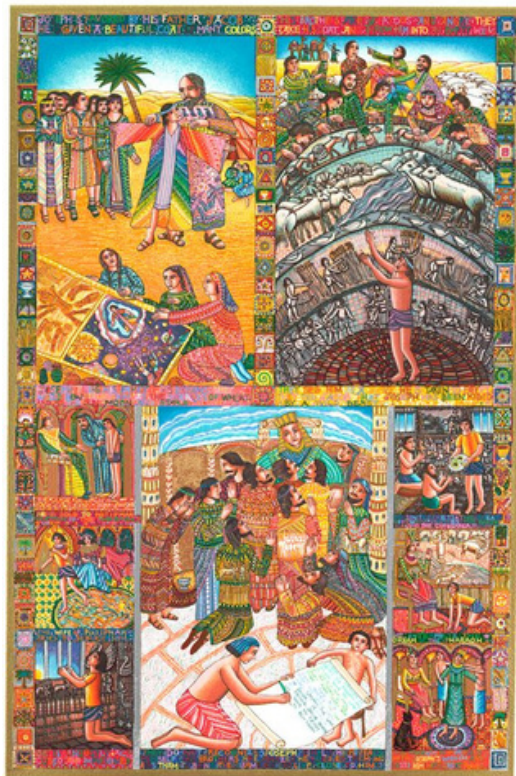




Sharing Faith's Journey



**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
AUGUST 16, 2026**

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10:30 AM

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Opening Voluntary *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* arr. Dale Wood
Christopher Shaw, organ

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 *Could It Be That God Is Singing* Page 6

***Responsive Reading** Michael Aumack

One: Listen for the voice of the Beloved One: Whispering soft words of comfort.

All: Shouting in defiance of silences that suppress.

One: Singing songs of justice.

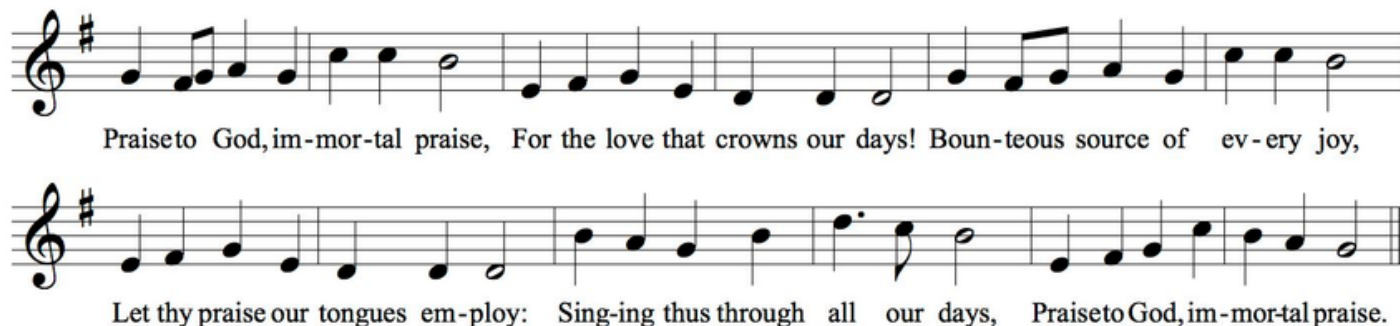
All: Declaring truths that transform from within.

One: The Holy has not abandoned us.

All: Divine Wisdom surrounds us.

One: God will bless the fruit of the faithful
and bring hope to all who yearn for freedom.

**All: Let every weary and tattered heart be encouraged, and the joy of the despairing
be renewed.**

***Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

Come, Spirit of Christ, and uproot from within us anything that deadens from within. Wherever fear rules our choices, transform our minds and make us brave in spirit. Where we have grown cold to the needs of our neighbors, soften our hearts and fill us with generosity. Where pain threatens our capacities for connection, surround us with community to help us shoulder the load. When we forget how to pray teach us once again...

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 45: 1-15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

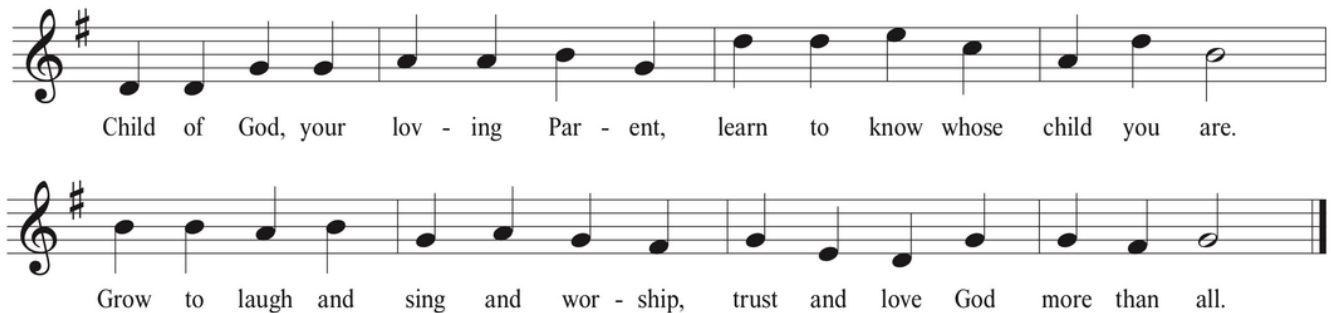
Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt.

Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

Welcoming Song

Child of Blessing

STUTTGART



A Moment with our Children

Lindsay Miller

Solo

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Dan Forrest

Emily Son, soloist; Marisa Callan, piano

*Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father!
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.*

*[Refrain] Great is thy faithfulness, Great is thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided;
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.*

*Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.*

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside. [Refrain]*

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

River In Judea

arr. John Leavitt

*Oftentimes I dream of music, of the river that freely flows.
And it sings a song sweeter than honey, one everybody knows.
Late at night I hear it singing then again when I wake at dawn.
And it fills me up with hope and goodwill, the will to go on, go on.*

*[Refrain] There is a river in Judea, that I heard of long ago.
And it's a singing, ringing river that my soul cries out to know.*

*I believe it keeps on travelin' but it rests on the Sabbath day.
And the time when it pauses in stillness, I almost hear it pray.
When I'm weary and downhearted, how I long for the song it sings,
For the calm within its gentle blue, the peace that it brings, it brings. [Refrain]*

*May the time not be too distant when we meet by the river shore.
'Til then dream of that wonderful day as we sing once more. [Refrain]*

Sermon

“Power and Forgiveness ”

Dr. Robu

*Hymn of Departure

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

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*Benediction

Closing Voluntary

God of Grace
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Paul Manz

* Let all who are able please stand.

Could It Be That God Is Singing

INVITATION NEW 8.7.8.7 D

E C#m E/B

1 Could it be that God is sing - ing and these notes are my re -
 2 Have you car - ried heav - y si - lence, have you let old sor - rows
 3 Hal - le - lu - jah for my Je - sus, for his life's sur - pris - ing

E C#m

ply to the God - light warm with - in me, join - ing
 win, or pro - claimed psalms of for - give - ness, but not
 course! May I, too, live bold re - sist - ance to in -

E/B E B E

earth and sea and sky? Sure - ly mer - cy has a
 of - fered them with - in? Oh, the Spir - it, she was
 jus - tice, hate, and force. Sure - ly peace, it has a

C#m7 B E C#m

ca - dence— I can feel it in my soul! Sure - ly
 sing - ing, e - ven when we could not hear her a -
 ca - dence, ask - ing all of what we bring! And if

E/B C#m E/B E

jus - tice builds a cho - rus, mak - ing all God's chil - dren whole!
 bun - dant streams of liv - ing, wait - ing for us to come near.
 mu - sic is God breath - ing, take a ho - ly breath and sing!

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Unison *Harmony*

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing coun - sels
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen wings pro -
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's ban - ner

guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en - fold you:
 tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you:
 thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a - round you:
 float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be - fore you:

Unison

God be with you till we meet a - gain.

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Organ Concert

WORKS BY:
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Sunday, September 20, 2026 | 4:00 PM

Celebrating 25 Years of the Schantz Pipe Organ

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Wednesday Night Dinner! August 19th

Dinners resume this Wednesday,
prepared by Katie Robu :-)

The Dull Creatives Society will follow dinner:
This month we will be learning how to make
collages with the ever talented Kinta McGhee!
Bring magazines, paper, newspapers, and
whatever else you want to cut up and collage!

FYI: We now have childcare following dinner, until
8 pm, for parents who want to attend our
program, or choir rehearsal!



Wednesday's Dinner is a Fundraiser for LegacyWorks

RSVP in Fellowship Hall or on Breeze

**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.



Today's Mission's guest speaker is Susan Hussey from the Assistance League of Wichita, a part of a national organization with over 100 chapters. The Assistance League was the first non profit, non political, non sectarian organization founded in the West to organize volunteers to assist those less fortunate. A group of prominent women in Los Angeles founded Assistance League in 1935. The Wichita chapter was chartered in 1987.

The Assistance League supports four philanthropy programs: Operation School Bell, Scholarships, Bear Hugs, and Assault Survivor Kits. Their mission is Transforming Lives, Strengthening Community.

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

Collection tubs are in the main, North Lobby!



The school year has started! Our neighborhood school, College Hill Elementary appreciates your contribution to school supplies for families who may not be able to afford all the back-to-school items!

Donation tubs are in the front lobby, with lists of needed items.

Thank you!

Michael Aumack
Brett Watson
Kitchel Woods
Blakeslee Sprole
Ken Arnold

Aug 2
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Aug 12
Aug 18
Aug 20

Robert Uhlig
John Brammer
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	