

Plymouth
Congregational
Church
Sharing Faith's Journey



Celebration of Worship
June 16, 2024

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10:30 am

Father's Day

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Opening Voluntary *Children of the Heavenly Father* arr. David Cherwien
Christopher Shaw, organ

Welcome and Announcements

Mission Possible Passageways, Ltd. Jennifer Garrison

Call to Worship

***Opening Hymn** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* (page 10)

***Responsive Sentences** **Proverbs 4:1-7**

One: Listen, children, to a father's instruction, and be attentive, that you may gain insight;

All: For I give you good precepts: do not forsake my teaching.

One: When I was a son with my father, tender, and my mother's favorite, he taught me.

All: And said to me, "Let your heart hold fast my words; keep my commandments, and live.

*Response of Praise

Summoned by the God

NETTLETON



Sum-moned by the God who made us rich in our di-ver-si-ty, gath-ered in the name of
Je-sus, rich-er still in u-ni-ty: Let us bring the gifts that dif-fer and, in
splen-did, var-ied ways, sing a new church in-to be-ing, one in faith and love and praise.

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*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

In times such as these, keep us mindful of our guiding star, that our course may be steady and thoughtful, our actions kind and generous, our words comforting and gracious. For such is the way of he who taught us to 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

Luke 15:11-24

Then Jesus said, "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe -- the best one -- and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

Welcoming Song

Child of Blessing

STUTTGART

(Let the children come forward.)

Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, love's cre - a - tion, love in deed!

Fresh from God, re - fresh our spir - its, in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.

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A Moment with Our Children

Dr. Robu

Oh Lord of light, of form and hue,
Who has created all things new,
Create in me, from shapeless clay,
An instrument on which you play.

God of the dance that planets tread,
Who walks beside and soars ahead,
O let me move to worship Thee;
Come, Holy Spirit dance with me

God of the Living Word, Poet of Time,
Teach me Your words in Your cadence and rhyme.
O Lord of beauty, Lord of art,
Who gives a song for every heart,
Carve out my life, reshape and mold;
And be the artist of my soul

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Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Organ Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

I Will Sing Praise
Plymouth Summer Choir
(Join us! For more info, see page 8)

Joseph M. Martin

I will sing praise to the Lord, my God,
Lift up my voice in the sanctuary.
I will sing praise to the Lord, my God;
I will sing Alleluia, and praise his holy name.

Sing the glory of his name;
I will praise his name forever,
Oh, the name above all names.
I will sing praise to him, give all my life to him;
Oh, the glory of his name!

Sing Alleluia, all heavens rejoice!
Sing Alleluia, lift high your voice.
Sing Alleluia and make a joyful noise.

Oh, I will sing praise to the Lord, my God,
Lift up my voice in the sanctuary.
I will sing praise to the Lord, my God;
I will sing Alleluia, and praise his holy name!

Remembering Our Fathers

Abby Arthur, Steve Kimball
Elaine Neel, Nadine Stannard

***Hymn of Departure** *This Is God's Wondrous World* (page 11)

Benediction

Closing Voluntary *This Is My Father's World* arr. Sondra Tucker
Christopher Shaw, organ

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

North Entry Greeter Cathie Yager

Communion Table Flowers Cathie Yager

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.



Mission Possible

The Mission Possible speaker for Sunday, June 16, will be Jennifer Garrison with Passageways, Ltd. This program was begun in 2014 to address the needs of U. S. veterans in securing housing, food, cleaning, hygiene supplies or furnishings for themselves or their family. Veterans from any branch of the military who are homeless are a top priority. The organization's website is [Passageways - Military Veteran Support - Homeless Housing ...](#)

Plymouth & Wichita Pride

Members of Plymouth will be participating in the parade June 29 and we invite you to join. We plan to have 3 vehicles, hopefully 30 -40 members walking the 1 mile parade route. We have a Plymouth banner, decorations for vehicles, signs, and flags to carry! A small grant from the Plymouth Missions Board helps with registration fees and other expenses.

We will meet in the parking lot of the church, then proceed to the parade line up site at Murdock and Main.

For more information on the parade visit <https://wichitapride.org/> . To sign up to participate and for more information check the church bulletin board, weekly bulletin, or weekly Eblast for updates.

V. Jane Gilchrist & Susan Arnold

Plymouth Staff

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Christopher Shaw, Organist
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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 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.

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:

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

July 17 | Hosts: Susan and Ken Arnold

Aug 28 | Hosts: Steve and Kitchel Woods

Fine Arts Display Case, designs by Jana Luetje

Jana currently resides in Leawood, Kansas with her husband, Andrew, and dog Poppy. She has three sons - Sam (24) lives and works in Dallas, Texas, George (22) is finishing his master's degree in Structural Engineering at K-State, and Ben (20) will be starting his junior year in Finance & Accounting at the University of Arkansas.

Jana earned a master's degree in social work from the University of Kansas and works as a contract licensed social worker in various clinical settings in the Kansas City metro area. Jana enjoys spending time with her family, traveling and visiting her boys, reading, and creating art in her spare time.

Her art and jewelry pieces are inspired by nature and faith. Many of her pieces are created with soldered metals, natural and semi-precious stones, glass, vintage charms, clay, acrylics, and other repurposed materials. Her jewelry designs blend vintage and modern to create one-of-a-kind wearable art.

Jana is the daughter of Plymouth member Linda Wilson.

Fine Arts Hallway Display, Bill Goffrier—coming soon

Bill grew up in Wichita, first learning to paint from Betty Dickerson, Wilma Wethington, and Don Weddle. After earning a degree in fine art from WSU he obtained his master's degree in painting from Boston University in 1985.

His first professional exhibit was local, at Reuben Saunder's Artworks Gallery in 1980. Since then his work has been exhibited across the U.S., from Maine to Alaska.

Bill's current series of Wichita oils, "Authenti-City", started in 2014 after his return to Wichita and now numbers 331 paintings. The subjects include iconic, historic, unique and beautiful elements of the city. The College Hill neighborhood, including Plymouth Congregational Church, is particularly well represented. Most of the original paintings are already in private collections but are available as art prints directly from Goffrier Studios.

Much of his current work is by commission. His art is owned by private collectors internationally, and the Wichita Sedgwick County Historical Museum includes his work in their permanent collection.

Follow Bill on Facebook, Instagram, and his website goffrier.com.

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



1. Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore thee, God of glo-ry, Lord of love;
2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re-lect thy rays,
3. Thou art giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blest,
4. Mor-tals, join the might-y cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan;



hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, open-ing to the sun a-bove.
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-cean depth of hap-py rest!
love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, bind-ing all with-in its span.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flow-ery mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our broth-er, all who live in love are thine;
Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife;



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day!
chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth-er, lift us to the joy di-vine.
joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward, in the tri-umph song of life.



This Is God's Wondrous World



1 This is God's won-drous world, and to my listen-ing ears
2 This is God's won-drous world: the birds their car - ols raise;
3 This is God's won-drous world: O let me ne'er for - get



all na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
the morn - ing light, the li - ly white, de - clare their Mak - er's praise.
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.





This is God's won-drous world; I rest me in the thought of
This is God's won-drous world: God shines in all that's fair; in the
This is God's won-drous world: why should my heart be sad? Let



rocks and trees, of skies and seas, God's hand the won - ders wrought.
rus - tling grass or moun - tain pass, God's voice speaks ev - ery - where.
voic - es sing, let the heav - ens ring: God reigns, let earth be glad!



June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
16 Mission Possible Sunday 10:30am Sunday Worship 	17 Church office closed 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers 5:30pm VBS	18 5:30pm Investment Club 5:30pm VBS	19 5:30pm VBS	20 5:30pm VBS	21 5:30pm VBS	22
23 10:30am Sunday Worship	24 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	25 5:30pm Trustee	26	27	28	29 Wichita Pride Parade
30 10:30am Sunday Worship	1 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	2	3	4 	5	6

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, June 23rd.
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.