



Sharing Faith's Journey



**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
SEPTEMBER 6, 2026**

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September 6, 2026

10:30 AM

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

Opening Voluntary

The Heavens Are Telling
Marisa Callan, piano

Franz Joseph Haydn

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

At the Dawn of Your Creation

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*Responsive Reading

Cindy Perkins

One: Faithful people, let us pause and take notice

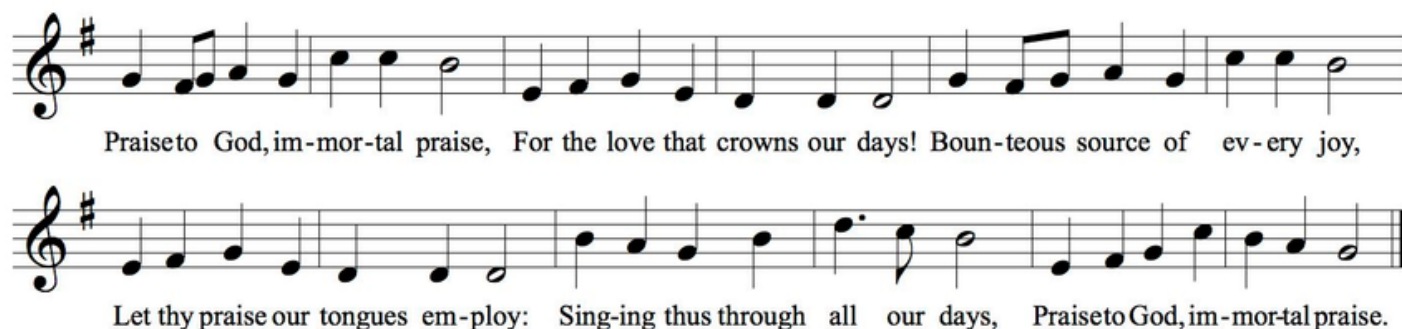
All: The pace of these days distracts and overwhelms

One: In the company of one another, we ground ourselves in a different rhythm

All: We make space for Holy Wisdom; we make room to consider

One: Taking stock of our lives, collective and personal

All: Let us open our hearts to the truths that bring life

***Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

Divine Companion, you know what our daily lives hold. You know how difficult it is just to be present to a moment. In our weariness, we can reject the wisdom we need most. Give us strength to show up honestly and with courage to that which you ask us to face. Planetically. Systemically. Personally. May our love for future generations of land and people sustain us and may we pray without ceasing ...

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

4:1-17

Then Moses answered, "But look, they may not believe me or listen to me but say, 'The Lord did not appear to you.' " The Lord said to him, "What is that in your hand?" He said, "A staff." And he said, "Throw it on the ground." So he threw the staff on the ground, and it became a snake, and Moses drew back from it. Then the Lord said to Moses, "Reach out your hand and seize it by the tail"—so he reached out his hand and grasped it, and it became a staff in his hand—"so that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you."

Again, the Lord said to him, "Put your hand inside your cloak." He put his hand into his cloak, and when he took it out, his hand was diseased, as white as snow. Then God said, "Put your hand back into your cloak"—so he put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored like the rest of his body—"If they will not believe you or heed the first sign, they may believe the second sign. If they will not believe even these two signs or listen to you, you shall take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground, and the water that you shall take from the Nile will become blood on the dry ground."

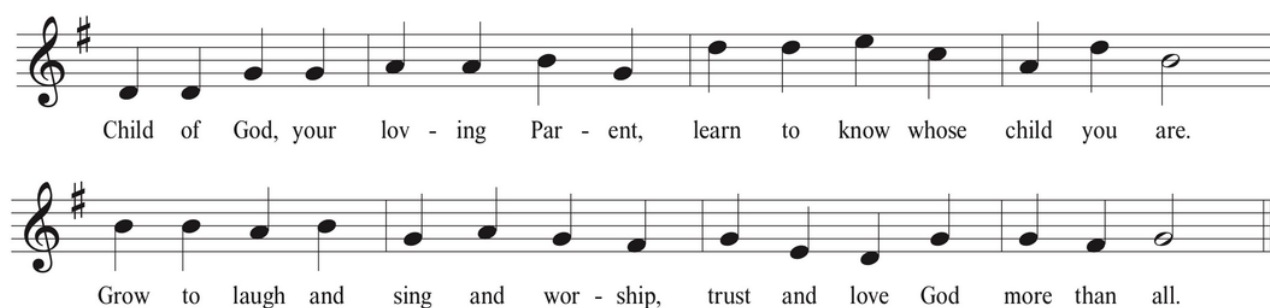
Exodus 4:1-17

But Moses said to the Lord, “O my Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor even now that you have spoken to your servant, but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.” Then the Lord said to him, “Who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak.” But he said, “O my Lord, please send someone else.” Then the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses, and he said, “What of your brother Aaron, the Levite? I know that he can speak well; even now he is coming out to meet you, and when he sees you his heart will be glad. You shall speak to him and put the words in his mouth, and I will be with your mouth and with his mouth and will teach you what you shall do. He indeed shall speak for you to the people; he shall serve as a mouth for you, and you shall serve as God for him. Take in your hand this staff, with which you shall perform the signs.”

Welcoming Song

Child of Blessing

STUTT GART



A Moment with our Children

Lindsay Miller

Solo

So Will I

Houston, Hasings & Fatkin

Marisa Callan, voice and piano, Brett Callan, voice and cajon

*God of creation, there at the start before the beginning of time.
With no point of reference, You spoke to the dark and fleshed out the wonder of light.
And as You speak, a hundred billion galaxies are born.
In the vapor of Your breath, the planets form. If the stars were made to worship, so will I.
I can see Your heart in everything You've made, every burning star a signal fire of grace.
If creation sings You praises, so will I.*

*God of Your promise, You don't speak in vain, no syllable empty of void.
For once You have spoken, all nature and science follow the sounds of Your voice.
And as You speak a hundred billion creatures catch Your breath.
Evolving in pursuit of what You said. If it all reveals Your nature, so will I.
I can see Your heart in everything You say, every painted sky a canvas of Your grace.
If creation still obeys You, so will I.*

*God of salvation, You chased down my heart, through all of my failure and pride.
On a hill You created, the light of the world, abandoned in darkness to die.
And as You speak, a hundred billion failures disappear.
Where You lost Your life so I could find it here. If You left the grave behind You, so will I.
I can see Your heart in everything You've done, every part designed in a work of art called love.
If You gladly chose surrender, so will I.
I can see Your heart eight billion different ways. Every precious one, a child You died to save.
If You gave Your life to love them, so will I.*

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

Praise to the Lord

arr. Gordon Young

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation!
O my soul worship the well-spring of health and salvation!
Come, all who hear; now to God's temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.*

*Praise to the Lord, who will prosper our work and defend us;
Surely God's goodness and mercy shall daily attend us.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
Who with great love still befriends us.*

*Praise to the Lord, for in wonder my spirit is soaring. Alleluia!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises outpouring!
Let the Amen sound from God's people again;
gladly forever adoring. Amen!*

Sermon

"What's Your Excuse?"

Dr. Robu

*Hymn of Departure

Touch the Earth Lightly

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*Benediction

Closing Voluntary

Toccata Brevis
Christopher Shaw, organ

Daniel Gawthrop

* Let all who are able please stand.

At the Dawn of Your Creation

BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7 D

G Am7 G Am7

1 At the dawn of your cre - a - tion, God, you
 2 By your word, you formed cre - a - tion: dry land,
 3 When you made us as your chil - dren, send - ing
 4 At this joy - ful cel - e - bra - tion, may we

C D C G Am7 G

spoke: "Let there be light!" You di - vid - ed earth from
 wa - ter, o - cean breeze. Soon there burst forth veg - e -
 us through - out your lands, you com - mand - ed, "Have do -
 hear your word a - new: may we care for your cre -

Am7 C D C G

heav - en, you cre - at - ed day and night.
 ta - tion: plants with fruit, ma - jes - tic trees,
 min - ion, care for earth; it's in your hands."
 a - tion, know - ing it's a trust from you.

You made sun - beams dance with shad - ows, you cre -
 rain and snow and chang - ing sea - sons, crea-tures
 Yet we hurt this world you've giv - en; we harm
 Just as dai - ly there's a dawn - ing, bring-ing

at - ed en - er - gy! Peace - ful eve - nings, bright to -
 fill - ing land and sea. God, your ver - y good cre -
 earth and sky and sea. We for - get it's your cre -
 light to all we see, so we dai - ly hear your

mor - rows, all be - gan with "Let there be!"
 a - tion all be - gan with "Let there be!"
 a - tion, you, who once said, "Let there be!"
 call - ing, you, who once said, "Let there be!"

Touch the Earth Lightly

AI HU 5.5.10 D

Chords: F, C/E, Dm, Am, Bb, C/Bb, F/A, Gm9, C7, F, C/E, Dm, Am, Bb, C/Bb, F/A, Bb/C, F

1 Touch the earth light - ly, use the earth gen - tly,
 2 We who en - dan - ger, who cre - ate hun - ger,
 3 Let there be green - ing, birth from the burn - ing,
 4 God of all liv - ing, God of all lov - ing,

nour - ish the life of the world in our care:
 a - gents of death for all crea - tures that live,
 wa - ter that bless - es, and air that is sweet,
 God of the seed - ling, the snow, and the sun,

gift of great won - der, ours to sur - ren - der,
 we who still fos - ter clouds of dis - as - ter,
 health in God's gar - den, hope in God's chil - dren,
 teach us, de - flect us, Christ re - con - nect us,

trust for the chil - dren to - mor - row will bear.
 God of our plan - et, fore - stall and for - give!
 re - gen - er - a - tion that peace will com - plete.
 us - ing us gen - tly and mak - ing us one.

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member of our
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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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2026 - 2027



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October event = \$20/pp

November & April events = Free Admission



Join us on Sunday, September 20th at 4:00 PM at Plymouth Congregational Church for an organ concert with organist Burton Tidwell. This is the third concert in a series of five concerts to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the installation of the Schantz Pipe Organ at Plymouth. The concert is free and will be followed by a reception to meet the organist. Tidwell was the organist at Plymouth from 2007-2011. He will perform selections by Leo Sowerby, Johann Sebastian Bach, and Julius Reubke.

Burton K. Tidwell is organist at First Presbyterian Church, Hutchinson, and through MIDI, he also serves Valley United Methodist Church, Marion, and Caldwell (KS) United Methodist Church. In a career that began at age 12, when playing the piano for Sunday night services in Caldwell, he has played in churches, large and small, full and part time, from Seattle to suburban Philadelphia. As a recitalist, he has presented concerts across the United States from Washington, D.C., to Des Moines, Seattle, and many cities in between, including the artists' series at Wichita State University.

OPEN STREETS ICT is coming soon: Sept. 20th
And you can help! We need volunteers to work a
2-hour afternoon shift hosting our table and
handing out ice cream :-) Go to the Breeze Event
Calendar to sign up - or stop by the office!

All are welcome!



ADULT STUDY GROUP

Led by Phil Rhea

9 AM in the CHAPEL

Sunday Meeting Dates

SEPT 13 - SEPT 20 - SEPT 27 - OCT 4



**Garden, Brothers. Flood, Tower
Stories of Origins**



Ryan Malone Sept 1
 Murphy Miller Sept 6
 Paul Uhlig Sept 7
 Clifford Depew Sept 8
 John Kimmel Sept 14
 Karen Robu Sept 15

Sarah Smith
 Alan Fearey
 Emerson Sprole
 Charley Young
 Karon Giles
 Charles Brown
 Dan Closson

Sept 19
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 Sept 23
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 Sept 27
 Sept 27

September Birthdays

September 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 5:30 PM CABINET	2 AEROBICS WED NIGHT DINNER GUEST SPEAKER	3 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	4 AEROBICS MUSIC THEATER GUILD	5
6 10:30 WORSHIP 11:30 DEACONS	7 LABOR DAY Church & Preschool Closed	8	9 AEROBICS WED NIGHT DINNER TALENT SHOW! 7 pm CHOIR REHEARSAL	10 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	11 AEROBICS	12 2ND LIGHT SHELTER LUNCH SERVICE
13 10:30 WORSHIP 9 AM ADULT STUDY GROUP PICNIC! + PHOTO DAY!	14 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	15 INVESTMENT CLUB	16 PRESENT DAY CLUB WED NIGHT DINNER DULL CREATIVES 7 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL	17 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	18 AEROBICS	19
20 9 AM ADULT STUDY GROUP 10:30 WORSHIP 11:30 FINE ARTS BOARD OPEN STREETS ICT 4 PM ORGAN CONCERT	21 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	22 5:30 PM TRUSTEES	23 AEROBICS WED NIGHT DINNER: BOOK CLUB 7 PM CHOIR REHEARSAL	24 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	25 AEROBICS	26
27 10:30 AM WORSHIP 9 AM ADULT STUDY GROUP CHOIR BRUNCH	28 AEROBICS PRAIRIE WIND FOLK DANCING	29	30 AEROBICS WED NIGHT DINNER USD 259 GUEST SPEAKER 7 pm CHOIR REHEARSAL	1 WOMEN'S AA COFFEE	2 AEROBICS	