



Sharing Faith's Journey



**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 27, 2026**

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September 27, 2026

10:30 AM

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Opening Voluntary *All My Hope On God Is Founded* arr. Michael Burkhardt
Christopher Shaw, organ

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *Come All You People* Alexander Gondo

*Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;
Come now and worship the Lord*

Call to Worship Arthur Stewart, Guest Minister

Opening Hymn *Oh, For A Thousand Tongues* Page 8

***Responsive Reading** Steve Woods

One: God is not interrupted when we ask for healing,

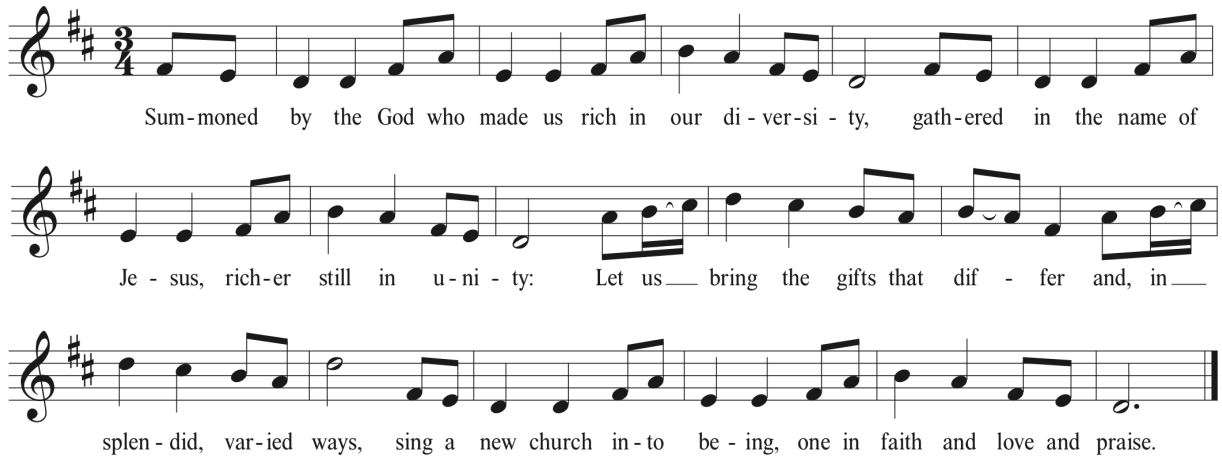
All: our transformation is Her bread and honey.

One: God is not burdened when we say: help us!

All: Showing up with fierce tenderness is Their pleasure.

One: Hallelujah! God is neither lip service nor jargon --

All: They meet us in our bodies, in our gathering, in the concrete care we offer each other. Let us welcome God who welcomes us.

***Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

Loving and Faithful God, you move among us, the faithful and the curious, the doubtful and the discerning. Nothing can separate us from your love. Nothing can separate us from the authority claimed and proclaimed by Jesus Christ who loves us without exception, without ceasing, without one iota of merit considered for a second. Hear us now as you always do, as we pray together using the words Jesus taught his disciples, saying,

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**Mark 2:1-12, 13-17**

When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door, and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Child, your sins are forgiven." Now some of the scribes were sitting there questioning in their hearts, "Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves, and he said to them, "Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Stand up and take your mat and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic—"I say to you, stand up, take your mat, and go to your home."

Mark 2:1-12, 13-17

And he stood up and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!" Jesus went out again beside the sea; the whole crowd gathered around him, and he taught them. As he was walking along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were also sitting with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" When Jesus heard this, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician but those who are sick; I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

Welcoming Song

O Little Children

BEAUTIFUL FLOWER



A Moment with our Children

Abby Arthur

Solo

Make Me A Channel of Your Peace
Paul Knapp, tenor; Marisa Callan, piano

arr. Mark Hayes

*Make me a channel of your peace: where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power, and where there's doubt,
true faith in you.*

*Make me a channel of your peace: where there's despair in life
let me bring hope;*

*Where there is darkness, only light, and where there's sadness, ever joy.
O, Spirit, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love with all my soul*

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

Sing to the Lord a New Song
Chancel Choir
Christopher Shaw, organ and director

arr. Robert Lau

*People of tongues of every nation sing to the Lord a new song.
Bring him a song of jubilation, sing to the Lord a new song.
All God's creatures, old men and children, voices raised in hymns of love.
He crowns the humble with salvation. Sing to the Lord a new song.
Mountains and hills and all creation sing to the Lord a new song.
Join in a hymn of adoration. Sing to the Lord a new song.
Praise his name, sing "Alleluia!" Praise for his mighty deeds.
This is our song, our supplication: "Sing to the Lord a new song."
Praise him, shining stars, and praise him highest heavens.
Oh, all kings and princes praise his holy name.
Angels above make melody to him.
Now lift your voice, lift up your heart, and sing!
Come, Christians all, now raise your voices, sing to the Lord a new song.
Praise and thanksgiving be your choices, sing to the Lord a new song.
Sound the trumpet, play on the lute and harp; dance your dance, and shout for joy.
Make music now as heaven rejoices, sing to the Lord a new song.*

Sermon

"Do You Even Lift, Bro?"

Arthur Stewart

*Hymn of Departure

How Great Thou Art

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*Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Fanfare and Dance
Christopher Shaw, organ

Alfred Fedak

* Let all who are able please stand

O Lord My God / How Great Thou Art

HOW GREAT THOU ART 11.10.11.10 with refrain

Capo 3: (G) B $\flat$ (C) E $\flat$

1 O Lord my God! When I in awe-some won - der
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der
3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion

(G/D) B $\flat$ /F (D7) F7 (G) B $\flat$

con - sid - er all the worlds thy hands have made,
and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees;
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

(C) E $\flat$

I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing thun - der,
when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur
that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,
Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion

(G/D) Bb/F (D7) F7 (G) Bb

thy pow'r through - out the un - i - verse dis - played:
and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze:
he bled and died to take a - way my sin:
and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

Refrain (C) Eb (G) Bb (D7) F7

Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou

(G) Bb (C) Eb

art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to

(G) Bb (Am7) Cm7 (D7) F7 (G) Bb

thee: How great thou art, how great thou art!

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues

AZMON CM

A E A F#m E

1 Oh, for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 Je - sus! the name that charms our fears, that
 3 He speaks, and list'n - ing to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Sav - ior and my God, as -
 5 Glo - ry to God and praise and love be

A E7 A E A

great Re-deem - er's praise, with glo - ries ev - er
 bids our sor - rows cease, 'tis mu - sic to the
 life the dead re - ceive, the mourn - ful, bro - ken
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 ev - er, ev - er giv'n by saints be - low and

D A/E E7 A

ech - o - ing the tri - umphs of God's grace.
 sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heav'n.

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It's almost time for Plymouth's Annual Food Packaging Event with
The Outreach Program on October 18th @ 11:30 am.
Join a Team! Sign up in FSH. Pizza lunch will be provided.



WED DINNER @ 5:30



SEPTEMBER 30th

USD 259 Assistant Superintendent, Gil Alvarez will be our guest speaker after dinner on Wednesday, September 30. He will be explaining the upcoming bond vote and answering questions about it. RSVP for dinner in the link below. All are welcome!



WOOFSTOCK 2026 is next weekend!
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3rd from 10 am to 3 pm at Sedgwick County Park and we're looking for a few volunteers to engage with people and their pets - to promote our Fall Events + Fine Arts activities - and to pass out print materials. Volunteers for the 1st and 3rd shift should be able to help unload/load materials and set up/tear down table and tents. Note: Because the Park is quite large, volunteers should be prepared to park + walk to our table location. If you love chatting with people + pets, this is your gig! [Sign up will be on Breeze only. Volunteers will receive automated reminders!]





BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

JOIN US FOR OUR WEEKLY
WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER
OCT. 7TH - 5:30 PM
IN THE COURTYARD



Join us for a picnic @ 5:30 pm, immediately followed by the 'Blessing of the Animals"! All pets welcome: cats, dogs, lizards, fish, and yes, goats. Please bring pets - on leash or in carrier - who are comfortable in crowds and around children. BTW - Dinner is optional ..



The Plymouth Fine Arts Series seeks to elevate the appreciation of the arts in our community and offer experiences for performer and audience that inspire creativity and lift the spirit.



2026 - 2027 SERIES

FRI & SAT OCT 9-10, 2026 7 PM

BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA

by Anna Ouyang Moench
a play in two acts

Starring Tim Robu & Francie Robu

Plymouth Congregational Church 202 N Clifton



\$20/Per Person
Purchase online in advance
Or, RSVP and pay at the door

Ian Miller
Tristin Sprole
Pat Parks
Ray Mengelkoch
Edie Gill

Oct. 2
Oct. 4
Oct. 11
Oct. 13
Oct. 19

Carney Baker
Joe Henderson
Tom Safley
Ben Miller

Oct 23
Oct 24
Oct 24
Oct 30

October Birthdays

October 2026					Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
27 GUEST MINISTER: ARTHUR STEWART CHOIR BRUNCH	28 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	29	30 AEROBICS WED NIGHT DINNER GUEST: USD 259 7 pm CHOIR REHEARSAL	1 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE OCTOBER.....	2 AEROBICS	3 WOOFSTOCK!	
4 10:30 WORSHIP World Communion Sunday	5 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	6 5:30 PM Joint Mtg CABINET + TRUSTEES	7 AEROBICS WED NIGHT DINNER BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS 7 pm CHOIR REHEARSAL	8 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	★ 9 AEROBICS BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA	★ 10 2ND LIGHT LUNCH BIRDS OF NORTH AMERICA	
11 9 AM ADULT STUDY GROUP 10:30 WORSHIP	12 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	13 INVESTMENT CLUB	14 AEROBICS WED NIGHT DINNER DULL CREATIVES 7 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL	15 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	16 AEROBICS	17	
18 9 AM ADULT STUDY GROUP 10:30 WORSHIP Guest Minister: Lance Carrithers FOOD PKG EVENT!	19 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	20	21 AEROBICS WED NIGHT DINNER: BOOK CLUB 7 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL	22 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	23 AEROBICS	24	
25 9 AM ADULT STUDY GROUP 10:30 AM WORSHIP Guest Minister: Arthur Stewart 11:30 FINE ARTS BOARD	26 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	27 5:30 PM TRUSTEES	28 WED NIGHT DINNER YOUTH GROUP CHILI FEED BOOK CLUB 7 pm CHOIR REHEARSAL	29 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	30 AEROBICS	31 HALLOWEEN	