



Sharing Faith's Journey



**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
OCTOBER 11TH, 2026**

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October 11th, 2026

10:30 AM

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Opening Voluntary

“Psalm Reflection: Entreaty”

Raymond Haan

Christopher Shaw, organ

Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Moment

Claire & Brett Watson

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

As We Rise, O God, to Meet You

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***Responsive Reading**

Laura Hadley

One: Come alive, people of God! Let your hearts burn with passion.

All: Shake off what dulls the spirit

One: Welcome grief and anger

All: Welcome sorrow and joy

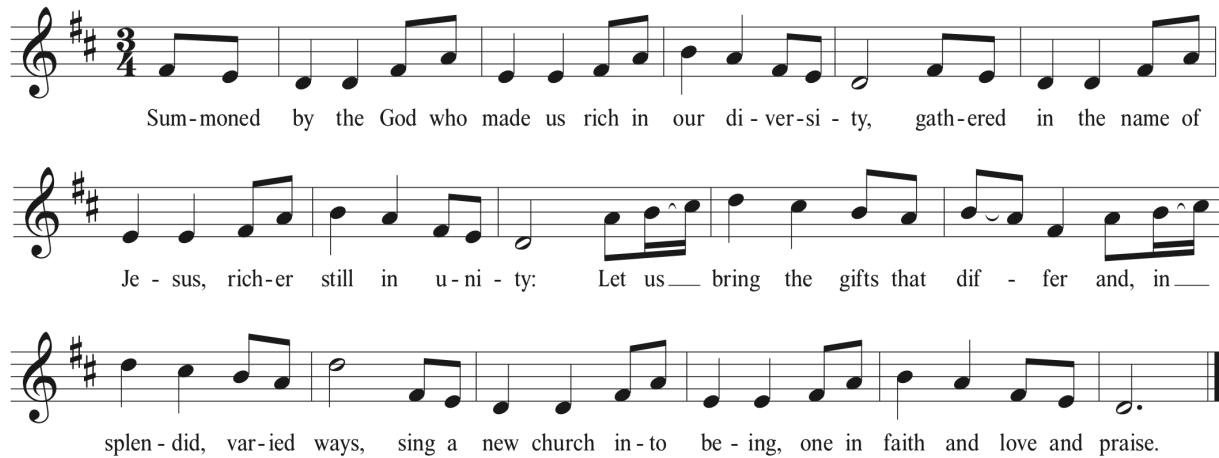
One: Love animates our ability to be present:

All: To this moment on the planet

One: To each other, near and far

All: To the movement of the Spirit

To the labors of love to which we are called

***Invocation and Lord's Prayer**

Faithful One, our causes for deep concern seem to multiply each day. We wonder how to hold it all. As we do, keep us from withdrawing into powerlessness. Shield us from justifying acts of evil against our neighbors. Tend with us the fears, the traumas, and the legacies that constrict our participation in the common good. Be with us as we pray,

...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 32:1-14**

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'

The Lord said to Moses, “I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.” But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, “O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, ‘I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.’” And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Welcoming Song

O Little Children

BEAUTIFUL FLOWER



A Moment with our Children

Lindsay Miller

Solo

Lost in the Wilderness

Stephan Schwartz

Audric Mansoor-McKedy, tenor; Marisa Callan, piano

*I never made this world, I didn't even lose it.
And I know no one said it was fair, but they had a garden once
And they had a chance to choose it, they gave it away including my share
And now we're lost in the wilderness. Lost, crying in the wilderness
And if anyone's watching it seems that they couldn't care less
We're lost in the wilderness.*

*You follow all the rules, you swallow all the stories
And every night you wish on a star, dreaming the day will come,
Trusting in allegories and every morning, boy, look where you are
You are lost in the wilderness. Lost, slowly dying in the wilderness
With no chance of living, boy, until you confess
You're lost in the wilderness.*

*Don't you ever watch the eagle fly to the sun,
and wonder how it got to be so free?
If you ever have, you know your journey's begun.
Hey! What do you got to lose, boy,
When already we are lost in the wilderness.*

*And where we are headed, boy I couldn't guess
But off we go without a warning, running as we hit the ground
Where our future lies aborning, where our hearts are outward bound
Til one bright and distant morning, we may stop and look around and there
In the wilderness, finally we'll be found.*

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

Lord, Listen to Your Children
Chancel Choir

Medema/arr. Dake

Audric Mansoor-McKedy, tenor; Christopher Shaw, director

*(Refrain) Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.*

*Something's gonna happen like the world has never known,
when the people of the Lord get down to pray;
A door's gonna swing open, and the walls come a-tumbling down,
when the people of the Lord get down to pray. (Refrain)*

Sermon

“Idols “

Dr. Robu

*Hymn of Departure

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*Benediction

Closing Voluntary

All People That on Earth Do Dwell
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. David Cherwien

* Let all who are able please stand

As We Rise, O God, to Meet You

SPRIT, FILL US 8.7.8.7 with refrain

D Am D Am7 I D Am7 D



1 As we rise, O God, to meet you,
 2 As we gath - er, God, to - geth - er,
 3 As we lin - ger at your ta - ble,
 4 As we learn, O God, to love you,
 5 As we go, O God, to serve you,

II



C D Am7 Gadd9 G D Am7

as we o - pen wide our eyes, like the sun that
 as each tongue here learns to sing, like the birds that
 as we eat this com - mon bread, like the seed both
 as we lis - ten for your voice, like the dust from
 as we o - pen wide our hands, like the wind that



D C D Am7 D

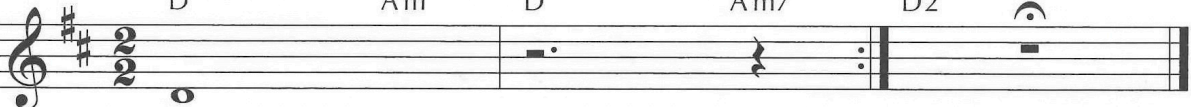
fills the morn - ing, fill our bod - ies with your light.
 fill the for - ests, fill our bod - ies with your song.
 sown and scat - tered, fill our bod - ies with new life.
 which you made us, fill our bod - ies with your breath.
 moves the wa - ters, spread your peace to ev - 'ry land.



Refrain D2 Am7 Bbadd9 Cadd9

We are emp - ty, Spir - it, fill us. God, we o - pen up our

D Am D Am7 D2



lives.

For the Healing of the Nations

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7

Bb **Eb** **Bb**

1 For the heal - ing of the na - tions, Lord, we pray with
 2 Lead us for - ward in - to free - dom; from de - spair your
 3 All that kills a - bun - dant liv - ing, let it from the
 4 You, Cre - a - tor God, have writ - ten your great name on

F7 **Bb** **Gm** **D**

one ac - cord, for a just and e - qual shar - ing
 world re - lease, that, re - deemed from war and ha - tred,
 earth be banned: pride of sta - tus, race, or school - ing,
 hu - man - kind. For our grow - ing in your like - ness,

Gm **F/C** **C7** **F**

of the things that earth af - fords. To a life of
 all may come and go in peace. Show us how through
 dog - mas that ob - scure your plan. In our com - mon
 bring the life of Christ to mind that by our re -

Bb7 **Eb** **Cm7** **F7** **Bb**

love in ac - tion help us rise and pledge our word.
 care and good - ness fear will die and hope in - crease.
 quest for jus - tice may we hal - low life's brief span.
 sponse and ser - vice, earth its des - ti - ny may find.

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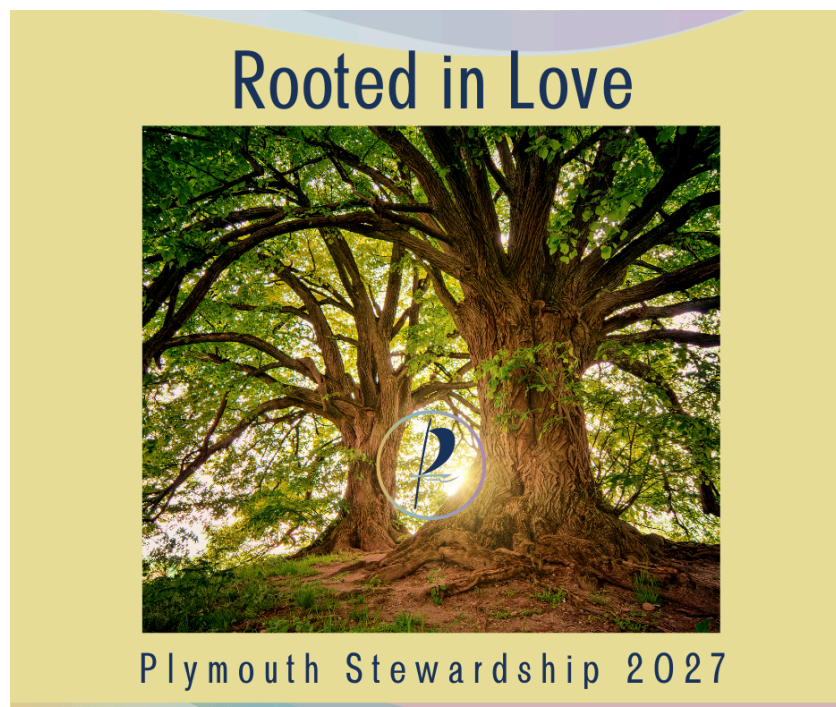
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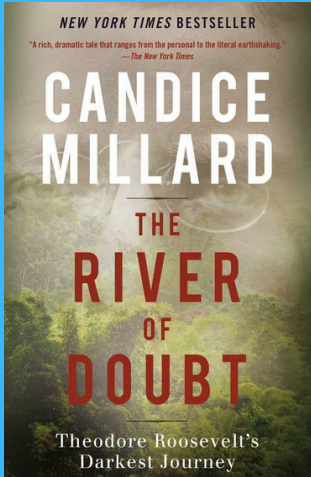
HANDBELL SCHEDULE

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! The first Bell Choir rehearsal is on Sunday, October 18th at 9 AM. Be sure you are on the email list by emailing Marisa or Chris.

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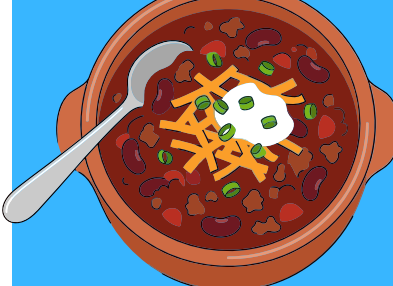
NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

"A rich, dramatic tale that ranges from the personal to the literal earthshaking."
—The New York Times

CANDICE MILLARD

THE
RIVER OF DOUBT

Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey



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.



Pumpkin Carving & Painting

**Youth Group Event Following
Wednesday Night Dinner - Oct. 14th**

**Join us for pumpkin carving and painting
Pumpkins, tools & paint provided but feel
free to bring your own!**

FREE for Youth Group

Adults = Free Will Offering to cover supplies



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~~



WED DINNER @ 5:30 OCTOBER



OCT 7

**BLESSING OF THE
ANIMALS**



OCT 14

**YOUTH GROUP
PUMPKIN CARVING
PAINTING PROJECT**



OCT 21

**DULL CREATIVES
POTATO STAMP
MAKING**



OCT 28

**YOUTH GROUP
CHILI
FUNDRAISER**



Ian Miller
Tristin Sprole
Pat Parks
Ray Mengelkoch
Edie Gill
Jim Giles

Carney Baker
Joe Henderson
Tom Safley
Ben Miller

Oct. 2
Oct. 4
Oct. 11
Oct. 13
Oct. 19
Oct. 22

October Birthdays

Oct 23
Oct 24
Oct 24
Oct 30

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	