

# Celebration of Worship

**August 18, 2024** 

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10:30 am

# **Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

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

**Opening Voluntary** 

Be Thou My Vision
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. David Cherwien (2004 MorningStar)

**Welcome and Announcements** 

**Mission Possible** 

**ICT Food Rescue** 

Stephanie Merritt Executive Director

**Call to Worship** 

**Opening Hymn** 

Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

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# \*Responsive Sentences

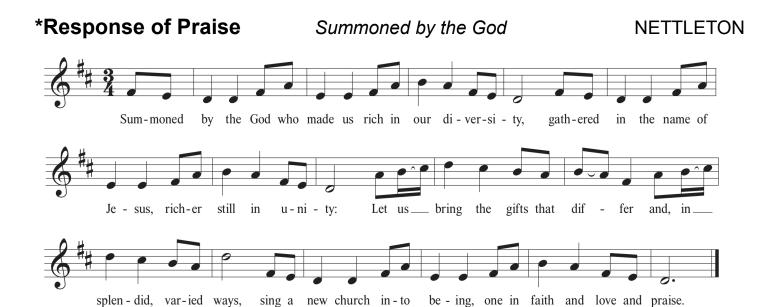
One: Cosmic Wonder, nebula birth new stars, auroras paint the night sky with vibrant watercolors

All: and, yet, we find ourselves stuck in our unimaginative ways.

One: As meteors light up Earth's atmosphere with space matter, bring your Holy Possibility close, down to Earth.

All: Light up our hearts with Unfettered Love. Join us in becoming all that we can be.

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# \*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Galactic Mystery—envisioning the Milky Way, we expand our imagination, refusing to settle for narrow ways of living. We invite wonder to awaken in us possibilities. We honor our bodies for the stardust they are. We rest in the wholeness of the cosmos who holds us like a compassionate womb, who says every wonderful part of us belongs. Majestic Hope, inspire in us more vibrant ways of living as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught...

Our Father which 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**

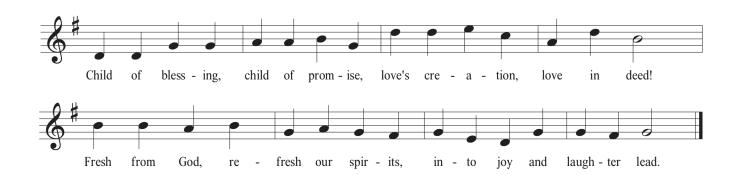
1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14

- 10 Then David slept with his ancestors and was buried in the city of David. <sup>11</sup>The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned for seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. <sup>12</sup>So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.
- 3 Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. <sup>4</sup>The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. <sup>5</sup>At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' <sup>6</sup>And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup>And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup>And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup>Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'
- 10 It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup>God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup>I now do according to your word. Indeed, I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. <sup>13</sup>I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. <sup>14</sup>If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.'

# Welcoming Song (Let the children come forward.)

Child of Blessing

**STUTTGART** 



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#### A Moment with Our Children

Lindsay Miller

**Prayer Concerns** 

**Pastoral Prayer** 

by Gretta Vospers

**Prayer Response** 

**Invitation to Offering** 

Solo

Ted Dvorak

Your Raise Me Up words and music by Rolf Løvland and Brendan Graham

When I am down and, oh my soul, so weary When troubles come and my heart burdened be Then, I am still and wait here in the silence Until You come and sit awhile with me.

You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains You raise me up, to walk on stormy seas I am strong, when I am on your shoulders You raise me up to more than I can be

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Sermon	<b>"</b> A Listening Heart"	Dr. Robu
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\*Closing Hymn

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#### \*Benediction

# **Special Meeting following today's Service**

\* Let all who are able please stand.
\*\*\* Ushers will seat late comers

Select liturgy adapted or taken from Enfleshed.com

North Entry Greeter Shelley Closson

Communion Table Flowers Shelley Closson

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# **Plymouth Staff**

Rev. Dr. Karen Robu, Acting Senior Minister Dr. Henry Waters, Director of Music Christopher Shaw, Organist Julie Martin, Administrative Assistant Lindsay Miller, Sunday School Teacher Gracie Duffey, Youth Director Tim Robu, Maintenance Engineer Erik Breckenridge, Video Tech John Palmer, Video Tech Assistant

# **Progressive Pilgrim's Book Club**

#### Save the date for first Book Club Meeting - September 4th

#### following Wednesday Night Dinner @ 5:30 PM.

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 reads 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

# **SUMMER CHOIR – Final Sunday!**

# Join us for our final Summer Choir Date on Sunday, August 25th

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!



#### **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.

# Men's Club Red Wheel Fundraiser

Kick Off Starts Soon!

September 1st through 30th. Product delivery

Will be October 9th.



Be sure to take time to view Bill Goffrier's oil paintings - **LAST TWO SUNDAYS**. We have many of his originals on display. We can even work out a payment plan with you. Bill will receive 85% of the sales and 15% will be retained for our Fine Arts Fund. He will be closing his show on Sunday August 25th. Thank you, Plymouth members and friends, for your support of our gallery and display case.

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.

# **Fine Arts Display Case**

#### August/September — Linda Gebert

I have worked in and taught enameling and jewelry making for many years now, having begun my formal university training in painting and graphic design, before receiving a degree in Art History. Through workshops with prominent artists in the fields and persistent study and practice, I pursued expertise in silversmithing and enameling. I consequently taught enameling and silversmithing at the Wichita Center for the Arts for many years in the 1980's and '90's. I taught silversmithing at Wichita State University for 5 years before returning to the studio full-time. I currently enjoy working in the enamel/metals studio at Mark Arts with other enamelists and students, and in my home studio.



\*\*Special Meeting immediately following today's Service\*\*

# NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

#### TO ALL MEMBERS OF PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WICHITA, KANSAS:

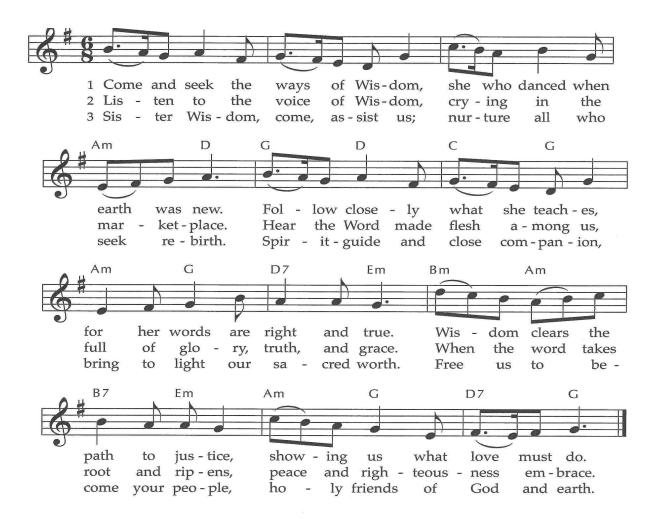
Please take notice that the Church Cabinet of Plymouth Congregational Church of Wichita, Kansas has called for a special meeting of all church members. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and vote upon the recommendations of the Church Cabinet, Board of Trustees and Pulpit Committee relating to the call of a new Senior Minister. These recommendations are contained in a report dated July 30, 2024 and the report is supplemented by copies of the Call, Terms of the Call, the Transition Plan and the Focus Groups Summary (the "Report Documents"). Copies of the Report Documents will be sent to Church members via email prior to the meeting date, and copies thereof will also be available for inspection in the Church office.

This meeting will be held on **Sunday, August 18, 2024 at 11:30 a.m**. in the Sanctuary at Plymouth Congregational Church, 202 N. Clifton, Wichita, Kansas.

DATED this 7th day of August, 2024.

Richard A. Euson Church Clerk

### Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom



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Sunday		0	eptember 2 ednesday Th	ursday	Friday	Saturday
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
9am Fine Arts 10:30am Sunday Worship	2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	5:30pm Investment Club				
11:30 Special Meeting 2 pm Bunny TNT	trance will b re-striping. ( 20th. Enter	ng lot and en- e CLOSED for On the 19th and through WEST only. Parking SW lot.				
9:15 CE Board 10:30am Sunday Worship	26 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers 5:30 pm Deacon's Meeting	5:30 pm Trustees Meeting	7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	29	30	31
1 10:30 Sunday Worship	2 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	3 5:30 pm Cabinet meeting	5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner & Book Club	5	6	7

Please join us for next Sunday's Sermon from Dr. Robu "The Armor of God" Ephesians 6:10-20

# **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.