

Plymouth

Congregational
Church

Sharing Faith's Journey



Celebration of Worship
May 12, 2024

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10:30 am

Mother's Day Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

Opening Voluntary

Hymn of Promise arr. Roberta Rowland-Raybold
Christopher Shaw, organ

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn

Bring Many Names

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*Responsive Sentences

From Psalm 133 NRSV

One: O Lord, my heart is not lifted up, my eyes are not raised too high;

All: I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.

One: But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother;

All: My soul is quieted, like a weaned child with its mother.

*Response of Praise Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls

Come, let us join with faith-ful souls our song of faith to raise; One
fam - i - ly in heart are we, and one the God we praise.

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*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

As we bring many names to imagine your vastness, we now bring our very selves to worship and pray in the spirit of Jesus ... *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

Proverbs 31:25-29 NRSV

Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."

Welcoming Song *These Treasured Children* PUER NOBIS NASCITUR (Let the children come forward.)

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef, key signature of two sharps (D major), and 3/4 time signature. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Our an - cient sto - ry we shall tell, till these our chil - dren know it well with -". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "in their souls and minds and hearts, for this is where their jour - ney starts." The music is simple and melodic, suitable for a children's song.

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A Moment with Our Children

Dr. Robu

Solo

Mothering God
Aubrie Culver

Tom Trenney

Mothing God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of every breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

Mothing Christ, you took my form, offering me your food of light,
grain of life, and grape of love, your very body for my peace.

Mothering Spirit, nurturing one, in arms of patience hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow until I flower, until I know.

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Dr. Olsen

Organ Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

Roll Down, Justice! music and lyrics by Mark Miller
Scott Hay, guest conductor

There's a voice, strong and clear,
ringing out far and near,
"Let justice roll down, let justice roll down!"
Like the rush of a stream,
comes a powerful dream,
let justice roll down,
justice rolls down!

Let the earth be restored,
every soul be reformed;
let the healing renew,
creation reborn.
Here in this sacred space
with the strength of God's grace,
let justice roll down,
justice rolls down!

Roll down, justice!
Roll like an ever flowing stream.
Roll down!

Let your heart soar,
open the doors wide,
let your mind be transformed,
let it be opened by love.

On this glorious day
give us courage we pray,
that justice rolls down,
let justice roll down!
Let the vision take flight
and God will delight
as water flow down,
justice abounds!

Roll down, justice!
Roll like an ever flowing stream.
Roll down!

Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing your grace.
Streams of justice, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!

Roll down, justice!
Roll like an ever flowing stream.
Roll down!

In Praise of our Mothers Chris Bennett, Jane Gilchrist, and Sally Kimball

***Hymn of Departure** *Of Women, and of Women's Hopes We Sing* (page 10)

Benediction

Closing Voluntary *Dance on "Ave Virgo Virginum"* arr. Mary Beth Bennett
Christopher Shaw, organ

*** Let all who are able please stand.**

North Entry Greeter Rich Euson

Communion Table Flowers Rich Euson

Wednesdays in Summer

Select Wednesdays June—August | 6 pm at a different member's home each week. Watch your bulletin and Eblast for location and discussion topic.

Dates:

June 5 | Hosts: Karen and Tim Robu

June 12 | Hosts: TBA

July 3 | Hosts: TBA

July 10 | Hosts: TBA

July 17 | Hosts: TBA

Aug 28 | Hosts: TBA

Progressive Pilgrims Book Club

Reading Rough Sleepers by Tracy Kidder. Meeting Sunday, June 2. Location TBA

Graduation Sunday: May 19th

Help us celebrate your 2024 Graduates. Please send information to Dr. Robu at krobu@plymouth-church.net or to the office at office@plymouth-church.net. Last day to submit information is Tuesday, May 14th.

Plymouth Staff

Rev. Dr. Donald P. Olsen, Senior Minister

Rev. Dr. Karen Robu, Associate Minister

Dr. Henry Waters, Director of Music

Christopher Shaw, Organist

KD Keim, Financial Secretary/Administrative Assistant

Lindsay Miller, Sunday School Teacher

Tim Robu, Maintenance Engineer

Erik Breckenridge, Video Tech

John Palmer, Video Tech Assistant

SUMMER CHOIR SCHEDULE

– Y'all come!!

I would like to invite you to come sing in the choir this summer (June, July, August)!

How it works: come to the choir room at 10 AM (directly below the sanctuary near the Commons) to rehearse a simple anthem that we will sing during the service that Sunday! I'll have music and a folder ready for you. You don't have to wear a robe and no processing – just come and sing!



Below are the Sundays where choir will be in worship. There is no commitment. You can come sing for one Sunday or ALL SUNDAYS!! There is always confidence in numbers so bring a friend!!

Sunday, June 2
Sunday, June 16
Sunday, June 30
Sunday, July 14
Sunday, July 28
Sunday, August 11
Sunday, August 25

SPECIAL MUSIC

Are you interested in singing a solo or duet, or even playing something? We'd love for you to share your gift of music.

Email Henry at musicdirector@plymouth-church.net.

Bring Many Names

Unison

1. Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good,
 2. Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day,
 3. Warm fa - ther God, hug - ging ev - 'ry child,
 4. Old, ach - ing God, grey with end - less care,
 5. Young, grow - ing God, ea - ger, on the move,
 6. Great, liv - ing God, nev - er ful - ly known,

Cel - e - brate, in par - a - ble and sto - ry, Ho - li - ness in
 Plan - ning all the won - ders of cre - a - tion, Set - ting each e -
 Feel - ing all the strains of hu - man liv - ing, Car - ing and for -
 Calm - ly pierc - ing e - vil's new dis - guis - es, Glad of good sur -
 Say - ing no to false - hood and un - kind - ness, Cry - ing out for
 Joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing, Clos - er yet than

glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God. Hail and Ho - san - na!
 qua - tion, gen - i - us at play: Hail and Ho - san - na,
 giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled: Hail and Ho - san - na,
 pris - es, wis - er than de - spair: Hail and Ho - san - na,
 jus - tice, giv - ing all You have: Hail and Ho - san - na,
 breath - ing, ev - er - last - ing home: Hail and Ho - san - na,

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bring man - y names!
 strong moth - er God!
 warm fa - ther God!
 old, ach - ing God!
 young, grow - ing God!

great, liv - ing God!

Of Women, and of Women's Hopes We Sing

Unison

1. Of wom - en, and of wom - en's hopes we sing:
 2. We praise the God whose im - age is our own,
 3. We la - bor for the com - mon - wealth of God,
 4. For - giv - ing what is past, we seek the new:

of shar - ing in cre - a - tion's nur - tur - ing,
 the mys - ter - y with - in our flesh and bone,
 and e - qual as dis - ci - ples, walk the road,
 a fin - er jus - tice, and a peace more true,

of bear - ing and of birth - ing new be - lief,
 the wom - an - spir - it mov - ing through all time
 in work and sta - tus, ask - ing what is just,
 the prom - ise of em - power - ing for our day

of pas - sion for the prom - is - es of life.
 in proph - e - cy, Mag - nif - i - cat and dream.
 for sis - ters of the fam - i - ly of Christ.
 when men and wom - en roll the stone a - way.

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Fine Arts Hallway

The photography collection by Ken Gaeddert and Debra Voth will be on display until the end of May. They are offering reprints for \$6 plus any extra dollars you might like to add for the Fine Arts fund. We will turn in the order at the end of the exhibit. Please let us know of your interest.

Fine Arts Display Cabinet

Plymouth Preschool Learning Center has graciously filled our glass display case with paintings from their Pre-K students!
These paintings are each child's interpretation of what a flower in a garden looks like to them.

They used paint brushes, cotton balls, toothbrushes, stamps and pipe cleaners to paint flowers. The teachers gave each child free reign as to how they wanted to paint, what colors to use and how they wanted to express their artistic ability.

In June and July we will have jewelry creations by Lulu Designs of Leawood KS. Jana Wilson Luetje is Linda Wilson's daughter and grew up at Plymouth. We will be happy to have her lovely designs back. She was one of our first artists in 2017-18.

May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12 Mother's Day 10:30am Sunday Worship	13 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	14 5:30pm Growth Steering	15 5:30pm Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	16 5:45pm CE	17	18
19 Graduation Sunday 9am Fine Arts Brd 10:30am Sunday Worship	20 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	21 5:30pm Investment Club	22	23	24	25
26 10:30am Sunday Worship	27 Memorial Day Church office Closed	28 5:30 pm Trustee	29	30	31	1

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, May 19th.
 Graduation Sunday**

The Plymouth Covenant

Believing in Jesus Christ, the Interpreter of God to humankind, we accept His teachings as the guiding principles of our lives and consecrate ourselves and our church to their fulfillment. We therefore join in covenant, one with another, to worship, work, and serve together that we may express through our Church and our individual lives the love and faith taught by Jesus Christ.