



Celebration of Worship
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10:30 am

Trinity Sunday

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

Opening Voluntary

Holy, Holy, Holy
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Piet Post

Welcome and Announcements

Michael Aumack

Introit

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn

Here in This Place

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*Responsive Sentences

One: God shepherds us towards pastures of compassion,

All: God leads us to wide, roaming fields of connection,

One: God calls us by name & blesses our lives, saying:

All: Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden,

One: and I will give you rest

All: for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

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*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

Rest with us, oh God. Cradle the dead in your everlasting mercy. Bless the bereaved with sleep. Anoint the feet of those marching towards collective liberation. Refresh those doing the work of healing. Restore those weary from bearing witness. Be gentle with us, oh God, your people are in need of rest. This we ask as we pray as Jesus prayed... *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


Scripture Reading

Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him— and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

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 of D major (two sharps), and 3/4 time. 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

Abby Arthur

Solo

Take My Life
Clifton Vogt

Craig Courtney

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love,

Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee;
Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for you.

Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal Throne.

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

From Enfleshed.com

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

All Praise to Thee

Elaine Hagenberg

All praise to Thee, eternal God,
Who clothed in garb of flesh and blood,
Dost take a manger for Thy throne,
While worlds on worlds are Thine alone.
Alleluia

Thou comest in the darksome night
To make us children of the light,
To make us in the realms divine,
Like Thine own angels, round Thee shine.
Alleluia

A little child, Thou art are our Guest
That weary ones in Thee may rest;
Forlorn and lowly is Thy birth
That we may rise, to heaven from earth
Alleluia.

Sermon	“Hygge and Koselig”	Dr. Robu
*Closing Hymn	<i>Joyful Is the Dark</i>	(page 10)
*Benediction		
Closing Voluntary	<i>Every Time I Feel the Spirit</i> Christopher Shaw, organ	arr. Aaron David Miller

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

North Entry Greeter Nancy Roskam

Communion Table Flowers Nancy Roskam

Select liturgy adapted or taken from Enfleshed.com

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Father’s Day Sunday, June 16th!

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.

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

Save the Date!



To be held at Plymouth Congregational Church
June 17 – 21 | 5:30 – 8 p.m.

In collaboration with College Hill United Methodist, Grace Presbyterian, Pleasant Valley United Methodist, St. James Episcopal, and University Congregational

To register a participant or to volunteer scan the QR Code



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: Alan and Sharon Fearey

July 3 | Hosts: TBA

July 11 | **Thursday** | Hosts: Bob Blackburn and Linda Morgan

July 17 | Hosts: Susan and Ken Arnold

Aug 28 | Hosts: Steve and Kitchel Woods

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.

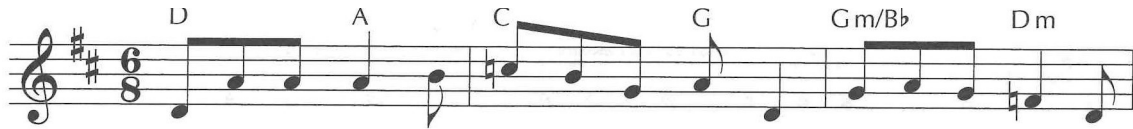
Email Henry at musicdirector@plymouth-church.net.

Congratulations to our Graduates

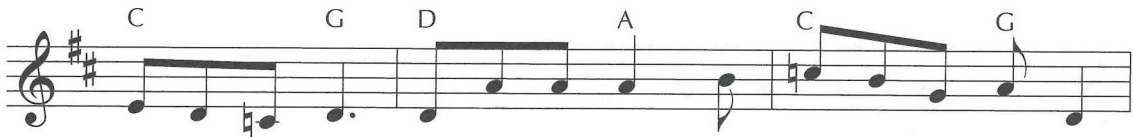
Robert Safley graduated with bachelor's degrees in Philosophy and Romance Languages from the University of Missouri-Columbia. Robert is the son of Abby Arthur and Tom Safley.

Michael Safley graduated with a law degree from St. Louis University School of Law. Michael is the son of Abby Arthur and Tom Safley.

Here in This Place



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,



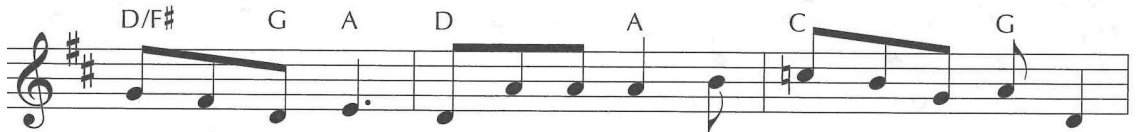
van-ish-ed a-way. See in this space our fears and our dream-ings,
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-t'ry,
 bread of new birth. Here we be-come the peo-ple you fash-ion:
 light-years a-way: here in this place, the new light is shin-ing;



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.

Joyful Is the Dark

1 Joy - ful is the dark, ho - ly, hid - den God,
 2 Joy - ful is the dark Spir - it of the deep,
 3 Joy - ful is the dark, shad-owed sta - ble floor;
 4 Joy - ful is the dark cool - ness of the tomb,
 5 Joy - ful is the dark depth of love di - vine,

roll - ing cloud of night be - yond all nam - ing,
 wing - ing wild - ly o'er the world's cre - a - tion,
 an - gels flick - er, God on earth con - fess - ing,
 wait - ing for the won - der of the morn - ing.
 roar - ing, loom - ing thun - der - cloud of glo - ry,

maj - es - ty in dark - ness, en - er - gy of
 silk - en sheen of mid - night plum-age black and
 as with ex - ul - ta - tion, Mar - y, giv - ing
 Nev - er was that mid - night touched by dread and
 ho - ly, haunt-ing beau - ty, liv - ing, lov - ing

maj - es - ty in dark - ness, en - er - gy of love,
 silk - en sheen of mid - night plum-age black and bright,
 as with ex - ul - ta - tion, Mar - y, giv - ing birth,
 Nev - er was that mid - night touched by dread and gloom:
 ho - ly, haunt-ing beau - ty, liv - ing, lov - ing God.

love, Word in flesh, the mys-ter - y pro - claim - ing.
 bright, swoop-ing with the beau - ty of a ra - ven.
 birth, hails the in - fant cry of need and bless - ing.
 gloom: dark - ness was the cra - dle of the dawn - ing.
 God. Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing and tell the sto - ry!

May 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 10:30am Sunday Worship	27 Memorial Day Church Office Closed	28 Church Office Closed 5:30pm Trustee	29 6pm VBS Volunteer orientation	30	31	1
2 10:30am Sunday Worship 6:30pm Progressive Pilgrims Book Club	3 5:30pm Deacons	4 12pm VBS Decorating 5:30pm Cabinet	5 6pm Summer Wednesday Dinner	6 12pm VBS Decorating	7	8
9 10:30am Sunday Worship	10	11 12pm VBS Room set up 5:30pm Growth Steering	12	13 12pm VBS Room set up Church office Closed	14	15

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, June 2nd.
Dr. Olsen 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.