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***Celebration of Worship***  
**August 25, 2024**

# Celebration of Worship

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10:30 am

## Fourteenth 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*  
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Robert Lau

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Hymn**

*Sing Glory to the Name of God*

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**\*Responsive Sentences**

One: Come, let us put on the garments of the Holy!

Truth-telling—

**All: even when decorum asks for our silence.**

One: Righteousness—

**All: we will be courageous in our care for one another.**

One: Peace—

**All: not the absence of tension but the presence of Justice.**

One: Faith—

**All: because together, all is not lost.**

One: Salvation—

**All: we seek The World to Come in ordinary acts of solidarity.**

One: Come, let us put on the garments of the Holy,

**All: that Divine Wisdom may clothe us in Her blessings.**

Adapted from [Enfleshed.com](http://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

**Guiding Love, connect with us through spiritual practices—breath, movement, song, prayer, touch. Accompany us that we might be a people grounded in compassion and tuned in to the ways of salvation. In a world of empire and overwhelm, bless us with your hope like a crown of wildflowers placed upon our heads. Commune with us through rituals—when we light candles or break bread, or pray your prayer...**

**Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, they 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](http://Enfleshed.com)**

## Scripture Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

## 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

from Enfleshed.com

### Prayer Response

### Invitation to Offering

## Anthem

*The Lord is my Shepherd*

Allen Pote

The Lord is my shepherd.  
Nothing shall I want.  
My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green,  
leads me beside still waters.

The Lord is my shepherd,  
who restores my life.  
Leads me in the paths of righteousness  
for the sake of the Lord's name.

And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death.  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and staff will comfort me.

The Lord is my shepherd,  
nothing shall I want.  
My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green,  
leads me beside still waters.

The Lord is my shepherd,  
who restores my life.  
Leads me in the paths of righteousness  
for the sake of the Lord's name.

You prepare a table before me, in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy, shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and in the house of my God I will live for ever.  
The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

(Psalm 23)

<b>Sermon</b>	“The Armor of God”	Dr. Robu
<b>*Closing Hymn</b>	<i>What a Friend We Have in Jesus</i>	(Page 11)
<b>*Benediction</b>		
<b>Closing Voluntary</b>	<i>How Firm A Foundation</i> Christopher Shaw, organ	arr. J. Harold Moyer

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

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

**North Entry Greeter** Kate Brammer

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 Lindsay Miller, Sunday School Teacher  
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## Progressive Pilgrim's Book Club

Save the date for first Book Club Meeting - Wednesday - 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

## Chancel Choir

Wednesday night rehearsals resume this week. Join us on August 28th at 7 PM.

## 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!

The Plymouth Men's Club will begin selling Red Wheel products from September 1st through the 30th. Product distribution will take place on October 9th. Please support the club in this venture by purchasing and enjoying good products. Funds will go to the betterment of Plymouth Church. Thank you

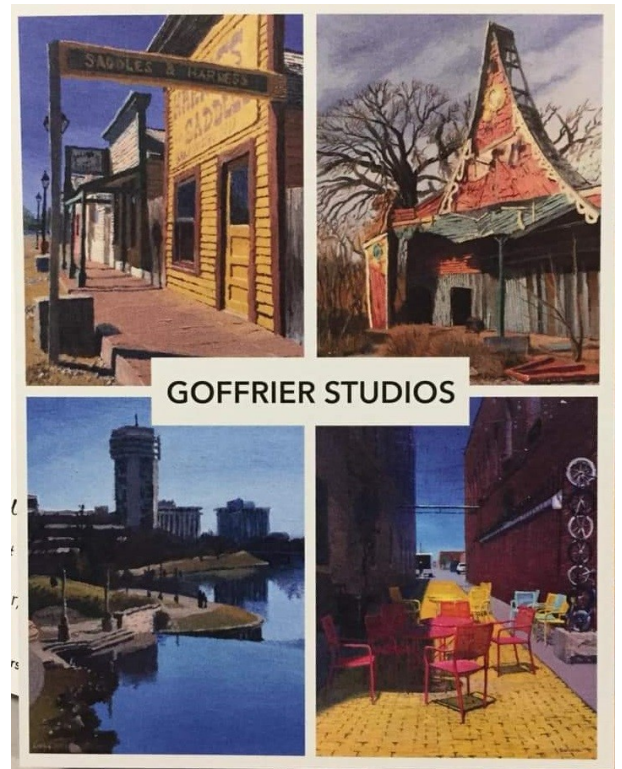


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[www.redwheelfundraising.com](http://www.redwheelfundraising.com)

## Fine Arts Hallway Display

There's still time to view Bill Goffrier's oil paintings!

Bill Goffrier's **show will be closing today!** Stop by the hallway gallery to see many of his originals. 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. Thank you, Plymouth members and friends, for your support of our gallery and display case!



## 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

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August/September  
*Plymouth* Linda Gebert  
Display Case Artist

ENAMELIST + METAL ARTS  
ON DISPLAY + ON SALE





# Plymouth Fine Arts Series

## A NIGHT OF HIGH NOTES



**SAT | SEPT 21, 2024 - 7 PM**

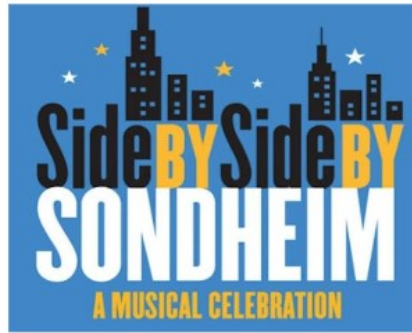
Please join us for a night of high notes featuring four spectacular sopranos: Lydia Bechtel, Victoria Olson, Holly Swartzendruber, and Carter Tholl. The concert will be presented in two sets with a 10-minute intermission. This concert will also feature Christopher Shaw, Plymouth staff organist, as the accompanist. General admission tickets are \$20. Student tickets for \$5 are available for purchase at the door with a current student ID. Reception to follow



**SAT | NOV 23, 2024**

## SAXOPHONE & ORGAN DUO

Plymouth organist Christopher Shaw will be joined by saxophonist Nick May, featuring a new commission by Evan Boegehold



**SAT | MAR 22, 2025**

## SIDE BY SIDE BY SONDHEIM

“Get ready to laugh, cry, and fall in love with lyrics that are heartbreakingly true and music that captures the soaring emotions of a new generation with Side by Side by Sondheim”  
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# Sing Glory to the Name of God

1 Sing glo - ry to the name of God, whose ho - ly splen - dor shines a -  
 2 The name of God is full of might: re - sound - ing thun - der, flash - ing  
 3 The name of God is wild and free, a - whirl in ho - ly mys - ter -  
 4 May God for - ev - er be our peace; may hymns of glo - ry nev - er

*Harmony* *Unison*

broad. En - throned a - bove the  
 light. The wil - der - ness can -  
 y. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! A se - cret wrapped in  
 cease: Let all the faith - ful

crash - ing waves, the God of grace and glo - ry saves.  
 not con - tain the ech - oes of the great re - frain:  
 smoke and fire, still chant - ed by the tem - ple choir:  
 peo - ple come; sing praise to God, the Three - in - One:

THE TRIUNE GOD

*Harmony*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia,

*Unison*

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## What A Friend We Have in Jesus

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of six systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are arranged in three columns, with the first column containing three numbered verses and the second and third columns containing the main body of the song's lyrics.

1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our  
 2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there  
 3. Are we weak and heav - y la - den, cum - bered

sins and griefs to bear! What a priv - i - lege to car - ry  
 trou - ble an - y - where? We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged;  
 with a load of care? Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge;

ev - ery - thing to God in prayer! O what peace we of - ten  
 take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so  
 take it to the Lord in prayer. Do thy friends de - spise, for -

for - feit, O what need - less pain we bear, all be -  
 faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share? Je - sus  
 sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In his

cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer.  
 knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

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# August & September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>25</p> <p>9:15 am CE Board</p> <p>10:30am Sunday Worship</p> <p>11:30 am Deacon's Meeting</p>	<p>26</p> <p>2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers</p>	<p>27</p> <p>4:00 pm College Hill Steering Com. City of Wichita</p> <p>5:30 pm Trustees Meeting</p>	<p>28</p> <p>7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p style="color: red; text-align: center;"> <b>North Parking lot and North entrance will be CLOSED for painting &amp; repairs on the 29th and 30th. Enter through WEST Courtyard, only. Parking available in SW lot on Clifton.</b> </p>	<p>31</p>
<p>1</p> <p>10:30 Sunday Worship</p>	<p>2</p> <p>2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:30 pm Cabinet meeting</p>	<p>4</p> <p>5:30 Wednesday Night Dinner &amp; Book Club</p> <p>7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9 am Grandpar- ents Day Plymouth Preschool</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>10:30 Sunday Worship</p>	<p>2</p> <p style="color: blue;"><b>LABOR DAY</b></p> <p>2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5:30 pm Growth Steer- ing Comm.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>5:30 pm Wed. Night Dinner— The Hatch- ery Butterfly Farm</p> <p>7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>

**Please join us for next Sunday's Sermon from Dr. Robu**

## 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.