

Plymouth Congregational Church

Sharing Faith's Journey



Celebration of Worship
September 8, 2024

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10:30 am

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Opening Voluntary

Healer of Our Every Ill
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Franklin D. Ashdown

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

Summoned by the God Who Made Us

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***Responsive Sentences**

One: Chronically Ill God

All: Chronically in Pain God

One: Seasonally Depressed God

All: God with dementia

One: God with traumatic brain injury

All: God with Down syndrome

One: Autistic God

All: Vision Impaired God

One: Nonverbal God

All: God with anxiety

One: God with learning disabilities

All: God with hearing aids

One: God in a wheelchair

All: You liberate us from our ableism. You awaken us to expansive possibilities of inclusion. You make vivid our inherent worth.

Adapted from Enfleshed.com

*Response of Praise

Summoned by the God

NETTLETO

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

Spirit of Christ, our hearts are restless for you. We ache for a touch of compassion. We long for healing within and around. We yearn for collective liberation from all that deadens and destroys. Lead us in practices of transformation rooted in love and imagination as you lead us in 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

Scripture Reading

Mark 7:24-37

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

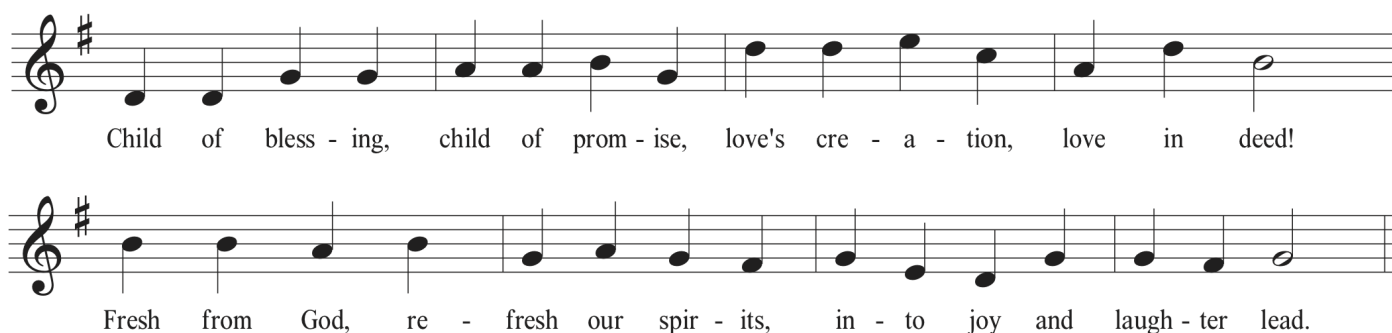
Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, ‘Ephphatha’, that is, ‘Be opened.’ And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, ‘He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to 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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Solo

Steal Away
Emily Son, alto

arr. Howard Helvey

Steal away to Jesus.
Steal away home.
I ain't got long to stay here.

My Lord, He calls me,
He calls me by the thunder,
the trumpet sounds within my soul,
I ain't got long to stay here.

A Moment with Our Children

Lindsay Miller

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

from Enfleshed.com

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

All the Beauty of the Lord
Chancel Choir

Gwyneth Walker

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness in the sea.
There's a kindness and a justice,
which is more than liberty.

There is no place where our sorrows
are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is no place where our failings
have such kindly judgement giv'n.

There's a wideness in God's mercy.
There's a kindness in God's love.

For the love of God is broader
than the vision of our mind.
And the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

If we could but love more simply,
ever living by The Word,
then our lives would be enlightened
with the beauty of the Lord.

If we could but love more simply
ever living by The Word,
then our lives would be enlightened
with the mercy and the kindness,
with the healing and forgiveness,
with the sweetness and compassion—
all the beauty of the Lord,
all the beauty of the Lord!

Sermon "When Jesus Sighed" Dr. Robu

***Closing Hymn** *Healer of Our Every Ill* Page 11

***Benediction**

Closing Voluntary *Nettleton* arr. Raymond H. Haan
Christopher Shaw, organ

* Let all who are able please stand.

*** Ushers will seat late comers

Select liturgy adapted or taken from Enfleshed.com

North Entry Greeter Nancy Roskam

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Men's Club Red Wheel Fundraiser

Come see us after worship service!

The Plymouth Men's Club will be 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.



America's Tastiest
www.redwheelfundraising.com

Red Cross Blood Drive

Sunday, September 22nd

8:30am to 1:30pm

Fellowship Hall

Schedule an appointment on the Red Cross site by searching for Plymouth Church event.

www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time



September 11th Wednesday Dinner Special Guest!

Meet Ryan Malone—The Butterfly Guy!
This will be a fun event for the grandkids. Ryan is a former member of the Plymouth Youth Group, and the owner of **The Hatchery Butterfly Farm**, a privately-owned small business located in the Riverside area. Ryan's focus is on breeding and rearing butterflies native to Kansas and surrounding regions. He is tirelessly working to bolster pollinator populations via education, native habitat restoration projects, and utilizing ecologically friendly gardening practices.



Fine Arts Hallway Display

Introducing our new Hallway Artist— Denise Brueggeman!

On display now through October. “Leaf of Faith” **About this show:** “Leaf of Faith” is a theme that brings together the beauty I find in everyday nature and its deep connection to my faith. It’s easy to take surrounding nature for granted, especially in plants I see in my yard, on a nature walk, even on a rural drive – after all I see them daily. Yet when I reflect on the absolute artistry found in each design element – the brilliant colors, the patterns found in the foliage, the variety – I’m reminded, at every level, that it was created by and gifted to us by our Creator. As an appreciator of beauty in all forms – I’m completely honored to share my interpretation with your congregation and community.



About the artist: Denise Brueggeman is an artist residing in North Newton, Kansas. She attended Bethel College where she received a B.A. in Art in with an emphasis in graphic design in 1987. She went on to design for Hesston College; later joining an advertising agency and then a design group. She eventually became a freelance designer; designing publications and identity systems for Hesston College, Bethel College, the Mennonite Church USA, and other non-profits. Her award-winning logo for Dyck Arboretum of the Plains is still being utilized. She later joined a publishing house and designed work for clients across the U.S. and Canada.

Fine Arts Display Case

August/September — Linda Gebert’s beautiful enamel and silver work remains on display in the Fine Arts Display Case through September.

The graphic is a dark blue rectangle with white text. At the top, it says "Plymouth Congregational Church August/September". Below that is the Plymouth Congregational Church logo and "Linda Gebert Display Case Artist". Two images show her artwork: one with circular enamel pieces and another with a display case containing various items. At the bottom, it says "ENAMELIST + METAL ARTS ON DISPLAY + ON SALE".



11:30 AM PICNIC



WELCOME FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS, FAMILIES!



PETTING ZOO - FACE PAINTING - PICNIC LUNCH

CHURCH PICNIC SUNDAY - SEPT 15

RSVP PLYMOUTH-CHURCH.NET OR 316.684.0221

Please join us!

BBQ Pork Sandwiches + Ice Cream provided.

Potluck Sign-Up Sheet for Sides is in FSH. Thank you!

10:30 AM Worship Service + Installation of Senior Minister - Rev. Dr. Karen Robu
11:30 AM Picnic to follow + It's Dr. Robu's Birthday, too!

Fine Arts Series 2024-25 begins September 21st. Don't miss it!



A Night of High Notes

Saturday, September 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. Musical selections will include works by Bach, Britten, Strauss, Verdi, and many more. Not only will you hear selections from famous operas in the Western canon, you will also hear works from musical theatre including St. Louis Woman (1946) and Floyd Collins (1925). The concert will be presented in two sets with a 10-minute intermission. The singers will certainly need it! One piece of music has over two hundred notes for the soprano! 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.



QR Code for online ticket purchase



Summoned by the God Who Made Us

NETTLETON 8.7.8.7 D

A7 D A D G A7 D

1 Sum-moned by the God who made us rich in our di-ver-si-ty,
 2 Ra-diant ris-en from the wa-ter, robed in ho-li-ness and light,
 3 Trust the good-ness of cre-a-tion; trust the Spir-it strong with-in.
 4 Bring the hopes of ev'-ry na-tion; bring the art of ev'-ry race.
 5 Draw to-geth-er at one ta-ble all the hu-man fam-i-ly;

A7 D A D G A7 D

gath-ered in the name of Je-sus, rich-er still in u-ni-ty:
 ev-'ry per-son in God's im-age, ev-'ry per-son, God's de-light.
 Dare to dream the vi-sion prom-ised sprung from seed of what has been.
 Weave a song of peace and jus-tice; let it sound through time and space.
 shape a cir-cle ev-er wid-er and a peo-ple ev-er free.

Refrain A7 D G D A7 D G D

Let us bring the gifts that dif-fer and, in splen-did, var-ied ways,

A7 D A D G A7 D

sing a new church in-to be-ing, one in faith and love and praise.

Healer of our every ill

Irregular

D Em⁷/D G/D A/D D Bm Bm⁷/A G A

Heal-er of our ev-'ry ill, Light of each to-mor-row,

F[#]m⁷ Bm Em⁷ F[#]7 G Em A D Fine

give us peace be-yond our fear, and hope be-yond our sor-row.

Bm F[#]m/A G

- 1 You who know our fears and sad-ness, grace us with your
- 2 In the pain and joy be-hold-ing how your grace is
- 3 Give us strength to love each oth-er, ev-'ry sis-ter,
- 4 You who know each thought and feel-ing, teach us all your

F Em D/F[#] G Bm A/C[#] G/B A D.C.

peace and glad-ness. Spir-it of all com-fort, fill our hearts.
 still un-fold-ing, give us all your vi-sion, God of love.
 ev-'ry broth-er. Spir-it of all kind-ness, be our guide.
 way of heal-ing. Spir-it of com-pas-sion, fill each heart.

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September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8 10:30 Sunday Worship 11:30 Growth Steering Comm.	9 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	10	11 5:30 pm Wed. Night Dinner— The Hatchery Butterfly Farm 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	12	13	14
15 9:00 am Mission Board AND Fine Arts Board 10:30 Sunday Worship + INSTALLATION 11:30 CHURCH PICNIC	16 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	17 5:30 pm Investment Club	18 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal	19 PARKING LOT CLOSED - WE HOPE!	20	21 “A Night of High Notes” Fine Arts Series 7 pm w/ reception
22 8:30—1:30 Red Cross Blood Drive	23 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers 5:30 pm Deacon’s Meeting	24 5:30 pm Trustees Meeting	25 5:30 pm WED Night Dinner & Book Club 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	26 Preschool Carnival	27	28

**Please join us for next Sunday’s Sermon from Dr. Robu
“On the Shoulders of Giants”**

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.