



Sharing Faith's Journey



Kansas Sky - August 19, 2026

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
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10:30 AM

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Opening Voluntary *For the Beauty of the Earth* arr. Michael Burkhardt
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 *For the Beauty of the Earth* Page 6

***Responsive Reading** Michael Aumack

One: From the midst of our lives, vibrant and troubled

All: God longs to connect with us

One: They meet us with compassion and call us to courage

All: God entices us all toward deeper relations

One: With land and creature, neighbors and strangers

All: We find our lives entangled and entwined. For the sake of all life, God summons our attention

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below each staff.

Praiseto 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, Praiseto God,im-mor-tal praise.

***Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

Perplexing One, we do not always understand you or what you ask of us. But in your presence, there is something that entices us. That comforts us. That challenges us toward the world we desire. Though you inevitably call us toward the risky and unfamiliar, may we not let our fears deter us. May curiosity and openness be our practices of faith and may we pray always ...

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

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them.

Exodus 3:1-15

Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

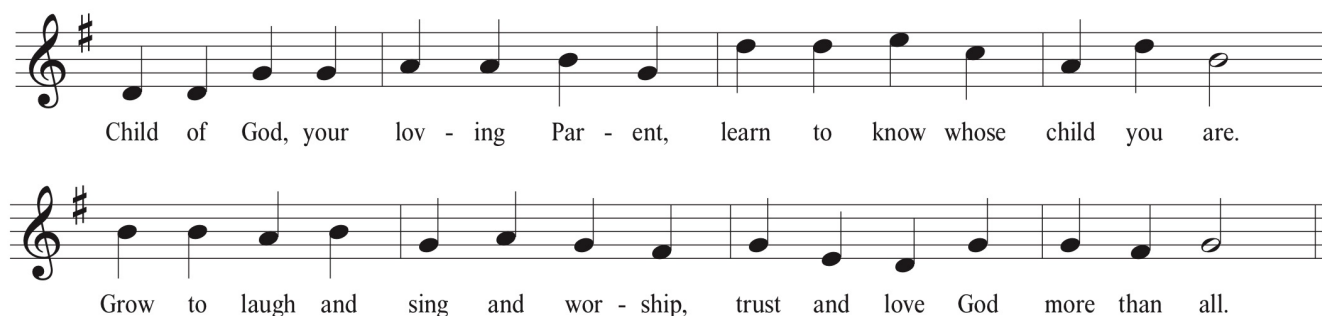
But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I am has sent me to you.’” God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’:

This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

Welcoming Song

Child of Blessing

STUTT GART



A Moment with our Children

Lindsay Miller

Solo

How Can I Keep from Singing?

arr. Brent Yorgason

Ellen Sudarshan, voice; Marisa Callan, piano

My life flows on in endless song, above earth's lamentation.
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new creation.

Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Love is lord of heav'n and earth, how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife, I hear that music ringing.
It finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]

What though my joys and comforts die, I know my Savior liveth.
What though the darkness gather round? Songs in the night he giveth. [Refrain]

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing!
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from singing? [Refrain]

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

Light of a Clear Blue Morning

Parton/Arr. Johnson

Jennifer King, solo;

Emily Stefan, Marisa Callan, Taylin Travnichek, trio

It's been a long dark night and I've been waiting for the morning.

It's been a long hard fight but I see a brand new day a-dawning.

I've been looking for the sunshine cause I ain't seen it in so long.

Everything's gonna work out just fine.

Everything's gonna be all right, it's gonna be okay.

I can see the light of a clear blue morning.

I can see the light of a brand new day.

I can see the light of a clear blue morning.

Everything's gonna be all right, it's gonna be okay

Sermon

"The Beauty of this World "

Dr. Robu

*Hymn of Departure

This Is God's Wondrous World

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*Benediction

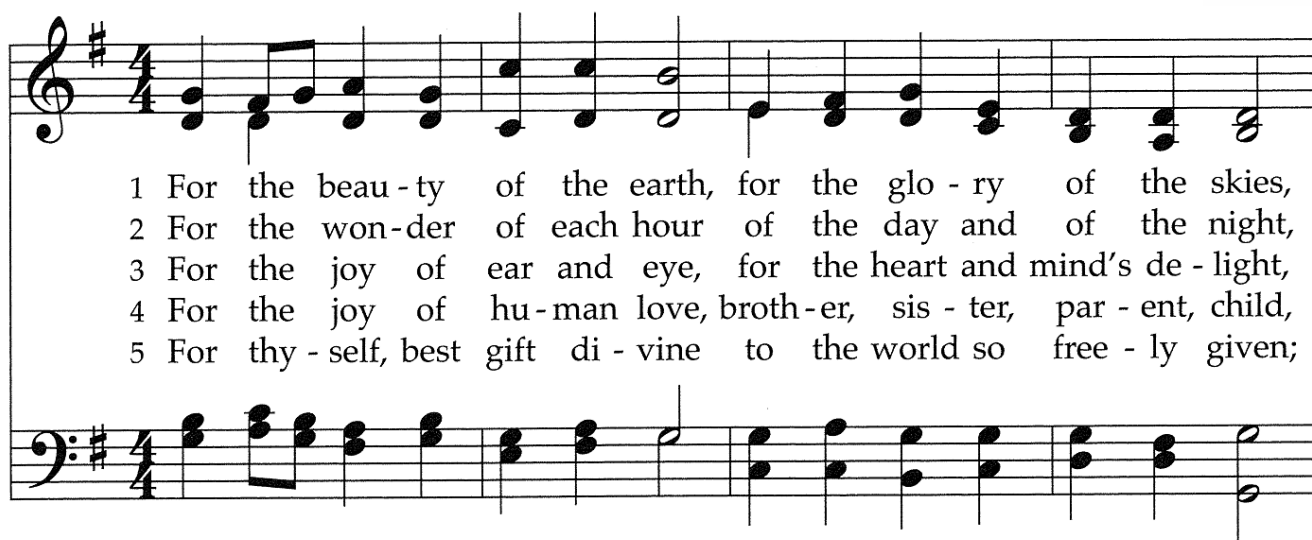
Closing Voluntary

For the Beauty of the Earth
Christopher Shaw, organ

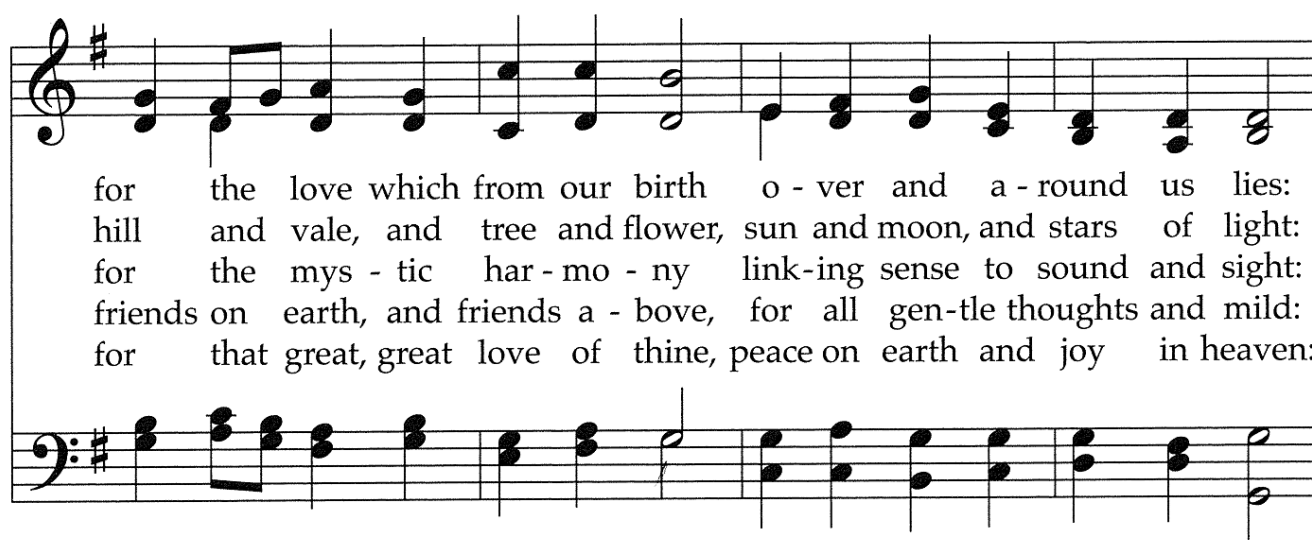
arr. Michael Burkhardt

* Let all who are able please stand.

For the Beauty of the Earth

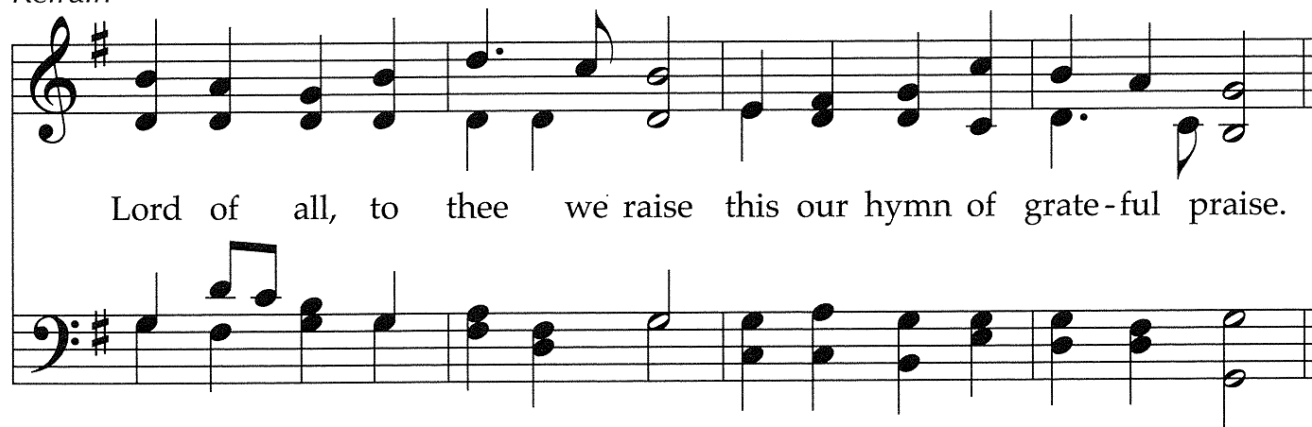


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

This Is God's Wondrous World

TERRA BEATA SMD

Capo 1: (D) Eb (A7) Bb7 (D) Eb (G) Ab (D) Eb (A) Bb

1 This is God's won-drous world, and to my lis-t'ning ears
 2 This is God's won-drous world; the birds their car - ols raise,
 3 This is God's won-drous world; oh, let me ne'er for - get

(D) Eb (F#m) Gm (A7) Bb7 (D) Eb (A7) Bb7 (D) Eb

all na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 the morn-ing light, the dark of night, de-clare their Mak-er's praise.
 that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ru - ler yet.

(A7) Bb7 (D) Eb (G) Ab (D) Eb (G) Ab (D) Eb

This is God's won-drous world; I rest me in the thought
 This is God's won-drous world; a wand-'rer I may roam.
 This is God's won-drous world; the bat - tle is not done.

(A7) Bb7 (D) Eb (F#m) Gm (A7) Bb7 (D) Eb (A7) Bb7 (D) Eb

of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, the won-ders God has wrought.
 What-e'er my lot, it mat-ters not, my heart is still at home.
 Je - sus who died shall be glo - ri - fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

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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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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

Weekly
Wednesday Night
Dinners @ 5:30 pm



Join us!

after dinner programs include:

- Book Club
- Youth Group Events
- Dull Creatives
- Kids Programming



We Choose Love
All Are
Welcome Here!

SEPT 13

Fall Picnic

SEPT 20

Open Streets ICT

OCT 3

Woofstock

OCT 7

Blessing
of the Animals

OCT 9, 10

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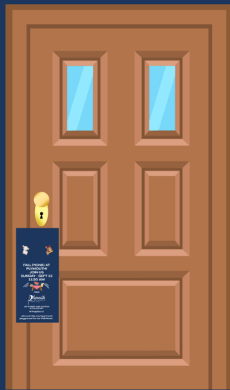
Help us keep our pantry stocked!

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.

GET YOUR STEPS IN!

HELP PROMOTE PLYMOUTH EVENTS
BY DISTRIBUTING
DOOR HANGERS IN YOUR
NIEGHBORHOOD

ENCOURAGE FRIENDS AND
NEIGHBORS TO VISIT OUR
SPECIAL EVENTS!



1. TAKE A STACK OF
HANGERS [25 to 50?]
2. DISTRIBUTE TO HOMES IN
YOUR AREA BY SEPT. 10
3. SAY HI TO YOUR
NEIGHBORS!
4. GET EXTRA CREDIT FOR
GOOD EXERCISE :-)

**Help spread the word
about our Fall activities
to your friends and
neighbors!**

**Walk-Your-Block to
distribute our door
hangers with Plymouth’s
Fall events calendar.**

**Pick up materials in
FSH between now and
mid-September!**

Michael Aumack
Brett Watson
Kitchel Woods
Blakeslee Sprole
Ken Arnold

Aug 2
Aug 7
Aug 12
Aug 18
Aug 20

Robert Uhlig
John Brammer
Garry Neel
Steve Woods
Nancy Mundhenke

Aug 20
Aug 21
Aug 25
Aug 26
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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	