

Plymouth

Congregational
Church

Sharing Faith's Journey



Celebration of Worship
June 30, 2024

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10:30 am

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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

There is no going back. This may be the most difficult lesson for the aging leaders of established organizations and institutions, including congregations and denominations. Nevertheless, the first task of leadership is to paint an honest picture of the current reality. The current reality is so deeply changed that it challenges old ways of leadership and asks for quiet, purposeful courage.

Gil Rendle

Opening Voluntary

Give Me Jesus
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Marques L. A. Garrett

Welcome and Announcements

Karon Giles

Call to Worship

*Opening Hymn

Let's Walk Together

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*Responsive Sentences

One: Take heart, beloveds. We are not an aimless people!

All: It is the Kingdom of Heaven we desire.

One: The path does not need to be clear.

All: We need not fear if we wander or we stray.

One: Love will be an ever-present guide, calling us with patience and truth.

All: As we go, we practice healing.

One: We keep learning and unlearning.

All: We right our wrongs.

One: We set down our defenses, our power, our closed-minded thinking.

All: The practice of justice will be our north star. Thanks be to God, our way in the wilderness.

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*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

God of deliverance, when we feel crushed, overwhelmed, or despairing, remind us that we are not helpless nor are we without hope. Assure us again that the Spirit of Christ, the power of resurrection, the force of Love Eternal is alive in us. Give to us the unwavering faith of the one who 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 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 14:10-31

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, "Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians"? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.' But Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.'

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So, Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

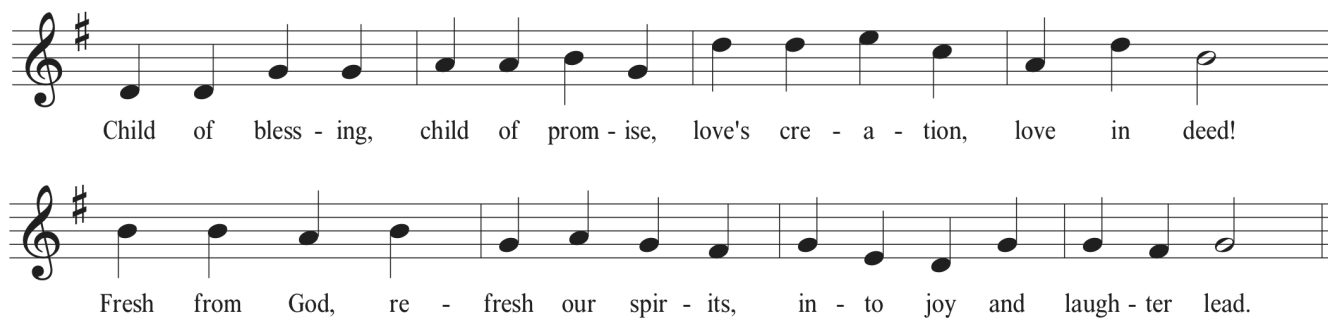
Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So, the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Welcoming Song

Child of Blessing

STUTT GART

(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

Abby Arthur

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

The Journey

arr. Joseph M. Martin

Plymouth Summer Choir

(Join us! For more info, see page 7)

'Tis a gift to be simple, 'tis a gift to be free,
'tis a gift to come down where you ought to be.
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,
'twill be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained,
to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.
To turn, turn will be our delight,
'til by turning, turning we come round right.

Going home, going home, I am going home.
Going home, going home, nevermore to roam.
Though the road's been so long now I'm going home.
To the place I belong, I am going home.

Sermon	“Is the Church Broken?”	Dr. Robu
*Hymn of Departure	As We Go Now	(page 10)
Benediction		
Closing Voluntary	<i>Praise Him with the Sound of the Trumpet</i> Christopher Shaw, organ	Robert Lau

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

North Entry Greeter Alan Fearey

Communion Table Flowers are given by Chris and Erik, Henry and Sam, and Karen and Tim in honor of Pride month and the inclusivity at Plymouth Church

Select liturgy adapted or taken from Enfleshed.com

Ways to Give

If you would like to make a donation to Plymouth Church’s general operating fund or one of its 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.



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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, 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 17 | Hosts: Susan and Ken Arnold

Aug 28 | Hosts: Steve and Kitchel Woods

Let's Walk Together

1 Let's walk to- geth - er for a while, and ask where
 2 Let's talk to- geth - er of a time when we will
 3 Let's dream to- geth - er of the day when earth and

B C#m E A/E

we be - gin to build a world where love can grow,
 share a feast, where pride and pow - er kneel to serve
 heav'n are one, a cit - y built of love and light,

B A B E D

and hope can en - ter in, to be the hands of
 the lone - ly and the least, and joy will set the
 the new Je - ru - sa - lem, where mourn - ing turns to

C#m F# B sus B

heal - ing, and to plant the seed of peace,
 ta - ble as we join our hands to pray,
 danc - ing, ev - 'ry crea - ture lifts its voice,

Refrain

B/D# E A B

sing - ing wel - come, wel - come to this place. You're in -

B E A/C# B

vit - ed to come and know God's grace. All are

Bm9 E7 Amaj7 A B F#/A# F#

wel - come, the love of God to share, 'cause

F#m7 A B C#m C#m7

all of us are wel - come here;

F#m A E (☺) Last time

all are wel - come in this place.

(☺) Last time

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As We Go Now

1. C G/B Am7 C F Am7

4 Dm G7 2. F G7 C G7

1. As we
2. As we

7 C G/B Am7 C F Am7

go now from this mo - ment, as we leave be - hind our time to -
go now from this mo - ment, as we go in - to the fu - ture to -

10 Dm7 G C G/B Am7 C

geth - er. May we walk with one an - oth - er, may we
geth - er. May we trea - sure one an - oth - er, may we

13 F G7 1. C

help each oth - er on the way. re - a - lize how pre - cious we way. 2. As we


15 2. Am Am/G F G7

are. May we re - a - lize how pre - cious we

17 Am Am/G F G7 C

are. May we re - a - lize how pre - cious we are.

June 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 10:30am Sunday Worship	1 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	2 2pm Cabinet	3	4 	5	6
7 10:30am Sunday Worship	8 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	9 5:30pm Growth Steering	10	11 6pm Summer Dinner	12	13
14 7am Blood Drive 10:30am Sunday Worship	15 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	16 5:30pm Investment Club	17 6pm Wednesday Night Dinner	18 5:45pm CE	19	20

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, July 7th.
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.