



Sharing Faith's Journey



'Joseph at the Well'

Traditional Derbyshire Well Dressing - Bakewell, United Kingdom

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
AUGUST 9, 2026**

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10:30 AM

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Opening Voluntary

How Firm a Foundation
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Robert Hobby

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

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

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***Responsive Reading**

Bob Blackburn

One: The Wisdom of God yearns for our attention

All: In chaos and in quiet, She reaches for us

One: She reveals the true sources of our hope

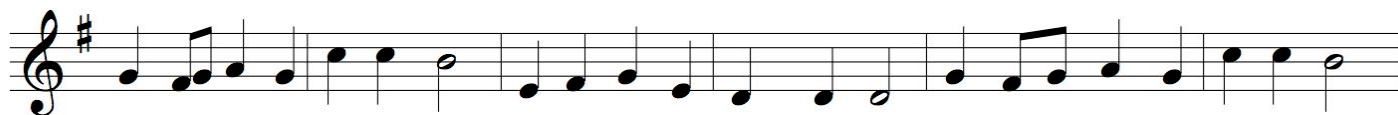
All: And makes known the cause of our struggles

One: Though evil works to fool and sway us

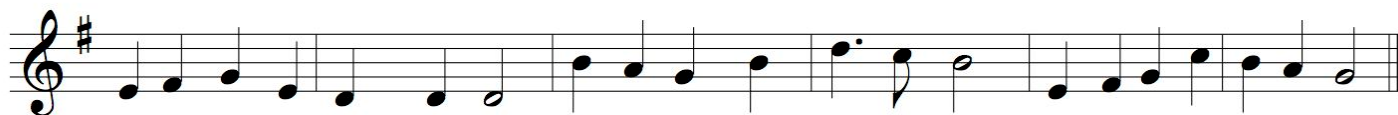
All: We are rooted in care for each other

One: Grounded in a promise of love

All: Made capable of brave and bold acts. May God renew our faith.



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**

Divine Companion, systems of corruption are wreaking havoc on your people and the planet. Those who profit wish to turn our ire on each other. Do not let us be deceived by slander against our neighbors. Do not let us be deterred by distractions of small consequence. May your compassion be our compass as we pursue a more faithful way. We pray for the strength to resist that temptation. We pray 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

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. These are the descendants of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives, and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children because he was the son of his old age, and he made him an ornamented robe. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'"

So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams."

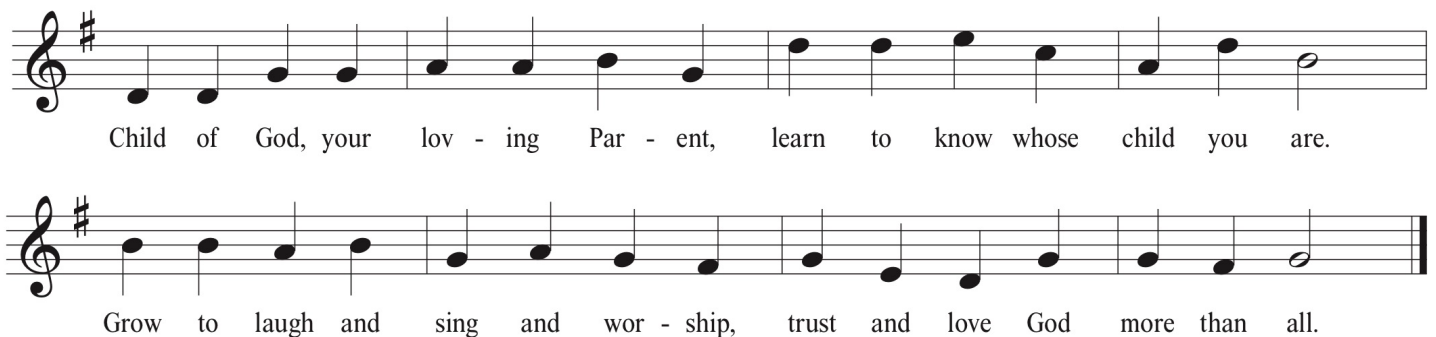
But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, “Let us not take his life.” Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him”—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the ornamented robe that he wore, and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat, and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Welcoming Song

Child of Blessing

STUTTGART



A Moment with our Children

Lindsay Miller

Solo

Come to Me

Dan Forrest

Clifton Vogt, soloist; Marisa Callan, piano

*Come to Me, all you who labor.
Come to Me, and I will give you rest;
Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened
And you will find rest for your souls.
Come, my child, learn my heart: for I am gentle and lowly.
See how great my love for you that I have called you my child.*

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

Fanny Crosby Medley

arr. Craig Courtney

*Perfect communion, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

*A wonderful Savior is Jesus my Lord, A wonderful Savior to me;
He's hiding my soul in the cleft of the rock, where rivers of pleasure I see.
He's hiding my soul in the cleft of the rock that shadows a dry, thirsty land;
He's hiding my life in the depths of his love And covering me there with his hand.*

*All the way my Savior leads me. What have I to ask beside?
Can I doubt his tender mercy, who thru' life has been my Guide?
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, here by faith in him to dwell!
For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus fashions all things well.*

*Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!
Sing, O earth— His wonderful love proclaim!
Hail Him! Hail Him! highest archangels in glory; strength and honor give to His holy name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children; in His arms He carries them all day long.
Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness.
Praise Him! Praise Him ever in joyful song!*

Sermon

“Pay Attention to the Mothers”

Dr. Robu

*Hymn of Departure

For the Troubles and the Sufferings

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*Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Robert Hobby

* Let all who are able please stand.

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

WESTMINSTER ABBEY 8.7.8.7.8.7

G C D G

1 God the sculp - tor of the moun - tains, God the mill - er
 2 God the nui - sance of the Pha - raoh, God the cleav - er
 3 God the dress - er of the vine - yard, God the plant - er
 4 God the un - ex - pect - ed in - fant, God the calm, de -

D/A A D G

of the sand, God the jewel - er of the heav - ens,
 of the sea, God the pil - lar in the dark - ness,
 of the wheat, God the reap - er of the har - vest,
 ter - mined youth, God the ta - ble - turn - ing proph - et,

C Am B Em E A

God the pot - ter of the land: you are womb of
 God the bea - con of the free: you are fount of
 God the source of all we eat: you are host at
 God the res - ur - rect - ed truth: you are pres - ent

D G C2 D C D7 G

all cre - a - tion; we are form - less; shape us now.
 all de - li - v'rance; we are aim - less; lead us now.
 ev - 'ry ta - ble; we are hun - gry; feed us now.
 ev - 'ry mo - ment; we are search - ing; meet us now.

For the Troubles and the Sufferings

Pelas dores deste mundo



1 For the trou - bles and the suf - ferings of the world,
 2 Lend an ear to the ris - ing cry for help
 1 *Pe - las do - res des - te mun - do, ó Se - nhor,*
 2 *Teus ou - vi - dos se in - cli - nem ao cla - mor*



God, we call up - on your mer - cy: the
 from op - pressed and hope - less peo - ple: Come!
im - plo - ra - mos pi - e - da - de. A
des - sa gen - te o - pri - mi - da. A -



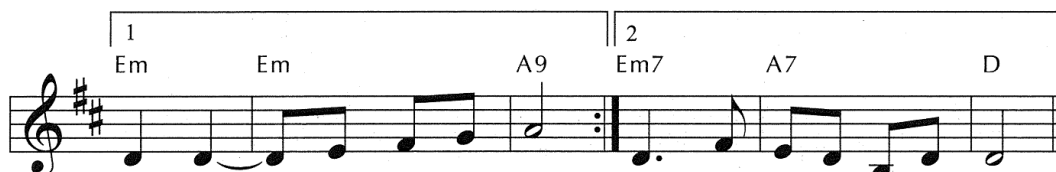
whole cre - a - tion's la - bor - ing in pain!
 Has - ten your sal - va - tion, heal - ing love!
um só tem - po ge - me a cri - a - ção.
pres - sa - te com tu - a sal - va - ção.



We pray for peace, the bless - ed peace that
 We pray for power, the power that will sus -
A tu - a pax, ben - di - ta e ir - ma -
O teu po - der sus - ten - te o tes - te -



comes from mak - ing jus - tice, to cov - er and em -
 tain your peo - ple's wit - ness: un - til your King - dom
na - da co'a jus - ti - ça a - bra - ce o mun - do in -
mu - nho do teu po - vo. Teu Rei - no ve - nha a



brace us. Have mer - cy, Lord! come, Ky - ri - e - le - i - son!
tei - ro. Tem com - pai - xão! nos! Ky - ri - e - le - i - son!

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A Call for Volunteers!

Our monthly Second Light Shelter lunch will take place on Saturday, August 15th.

Volunteers (5) needed to prepare food @ 10 am, and another (5) people needed to help serve at the Shelter @ 11:15 am. [Must be 18 to serve]. Sign up in Fellowship Hall or on the Breeze Events Calendar online.



We're looking for Sponsors!

Would you like to help?

Plymouth Fine Arts Series

2026 - 2027



Please contact the church office to learn more about becoming a sponsor.

OCT 9 - 10: *Birds of North America* [Two Act Play]
NOV 14: Jan Kraybill & Schantz Organ Anniversary
APR 2 - 8: *Visualizing Palestine*

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- **Up to \$249**

Name in program for all three events.

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Name in program for all three events
+ (2) free tickets to the October play.

- **\$500 and above**

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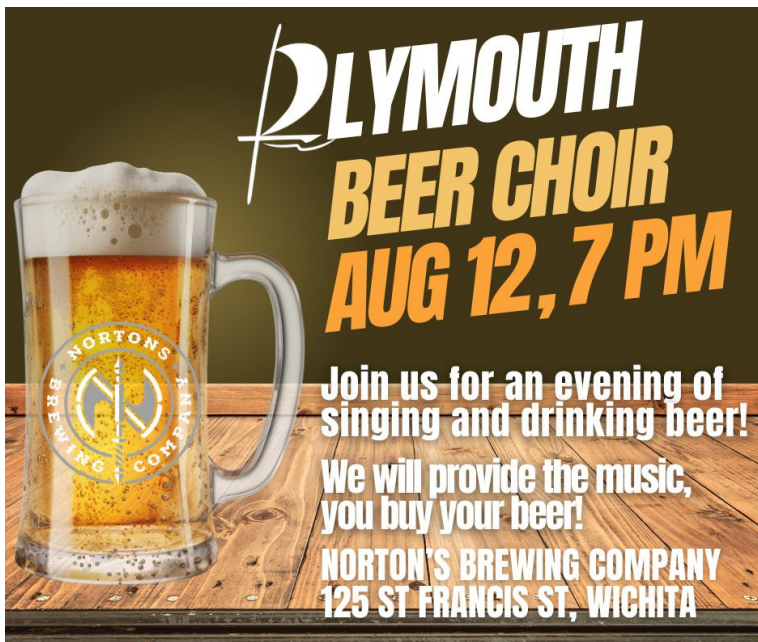
October event = \$20/pp

November & April events = Free Admission

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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 experience 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 TODAY

Immediately following today’s service, 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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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	