

Plymouth

Congregational
Church

Sharing Faith's Journey



Celebration of Worship
July 14, 2024

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10:30 am

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Opening Voluntary *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* arr. Emma Lou Diemer
Christopher Shaw, organ

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

***Opening Hymn** *Come Away from Rush and Hurry* (page 10)

*Responsive Sentences

One: Let the Spirit of the Living God be welcome in this place!

All: Come, O God, and be with us!

One: The One who raises the sun each morning and lifts high the moon at night,
ushers us too, through cycles of rising, falling, and rising again.

All: Though we stumble, God lifts us.

One: Though we doubt, God remains.

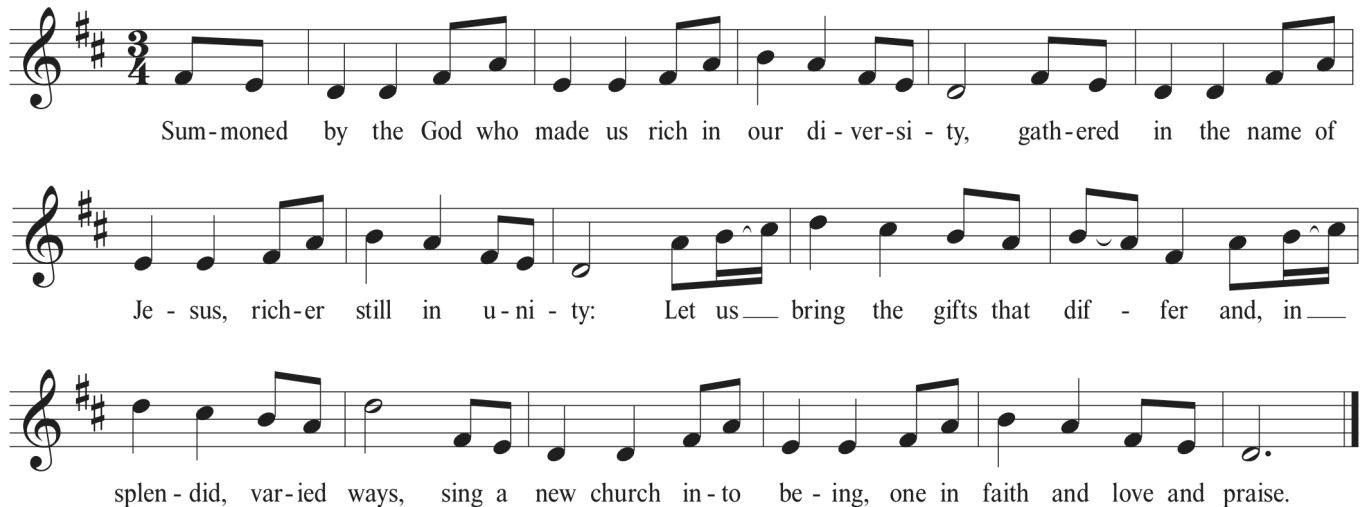
**All: Though we get weary, God revives. Come, O God, and let the new day
begin.**

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

God of new life, even when we find ourselves in situations once unimaginable, you give us reason to hope. In the midst of destruction, you enliven our capacities for building community and connection. In the midst of evil's reign, the gifts of your Spirit remain with us. By your grace, make us creators of justice and planters of peace as was 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.*

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

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

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Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

Ubi Caritas
Plymouth Summer Choir
(Join us! For more info, see page 7)

Victor C. Johnson

Translation from Latin:

Where there is charity and love,
God is there.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.

Sermon

“Church Forests Part 2:
The Parish Collective”

Dr. Robu

***Closing Hymn**

As the Wind Song Through the Trees

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***Benediction**

Closing Voluntary

Hymn to Joy
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Michael Burkhardt

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

North Entry Greeter Kurt & Sue Watson

Communion Table Flowers Kurt & Sue Watson

Select liturgy adapted or taken from Enfleshed.com

Bulletin Cover Image: Vacation Bible School Participant watering 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.



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

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 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.

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.

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!



Progressive Pilgrim's Book Club

Summer Reading Suggestions

The book club will not meet again until the end of the summer. For your summer reading we are suggesting the following three books. You can choose to read one, two, or all three! When we get together at the end of the summer we will discuss all three books. It will be interesting to see who read what.

1. *West With Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge
2. *When I Fell From the Sky: The True Story of One Woman's Miraculous Survival* by Juliane Koepeke
3. *Under the Whispering Door* by T.J. Kune

Come Away from Rush and Hurry

D A/C# Bm G

1 Come a - way from rush and hur - ry to the still - ness of God's peace;
2 In the pas - tures of God's good - ness we lie down to rest our soul,

D A/C# Bm F#m

from our vain am - bi - tion's wor - ry, come to Christ to find re - lease.
from the wa - ters of God's mer - cy we drink deep - ly, are made whole.

A D F#m Bm G

Come a - way from noise and clam - or, life's de - mands and fren - zied pace;
At the ta - ble of God's pres - ence all the saints are rich - ly fed.

A D A/C# Bm G D

come to join the peo - ple gath - ered here to seek and find God's grace.
With the oil of God's a - noint - ing in - to ser - vice we are led.

As the Wind Song Through the Trees

G C/G

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-

G Em Bm Am D

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

Em Em/D C G/B

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

Am7 D G

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

Em Bm C G

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

Em Bm Am D

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

Em Em/D C G/B

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

Am7 D G C/G

is with the Spir-it of God.
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July / August 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 7am Blood Drive 10:30am Sunday Worship	15 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	16 5:30pm Investment Club	17 6pm Summer Dinner	18 5:45pm CE	19	20
21 9am Fine Arts Mission Possible Sunday 10:30am Sunday Worship	22 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers 5:30pm Deacons	23 5:30pm Trustee	24	25	26	27
	Youth Trip					
28 10:30am Sunday Worship Guest Preacher Keith Williamson	29 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	30	31	1	2	3

**Please join us for worship next Sunday, July 21st.
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.