

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



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***Celebration of Worship***  
**August 18, 2024**

# Celebration of Worship

August 18, 2024

10:30 am

## Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

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### 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.**

Adapted 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

**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>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

*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

by Gretta Vospers

## Prayer Response

## Invitation to Offering

### Solo

*Your Raise Me Up*  
Ted Dvorak

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**

“A Listening Heart”

Dr. Robu

**\*Closing Hymn**

*Be Thou My Vision*

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

## Men's Club Red Wheel Fundraiser

Kick Off Starts Soon!

September 1st through 30th. Product delivery

Will be October 9th.



**America's Tastiest**  
[www.redwheelfundraising.com](http://www.redwheelfundraising.com)

## Fine Arts Hallway Display

Bill Goffrier

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](http://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. .

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August/September  
 Linda Gebert  
Display Case Artist



ENAMELIST + METAL ARTS  
ON DISPLAY + ON SALE



**\*\*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



1 Come and seek the ways of Wis-dom, she who danced when  
 2 Lis - ten to the voice of Wis-dom, cry - ing in the  
 3 Sis - ter Wis - dom, come, as - sist us; nur - ture all who



earth was new. Fol - low close - ly what she teach - es,  
 mar - ket-place. Hear the Word made flesh a - mong us,  
 seek re - birth. Spir - it - guide and close com - pan - ion,



for her words are right and true. Wis - dom clears the  
 full of glo - ry, truth, and grace. When the word takes  
 bring to light our sa - cred worth. Free us to be -



path to jus - tice, show - ing us what love must do.  
 root and rip - ens, peace and righ - teous - ness em - brace.  
 come your peo - ple, ho - ly friends of God and earth.

## Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;  
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)  
 B $\flat$  E $\flat$  A $\flat$  B $\flat$



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F $\sharp$ m7) (G) (A)  
 A $\flat$  E $\flat$  Gm7 A $\flat$  B $\flat$



thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F $\sharp$ ) (G) (D)  
 Cm E $\flat$ /G A $\flat$  E $\flat$



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.  
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

# August & September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>18</b> 9am Fine Arts 10:30am Sunday Worship 11:30 Special Meeting 2 pm Bunny TNT	<b>19</b> 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers  <b style="color: red;">North Parking lot and entrance will be CLOSED for re-striping. On the 19th and 20th. Enter through WEST Courtyard, only. Parking available in SW lot.</b>	<b>20</b> 5:30pm Investment Club	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b> 9:15 CE Board 10:30am Sunday Worship	<b>26</b> 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers 5:30 pm Deacon's Meeting	<b>27</b> 5:30 pm Trustees Meeting	<b>28</b> 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>1</b> 10:30 Sunday Worship	<b>2</b> 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	<b>3</b> 5:30 pm Cabinet meeting	<b>4</b> 5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner & Book Club	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>

**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.