



Sharing Faith's Journey



**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
OCTOBER 4TH, 2026**

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10:30 AM

World Communion Sunday

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

Opening Voluntary

Partita on “Gather Us In”
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Groom te Velde

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Word and Sign

Tice and Bergey

*Word and sign; pulse and breath; bread and wine; life and death;
hear the call: calm your fear. Through it all, Christ is here.*

Call to Worship

Dr. Robu

Opening Hymn

Here in this Place

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***Responsive Reading**

Elaine Neel

One: The Love of God is groundwater, oxygen—

All: Around us, within us, beyond us.

One: The Love of God is disruptive, subversive—

All: tangled with the heartbreak of the world.

One: The Love of God is spacious, expansive—

wilder than the categories we’ve constructed to try and tame creation.

All: Come, the Love of God wells up —ever present, liberating, washing away our narrow imaginations.

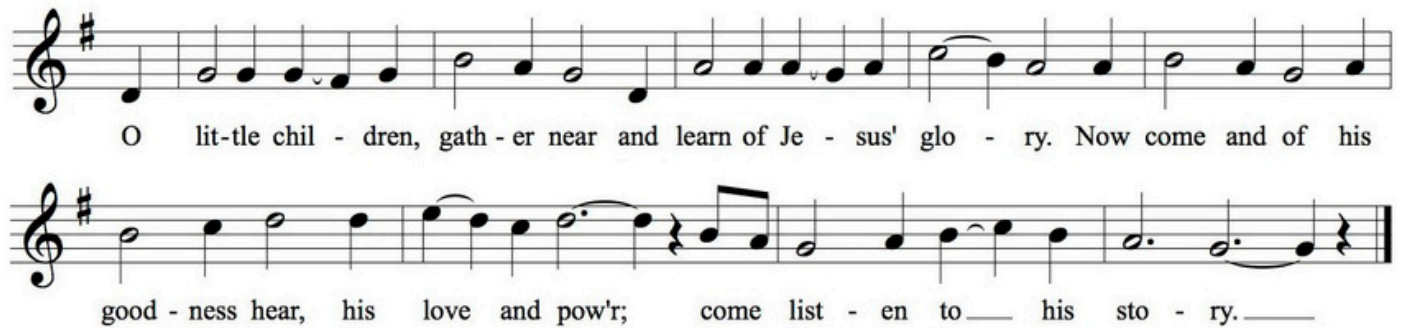
***Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

Living Wisdom, we long not only to be delivered from systems of harm but into places that are soft and kind—full of rest and restoration, brimming with playfulness—Love bursting at the seams. Bless every effort working to undo the violence of exploitation. Bless every space of rest, play, and love we co-create along the way. Bless us as we try to live into 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**Exodus 17:1-7**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

**A Moment with our Children**

Abby Arthur

Solo*Maya's Prayer for Peace*

Tom Trenney

Emily Stefan, soprano; Marisa Callan, piano

*Father, Mother, God, thank you for your presence during the holy days,
For then we are able to celebrate you and our families and our friends.*

For those who have no voice, we ask you to speak.

For those who feel unworthy, we ask you to pour out your love in waterfalls of tenderness.

For those who live in pain, we ask you to bathe them in your river of healing.

For those who are lonely, we ask you to keep them company.

For those who are depressed, we ask you to shower upon them the light of hope!

*Father, Mother, God, you, the borderless sea of substance,
We ask you to give all the world that which we need the most: peace. -Maya Angelou*

Prayer Concerns**Pastoral Prayer****Prayer Response****Invitation to Offering**

Anthem

O Living Bread of Heaven
Chancel Choir

Lloyd Larson

Marissa Callan, piano; Christopher Shaw, director

*O living bread of heaven, how well You feed Your guest!
The gift that You have given has filled my heart with rest.
O wondrous food of blessing, O cup that heals our woes!
My heart, Your gift possessing, with praises overflows!
O Lord, by faith You've led me to this most holy place,
Your love and mercy feed me with treasures of Your grace;
For You have freely given what earth could never buy,
The gift of life from heaven, I shall never die.
I receive You, bread of heaven, this food death can't destroy.
Your sacrifice has given the cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit the favor You have shown,
But humbly in my spirit I bow before Your throne.
Lord, grant me by Your mercy the strength that I shall need,
To follow in Your footsteps the path that You shall lead.
And when You call my spirit to leave this world below,
I will enter, by Your merit, where joys unending flow. Amen.*

Sermon

"Mní Wičhóni"

Dr. Robu

Communion by Intinction

Prayer

We give thanks, loving God, that you have refreshed us at your table.

Strengthen our faith; increase our love for one another.

**As we have been fed by the seed that became grain, and then became bread,
may we go out into the world to plant seeds of justice, transformation, and hope.
Amen.**

***Hymn of Departure**

Seed, Scattered and Sown

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***Benediction**

Closing Voluntary

Rendez à Dieu
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Craig Phillips

* Let all who are able please stand

Seed, Scattered and Sown

Seed, scat-tered and sown, wheat, gath-ered and grown,

bread, bro-ken and shared as one, the liv-ing Bread of God.

Vine, fruit of the land, wine, work of our hands, one cup that is

shared by all, the liv-ing Cup, the liv-ing Bread of God.

- 1 Is not the bread we break a shar-ing in our Lord?
- 2 The seed which falls on rock will with-er and will die.
- 3 As wheat up-on the hills was gath-ered and was grown,

To refrain

Is not the cup we bless the blood of Christ out-poured?
 The seed with-in good ground will flow-er and have life.
 so may the church of God be gath-ered in-to one.

Here in This Place

GATHER US IN 10.9.10.10 D



1 Here in this place, the new light is stream-ing; now are the shad-ows
2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry. We are the old who
3 Here we will take the wine of com-pas-sion; here we will take the
4 Not just in build-ings, dim and con-fin-ing; not in some heav-en,



van-ish'd a-way. See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,
bread of new birth. Here we be-come the peo-ple you fash-ion:
light-years a-way: here in this place, the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
chil-dren of God, to be salt for the earth.
now is the dawn-ing and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, our
Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
Give us to drink the wine ev-er flow-ing, give us to eat the
Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



spir-its in-flame. Call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
proud and the strong. Give us a heart so meek and so low-ly;
bread that is you. Nour-ish us well, and guide us in grow-ing
make us your own. Gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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“Summoned by the God Who Made Us”

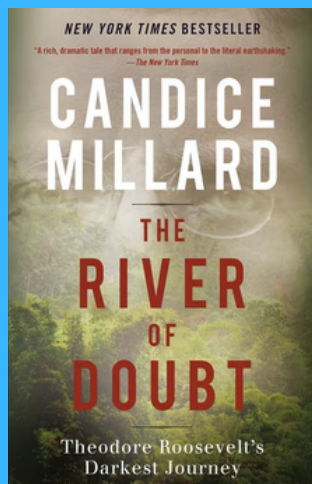
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Joins us for our annual Youth Chili Feed and All-ages Costume Contest on October 28th for Wednesday night dinner. There will be a prize for the best youth and adult costumes! After the costume contest we will have our October book club meeting over River of Doubt by Candace Miller. Even if you haven't finished the book feel free to come and discuss with the group.





FALL 2026

HANDBELL SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 4	9 AM Rehearsal
OCTOBER 18	9 AM Rehearsal
NOVEMBER 1	9 AM Rehearsal
NOVEMBER 15	9 AM Rehearsal 10:30 AM Worship Service
DECEMBER 6	9 AM Rehearsal
DECEMBER 20	9 AM Rehearsal 10:30 AM Worship Service

Marisa Callan, handbell director
mcallan@plymouth-church.net

I can hear the bells! Bell Choir Rehearsals began today at 9 AM up on the Second Floor. If you missed today's practice but are still Interested in joining please contact Chris or Marisa at the email on the schedule

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.



OCTOBER 18TH - FOOD PACKAGING EVENT
JOIN A TEAM!

1	Keith and Annie Poulos	1	Bob Blackburn and Linda Morgan	1	Jeremy and Lindsay McWilliams
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1	Clifford and Connie Depew	1	Alan and Sharon Fearey	1	
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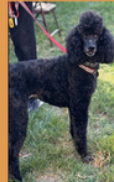
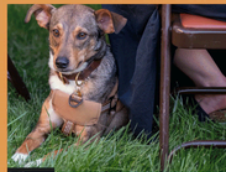


BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

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

PUMPKIN CARVING



Join us after Wednesday Night Dinner on October 10th at 6:00 for free pumpkin carving/ painting for all youths. Adults can pay a fee to participate. Pumpkins, tools, and paint will be provided, but feel free to bring your own!

THE DULL CREATIVES SOCIETY 2026 CALENDAR

July 15th: ~~File Making~~

August 19th: ~~Collage Making~~

September 16th: ~~How to Make Corn Husk Dolls~~

October 21st: Making a Potato Stamp

November 18th: How to Make a Perfect Pie Crust

December 16th: Winter table runner

January 13th: How to archive photos

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	