to a strain of music.

All: To worship is to sing with the singing beauty of the earth; it is to listen through a storm to the still small voice within.

Worship is the mystery within us reaching out to the Mystery beyond.

*Response of Praise

Praise to God, Immortal Praise

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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.

***Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

Dear One, Oh You who are all things to us, help us to say, ... to sense, ... and to feel the prayer Jesus taught us ...

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

Old Testament: Psalm 131

O LORD, my heart is not lifted up,
my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things
too great and too marvellous for me.
But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
my soul is like the weaned child that is with me.
O Israel, hope in the LORD
from this time on and for evermore.

New Testament: Matthew 13.31-33, 44-46

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with[a] three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

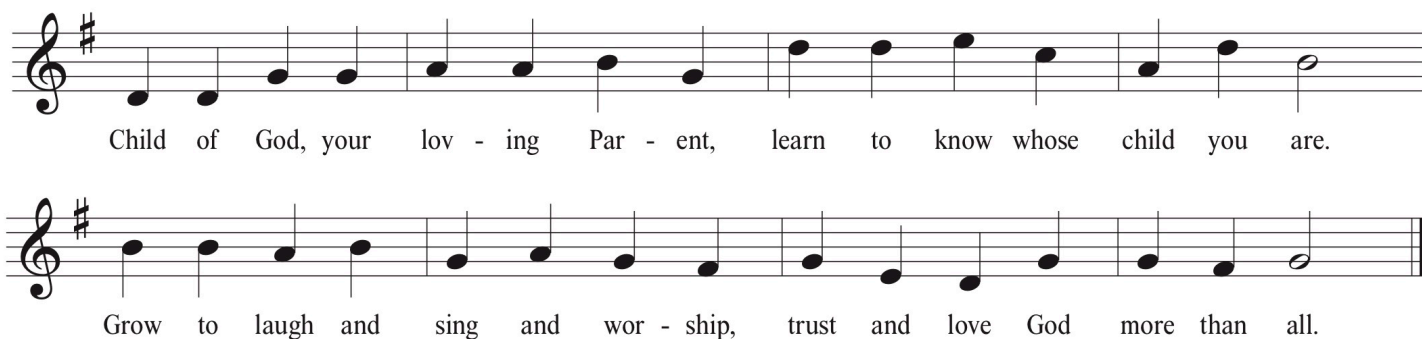
"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Welcoming Song

Child of Blessing

STUTTGART



A Moment with our Children

Lindsay Miller

Solo

Build My Life
Satisfied
Hopeful Blues

Yunker/Martin/Kaple/Redman
Williams & Hudson

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Solo

My Love Colors Outside the Lines
Come, Thou Font
Hopeful Blues

Gordon Light
Traditional

Sermon

“Isabelle”

Carol Pocza Hull

*Hymn of Departure

In the Bulb There is a Flower

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*Benediction

Closing Voluntary

A Closer Walk With Thee
Hopeful Blues

Spiritual

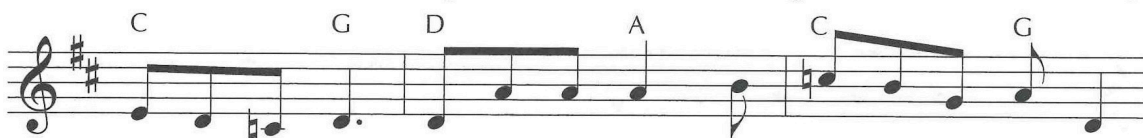
* Let all who are able please stand.

Here in This Place

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1 Here in this place, the new light is stream-ing; now are the shad-ows
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry. We are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine of com-pas-sion; here we will take the
4 Not just in build-ings, dim and con-fin-ing; not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way. See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,
bread of new birth. Here we be-come the peo-ple you fash-ion:
light-years a-way: here in this place, the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
chil-dren of God, to be salt for the earth.
now is the dawn-ing and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, our
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine ev-er flow-ing, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



spir-its in-flame. Call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
proud and the strong. Give us a heart so meek and so low-ly;
bread that is you. Nour-ish us well, and guide us in grow-ing
make us your own. Gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,

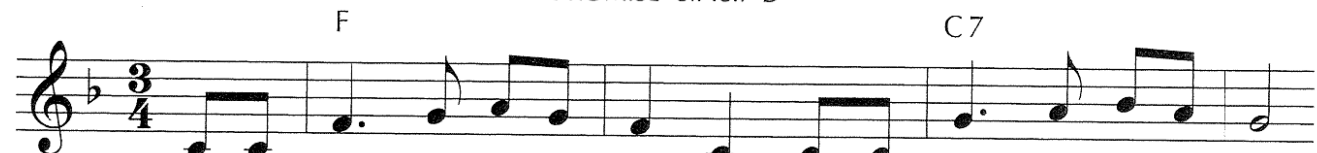


we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

In the Bulb There Is a Flower

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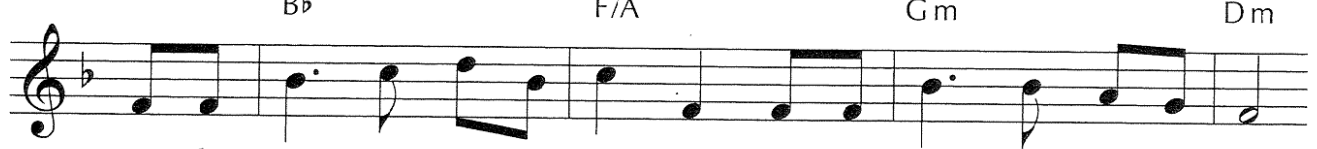
1 In the bulb there is a flow - er; in the seed, an ap - ple tree;
 2 There's a song in ev - 'ry si - lence, seek - ing word and mel - o - dy.
 3 In our end is our be - gin - ning; in our time, in - fin - i - ty;

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in co - coons, a hid - den pro - mise: but - ter - flies will soon be free!
 There's a dawn in ev - 'ry dark - ness, bring - ing hope to you and me.
 in our doubt there is be - liev - ing; in our life, e - ter - ni - ty.

Bb F/A Gm Dm



In the cold and snow of win - ter there's a spring that waits to be,
 From the past will come the fu - ture; what it holds, a mys - ter - y,
 In our death, a res - ur - rec - tion; at the last, a vic - to - ry,

Bb F Gm C7 F



un - re - vealed un - til its sea - son, some - thing God a - lone can see.

Lyrics for Solos:

Hopeful Blues

"Build My Life"

Worthy of every song we could ever sing
 Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
 Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
 We live for You, oh, we live for You

Jesus, the Name above every other name
 Jesus, the only One who could ever save
 Worthy of every breath we could ever breathe
 We live for You, we live for You

Holy, there is no one like You
 There is none beside You
 Open up my eyes in wonder
 And show me who You are
 And fill me with Your heart
 And lead me in Your love to those around me

And I will build my life upon Your love
 It is a firm foundation
 And I will put my trust in You alone
 And I will not be shaken

“Satisfied”

All my life-long I had panted
for a drink from some cool spring
that I hoped would quench
the burning of the thirst I felt within.

Refrain: Hallelujah! I have found Him-
whom my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies my longings;
through His blood I now am saved.

Feeding on the husks around me
till my strength was almost gone,
longed my soul for something better,
only still to hunger on. [Refrain]

Poor I was, and sought for riches,
something that would satisfy;
but the dust I gathered round me
only mocked my soul's sad cry. [Refrain]

Well of water, ever springing,
Bread of Life, so rich and free,
untold wealth that never faileth,
my Redeemer is to me. [Refrain]

My Love Colors Outside the Lines”

My love colours outside the lines,
Exploring paths that few could ever find
And takes me into places where I’ve never been
before
And opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

Refrain: We’ll never walk on water if we’re not
prepared to
drown, body and soul need a soaking from time
to time.
And we’ll never move the gravestones if we’re
not prepared to
die and realize there are worlds outside the lines.

My Lord colours outside the lines,
turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;
and takes me into places where I’ve never been
before
and opens doors to worlds outside the lines.
Refrain

My soul longs to colour outside the lines,
tear back the curtains, sun come in and shine,
I want to walk beyond the boundaries,
where I’ve never been before,
throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.
Refrain

“Come Thou Fount”

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 debt or 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.

Please welcome Hopeful Blues from Hope Mennonite Church in Wichita. They perform worshipful instrumental versions of hymns and songs from Voices Together and other sources. Galen Fast saxophone, Laurie Regehr piano, Leon Greaser guitar, Rod Kremer bass, Eldon Chlumsky percussion.

Our thanks to spiritual director Carol Hull, who led the grief groups in October 2025 and March 2026, for being our guest speaker today.

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FOOD & FELLOWSHIP
WEDNESDAY - AUGUST 5, 2026

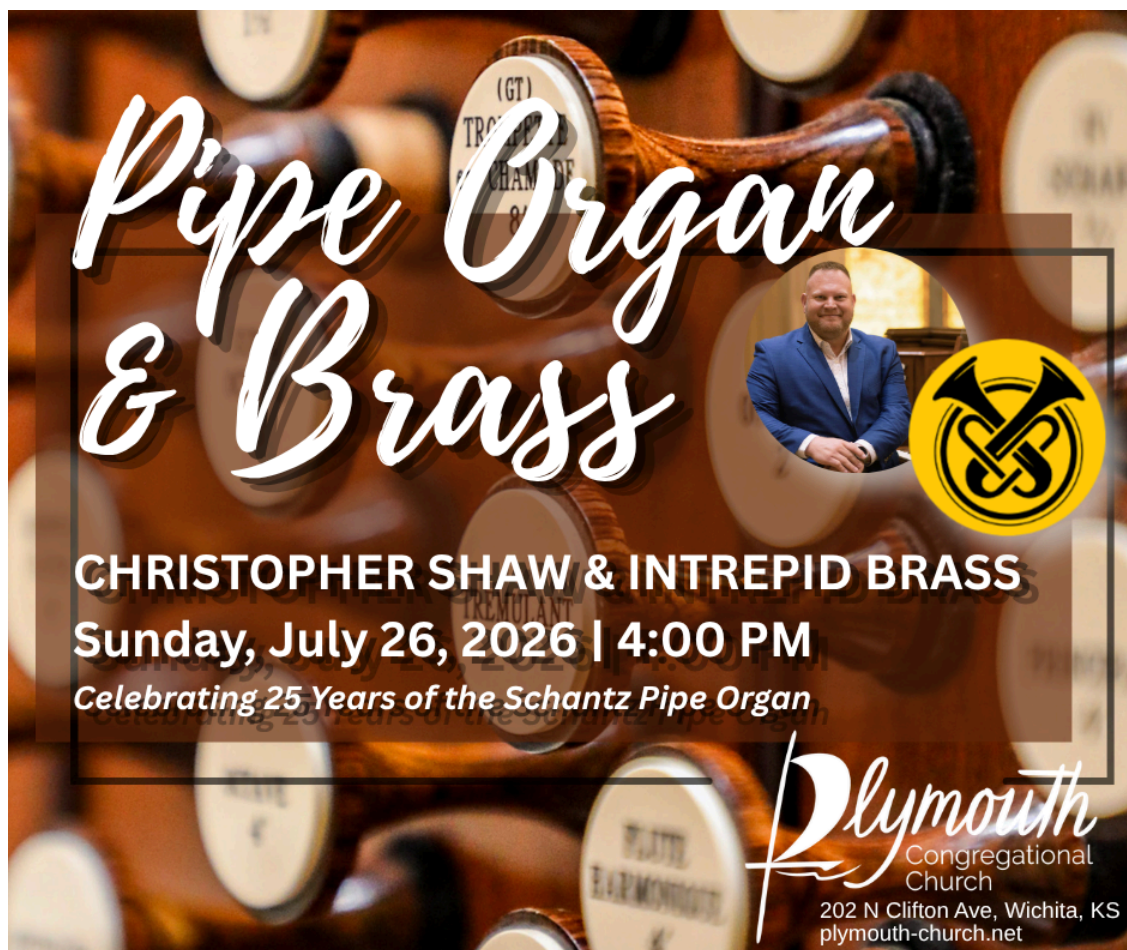
SUMMER DINNERS @ HOME

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

***** 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.

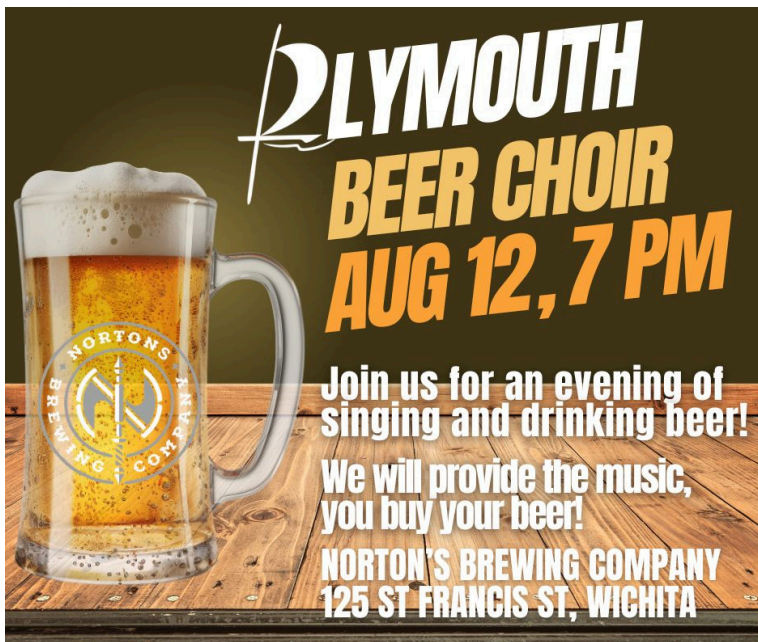


The poster features a background of organ pipes. The title "Pipe Organ & Brass" is written in a large, white, cursive font. Below the title, a circular inset shows a man in a blue suit, Christopher Shaw. To the right of the inset is a yellow circular logo with a black trumpet and the letters "IB". The text "CHRISTOPHER SHAW & INTREPID BRASS" is in bold white capital letters, followed by "Sunday, July 26, 2026 | 4:00 PM" in white. Below that, in a smaller white font, is "Celebrating 25 Years of the Schantz Pipe Organ". At the bottom right, the Plymouth Congregational Church logo is shown, with the address "202 N Clifton Ave, Wichita, KS" and the website "plymouth-church.net".

Pipe Organ & Brass

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Sunday, July 26, 2026 | 4:00 PM
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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



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.

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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	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	