

# Plymouth

Congregational  
Church

*Sharing Faith's Journey*



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***Celebration of Worship***  
**May 19, 2024**



## \*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

When our words and actions cause harm, may we seek repair. When loss brims over the walls of our hearts, may we seek mourning. When despair looms large in lives, may we seek even a sliver of hope. When we distract ourselves from the present moment, may we begin again. Like a springtime garden, may we begin again. Like stories of resurrection, may we begin again. May we begin again & again. Holy Love, begin with us again 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 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.*

Invocation adapted from Enfleshed.com

## Graduation Message

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Dr. Robu

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### Pastoral Prayer

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## Invitation to Offering

### Solo

*Christians, We Have Met to Worship*  
Diane Fast, piano

arr. Mark Hayes

## Scripture Reading

Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

## Anthem Story

Dr. Robu

## Anthem

*River in Judea*

arr. John Leavitt

Often times I dream of music,  
of the river that freely flows.  
And it sings a song sweeter than honey,  
one ev'ry body knows.

Late and night I hear it singing  
then again when I wake at dawn.  
And it fills me up with hope and good will,  
the will to go on.

There is a river in Judea  
that I heard of long ago.  
And it's a singing, ringing, river  
that my soul cries out to know.

I believe it keeps on trav'lin'  
but it rests on the Sabbath day.  
And the time when it pauses in stillness,  
I almost hear it pray.

When I'm weary and down hearted,  
how I long for the song it sings,  
for the calm within its gentle blue,  
peace that it brings.

There is a river in Judea  
that I heard of long ago.  
And it's a singing, ringing, river  
that my soul cries out to know.

May the time not be too distant  
when we meet by the river shore.  
'Til then dream of that wonderful day  
as we sing once more:

There is a river in Judea  
that I heard of long ago.  
And it's a singing, ringing, river  
that my soul cries out to know.  
Hallelujah!

**Hymn Story**

Dr. Robu

**\*Hymn of Departure**

*I'll Fly Away*  
*I Saw the Light*  
*Will the Circle be Unbroken*

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**\*Benediction**

**Closing Voluntary**

*Now Thank We All Our God*  
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Robert Hobby

**\*Let everyone stand in body or in spirit.**  
**\*\*\* Ushers will seat late-comers.**

**North Entry Greeter** Cindy Perkins

**Communion Table Flowers** Cindy Perkins

**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

## **Congratulations to our Graduates**

**Kate and Reed Henderson** will graduate from Blue Valley North. Kate and Reed are the grandchildren of Judy and Phil Frick.

**Caleah Hollinger** will graduate from Valley Center High School and will continue to work as a CNA for the Catholic Care Center. Caleah is the daughter of Erin Clark, granddaughter of Dan and Shelley Closson, and Roger and Beverly Douthett..

**George Luetje** will graduate with his Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering from Kansas State University, Carl R. Ice College of Engineering. George is the son of Jana and Andrew Luetje, grandson of Linda Wilson.

**Brody Scafe** will graduate from Eisenhower High School. Brody is the son of Brian and Lauren Scafe, grandson to Chris Bennet.

**Maddox Stevens** will graduate from Goddard High School. Maddox is the son of Chris and Ashley Stevens, grandson to Chris Bennett.

**Emery Millard Uhlig** will graduate from Princeton University. Emery is the daughter of Mark and Candice Millard Uhlig, niece of Paul and Anna Uhlig.

### **Father's Day Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>!**

Our Mother's Day Sunday service was such a success we would like to repeat it for Father's Day. We would like three members of Plymouth to honor their fathers by telling us about him. Did you have a great father? Please share those memories and stories with us so we can celebrate with you and at the same time remember our own dads. Each speaker is allotted 5-7 minutes. We know you can do it! Just let Dr. Olsen or Dr. Robu know.

## Ways to Give

If you would like to make a donation to Plymouth Church's general operating fund or one of their special missions and you don't have a check or cash for the offering plate just scan the QR code to donate using a credit card.



## 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

## 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.

## 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](mailto:musicdirector@plymouth-church.net).



# Holy, Holy, Holy



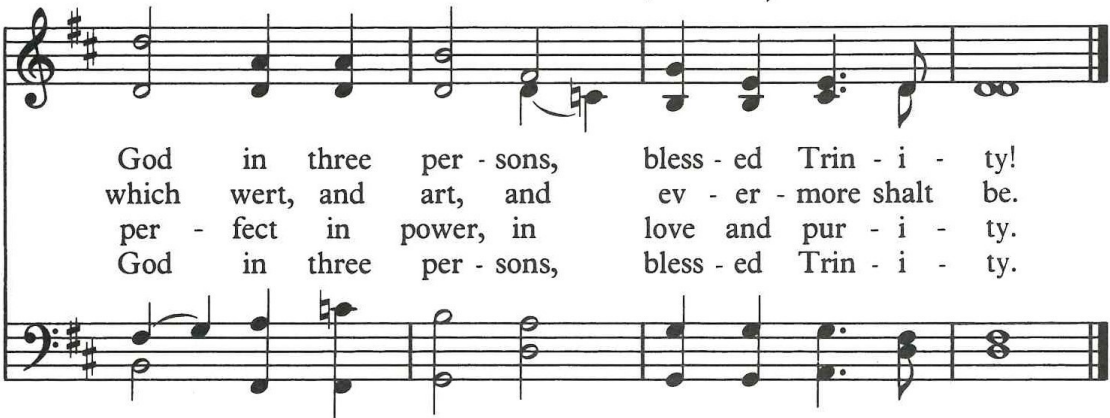
1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,  
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in power, in love and pur - i - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

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# Because He Lives

1. God sent His Son, they called Him Je - sus;  
2. How sweet to hold a new - born ba - by  
3. And then one day I'll cross the riv - er;

He came to love, heal, and for - give.  
And feel the pride and joy He gives;  
I'll fight life's fi - nal war with pain.

He lived and died to buy my par - don; An  
But great - er still the calm as - sur - ance This  
And then as death gives way to vic - t'ry, I'll

emp - ty grave is there to prove my Sav - ior lives.  
child can face un - cer - tain days be - cause He lives.  
see the lights of glo - ry and I'll know He lives.

Be-cause He lives I can face to - mor - row;

Be-cause He lives all fear is gone;

Be-cause I know He holds the fu - ture,

And life is worth the liv-ing just be-cause He lives.

# O God of Every Nation

1 O God of ev - ery na - tion, of ev - ery race and land,  
2 From search for wealth and pow - er and scorn of truth and right,  
3 Lord, strength-en those who la - bor that all may find re - lease  
4 Keep bright in us the vi - sion of days when war shall cease,

re - deem the whole cre - a - tion with your al - might - y hand.  
from trust in bombs that show - er de - struc - tion through the night,  
from fear of rat - tling sa - ber, from dread of war's in - crease;  
when ha - tred and di - vi - sion give way to love and peace,

Where hate and fear di - vide us and bit - ter threats are hurled,  
from pride of race and sta - tion and blind - ness to your way,  
when hope and cour - age fal - ter, your still small voice be heard;  
till dawns the morn - ing glo - rious when truth and jus - tice reign

in love and mer - cy guide us and heal our strife - torn world.  
de - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, e - ter - nal God, we pray.  
with faith that none can al - ter, your ser - vants un - der - gird.  
and Christ shall rule vic - to - rious o'er all the world's do - main.

# The Servant Song

1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me  
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -  
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the  
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you  
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall

be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the  
 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each  
 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out  
 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and  
 find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -

grace to let you be my ser - vant too.  
 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.  
 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.  
 (repeat stanza 1)

# I'll Fly Away

1. Some glad morn - ing when this life is o'er,  
2. When the shad - ows of this life have gone,

I'll fly a - way;  
I'll fly a-way, fly a - way, fly a - way; To a home on  
Like a bird from  
way;

God's ce - les - tial shore,  
pris - on bars has flown, I'll fly a-way, fly a -  
I'll fly a -

way.  
way, fly a - way. I'll fly a - way, fly a - way, O glo - ry,  
way.  
I'LL FLY AWAY

I'll fly a-way;

I'll fly a-way, fly a-way, in the morn-ing; When I die, hal-le-

way;

I'll fly a - way.

lu - jah, by and by, I'll fly a - way, fly a - way, fly a - way.

fly a - way.

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# I Saw the Light

Unison  $\text{F}$

1. I wan-dered so aim - less, life filled with sin.  
2. Just like a blind man I wan-dered a - long;

$B\flat$   $F$

I would - n't let my dear Sav - ior in.  
Wor - ries and fears I claimed for my own.

Then Je - sus came like a stran - ger in the night.  
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight,

$C7$   $F$

Praise the Lord! I saw the light!  
Praise the Lord! I saw the light!



F

I saw the light, I saw the light.

B $\flat$  F

No more dark - ness, no more night!

Now I'm so hap - py, no sor-row in sight.

C $^7$  F D.S.

Praise the Lord! I saw the light!

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# Will the Circle Be Unbroken

1. There are loved ones in the glo - ry  
2. In the joy - ous days of child - hood,

The first system of musical notation consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The treble staff contains the vocal melody with lyrics. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are: "1. There are loved ones in the glo - ry" and "2. In the joy - ous days of child - hood,".

Whose dear forms you of - ten miss,  
Oft they told of won - drous love,

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Whose dear forms you of - ten miss," and "Oft they told of won - drous love,".

When you close your earth - ly sto - ry  
Point - ed to the dy - ing Sav - ior,

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "When you close your earth - ly sto - ry" and "Point - ed to the dy - ing Sav - ior,".

Will you join them in their bliss?  
Now they dwell with Him a - bove.

Will the cir - cle be un - bro - ken by and

by, yes, by and by? In a bet - ter home a -

wait - ing in the sky, in the sky?

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# May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>19</b>  <b>Graduation Sunday</b>  10:30am Sunday Worship	<b>20</b>  2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	<b>21</b>  5:30pm Investment Club	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>  10:30am Sunday Worship	<b>27</b>  Memorial Day  Church office Closed	<b>28</b>  Church office closed  5:30 pm Trustee	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>2</b>  10:30am Sunday Worship  6:30 pm Progressive Pilgrims Book Club	<b>3</b>  5:30pm Deacons	<b>4</b>  5:30 pm Cabinet	<b>5</b>  6pm Summer Wednesday Dinner	<b>6</b>  2pm Plymouth Projects	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, May 26th.  
Dr. Robu will be Preaching.**

## 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.