

**Plymouth**  
Congregational  
Church  
*Sharing Faith's Journey*



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***Celebration of Worship***  
**July 7, 2024**

# Celebration of Worship

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10:30 am

## Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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

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**Opening Voluntary**    *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*    arr. Aaron David Miller  
Christopher Shaw, organ

**Welcome and Announcements** Tim Robu

### Call to Worship

**\*Opening Hymn**            *God is Calling Through the Whisper*            (page 8)

### \*Responsive Sentences

One: Gathered together, we welcome the Holy One.

**All: May the Presence of God draw near.**

One: Bringing our sorrows, our worries, our gratitude for every simple pleasure,  
we come bearing the complexities and contradictions of human life.

**All: Come close, O God.**

One: Trusting in the Spirit to receive us as we are, we come without shame, we  
come to release what does not serve love, we come with hearts open to one  
another.

**All: Thanks be to God whose presence is with us!**

From Enfleshed.com

## \*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

**Enlivening Spirit, we hope to stay awake to the possibilities before us. Come and stir in us a wild creativity. A desire to experiment. A passion for out-of-the box thinking, acting, and dreaming. We know, O God, yours are the ways that uproot and turn-around, bring low and lift high. Surprise and make new. Support us in playing our holy part in turning the world in the direction of flourishing. All this we ask as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught ...*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.***

Invocation adapted from Enfleshed.com

## Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 29:1, 3b-7

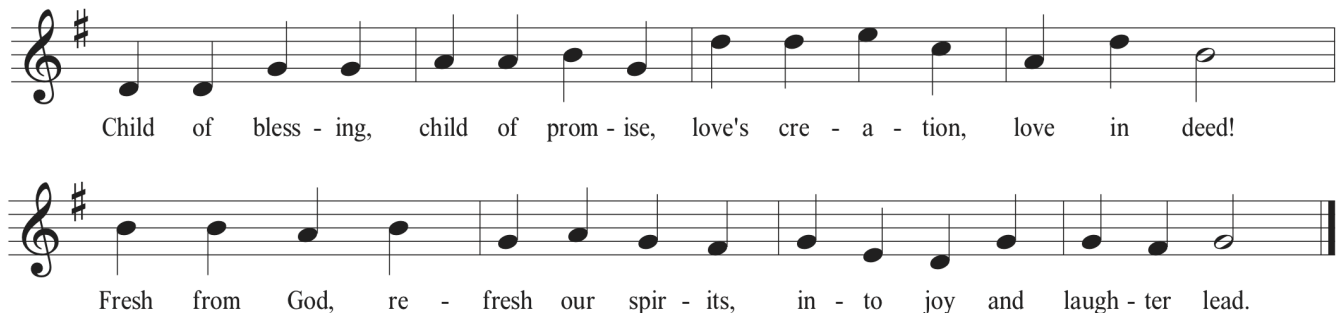
These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. It said: Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

## 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

Lindsay Miller

## Quartet

*If ye love me*

Thomas Tallis

Hannah Howard  
Cyndi Kuemmerle  
Samantha Kuemmerle  
Emily Son

If ye love me, keep my commandments.  
And I will pray the Father,  
and he shall give you another comforter,  
that he may 'bide with you forever;  
E'en the sp'rit of truth.

## Prayer Concerns

## Pastoral Prayer

From Enfleshed

## Prayer Response

### Invitation to Offering

#### Quartet

*Will the circle be unbroken*

arr. J. David Moore

Will the circle be unbroken  
by and by, Lord, by and by,  
There's a better home a-waitin'  
If we try, Lord, if we try.

I was singin' with my sisters  
I was singin' with my friends  
And we all can sing together,  
'Cause the circle never ends

Oh, will the circle be unbroken  
by and by, Lord, by and by,  
There's a better home a-waitin'  
If we try, Lord, if we try.

I was born down in the valley  
Where the sun refused to shine  
But I'm climbing up to the highland,  
Gonna make that mountain mine

Oh, will the circle be unbroken  
by and by, Lord, by and by,  
There's a better home a-waitin'  
In the sky, Lord, in the sky.

#### Sermon

“Church Forests”

Dr. Robu

#### \*Closing Hymn

*As the Wind Song Through the Trees*

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#### \*Benediction

#### Closing Voluntary

*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*  
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Sondra Tucker

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

**North Entry Greeter** Cindy Perkins

**Communion Table Flowers** Cindy Perkins

**Select liturgy adapted or taken from [Enfleshed.com](http://Enfleshed.com)**

**Bulletin Cover Image:** Vacation Bible School Participant watering vegetable plants at the Growing Together Garden.

## 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.



## Plymouth Congregational Church Blood Drive

Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>

8:30 A.M.- 1:30 P.M.

In the Fellowship Hall

*Get a NEW Red Cross umbrella when you come to give blood July 1 to July 14, while supplies last!*

**Make an Appointment to Donate Blood [CLICK HERE TO SCHEDULE](#) or call 1-800-REDCROSS**



*We currently have 10 appointments and need more. Please help by scheduling your life saving appointment today!*

### **Photo ID or Red Cross Donor Card required.**

*Don't forget to save time by using RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history online before you come to your appointment. More info: [redcrossblood.org/RapidPass](http://redcrossblood.org/RapidPass)*

## 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 | Hosts: Bob Blackburn and Linda Morgan

July 17 | Hosts: Susan and Ken Arnold

Aug 28 | Hosts: Steve and Kitchel Woods

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

### **Plymouth Staff**

Rev. Dr. Karen Robu, Acting Senior 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

## **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**

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](http://goffrier.com).



## New Art Installed

You may have noticed the beautiful new sculpture outside the north entryway. Last summer Plymouth members Bob Blackburn and Chris Bennett thought that spot needed a little something. In September they commissioned local artist Terrie Grillot to create the piece. It was paid for with donations collected at two of last summer's Wednesday night Fellowship dinners. Thanks to Bob Blackburn and Linda Morgan, and Susan and Ken Arnold for hosting the dinners, to Bob and Chris for their work to make this project possible, and to Chris's grandson Maddox for helping to install the artwork. Enjoy!



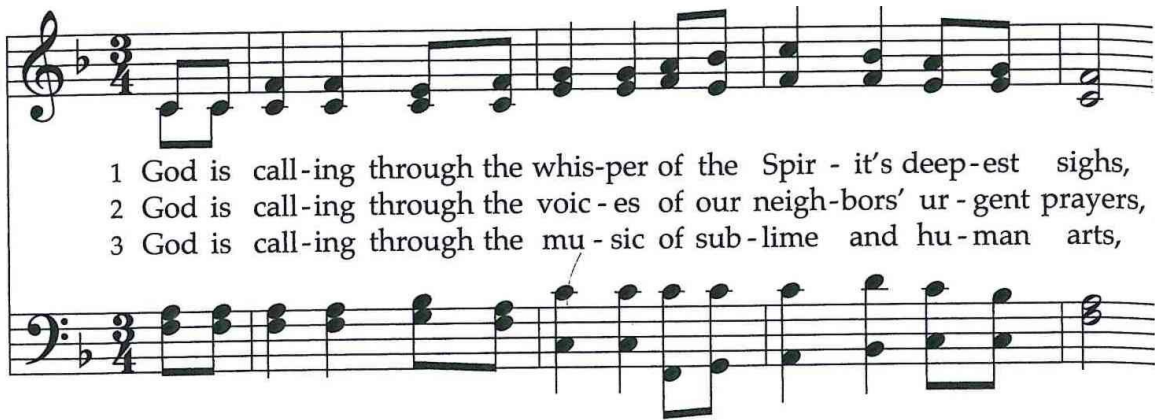
## Plymouth & Wichita Pride

This past Saturday June 29, Plymouth members proudly participated in the Pride Parade, for the fifth year. Marching together south on Main to Douglas and West to Century II. Plymouth was part of hundreds of marchers and floats. Flags flying, our Plymouth banner was carried by Jim Giles and Dr. Karen Robu. Other marchers were waving streamers and small flags while some of us rode in air conditioned, decorated cars. Each of us celebrating Plymouth's commitment to equal rights for all. Thanks to Giles' and Woods' for providing cars and drivers. We are also grateful for the financial support of the Plymouth Mission Board.

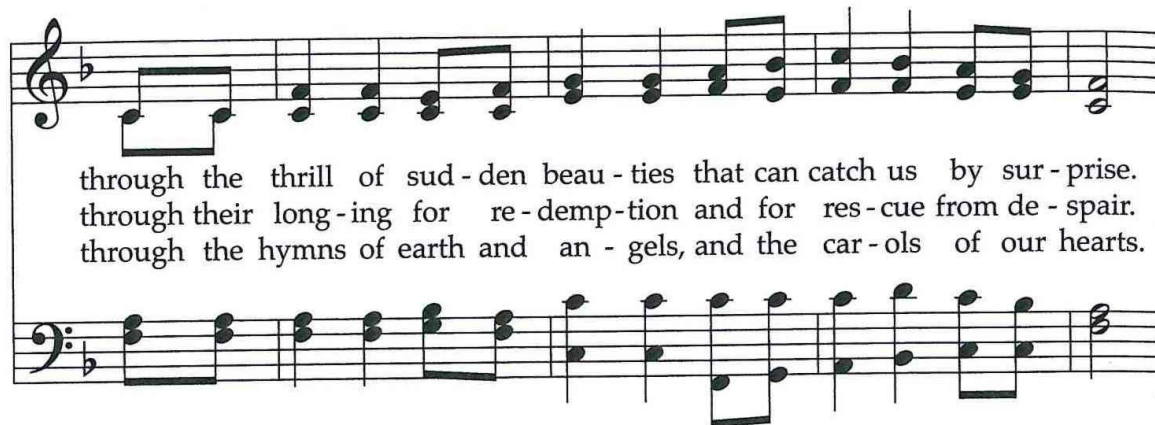
At Plymouth we are committed to human rights, equality and justice for all. At Plymouth, please remember... All Are Welcome.

Our thanks to everyone,  
Susan Arnold & Jane Gilchrist

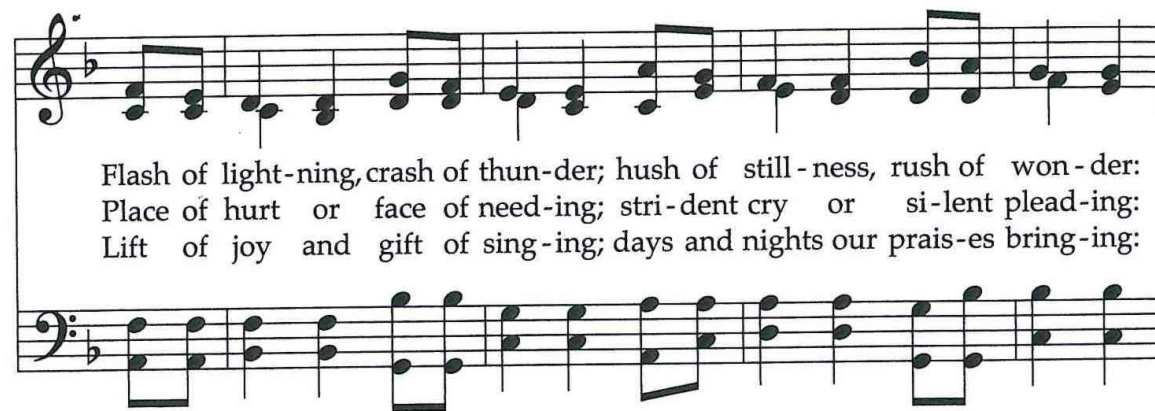
## God is Calling Through the Whisper



1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,  
2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur-gent prayers,  
3 God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and hu-man arts,



through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties that can catch us by sur-prise.  
through their long-ing for re-demp-tion and for res-cue from de-spair.  
through the hymns of earth and an-gels, and the car-ols of our hearts.



Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der:  
Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing:  
Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:



God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?  
God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?  
God is call - ing—and we hear! God is call - ing—and we hear!

# As the Wind Song Through the Trees

1 As the wind song through the trees, as the stir - ring of the  
 2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the hope that's born a -

breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of God; as the  
 gain, so it is with the Spir - it of God; as the

heart made strange-ly warm, as the voice with - in the storm, so it  
 green in the spring, as a kite on a string, so it

is with the Spir - it of God. Nev - er  
 is with the Spir - it of God, mak - ing

seen, ev - er known where this wind has blown, bring - ing  
 worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come true, bring - ing

life, bring - ing pow'r to the world, as the  
 gifts, bring - ing love to the world; as the

dan - cing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de - sire, so it  
 ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the feast, so it

is with the Spir - it of God.  
 is with the Spir - it of God.

*Chords: G, C/G, Em, Bm, Am, D, Em/D, C, G/B, Am7, D, G, Bm, C, G, Em, Bm, Am, D, Em, Em/D, C, G/B, Am7, D, G, C/G*

# July 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>7</b> 10:30am Sunday Worship	<b>8</b> 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	<b>9</b> 5:30pm Growth Steering	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 6pm Summer Dinner	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> 7am Blood Drive  10:30am Sunday Worship	<b>15</b> 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	<b>16</b> 5:30pm Investment Club	<b>17</b> 6pm Summer Dinner	<b>18</b> 5:45pm CE	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> 9am Fine Arts  Mission Possible Sunday  10:30am Sunday Worship	<b>22</b> 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers  5:30pm Deacons	<b>23</b> 5:30pm Trustee	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Youth Trip</b>						

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, July 14th.  
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.