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***Celebration of Worship***  
**September 29, 2024**

# Celebration of Worship

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10:30 am

## Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

**Opening Voluntary**      *Festive Prelude on "Cwm Rhondda"*      arr. David Dahl  
Christopher Shaw, organ

### Welcome and Announcements

### Introit

### Call to Worship

**Opening Hymn**      *God of Grace and God of Glory*      Page 10

**\*Responsive Sentences**      Cindy Perkins

One: Spirit of the Living God, our help in times of trouble

**All: Rise among us, within us, and around us**

One: Wherever there is fear

**All: Give us courage**

One: Wherever there is pain

**All: Make us seekers of healing**

One: Wherever there is evil and oppression

**All: May we protect one another**

One: Through you, O God, all mourning will be turned into celebration

**All: By your Spirit, may we make it so!**

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

## \*Response of Praise

*Praise to God, Immortal Praise*

DIX



Praiseto God,im-mor-tal praise, For the love that crowns our days! Boun-teous source of ev-ery joy,



Let thy praise our tongues em-ploy: Sing-ing thus through all our days, Praiseto God,im-mor-tal praise.

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## \*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Cindy Perkins

**Liberating One, there are times when the world's suffering is all we can see. We look for you in every direction but you are hidden. When we begin to despair, wondering if we have been abandoned to the powers of evil, remind us of your presence within. Our comforter, our strength, our hope, you are always as close as our own breath. Thanks be to the one who taught us to pray...**

**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

**Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22**

Cindy Perkins

So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, 'What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.' Then Queen Esther answered, 'If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.'

Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, 'Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?' Esther said, 'A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!' Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, 'Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high.' And the king said, 'Hang him on that.' So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

## Welcoming Song

*O Little Children*

Beautiful Flower

(Let the children come forward.)

O lit-tle chil - dren, gath - er near and learn of Je - sus' glo - ry. Now come and of his  
 good - ness hear, his love and pow'r; come list - en to — his sto - ry. —

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## Solo

*O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*  
 Ted Dvorak

John Ness Beck

O Love, that will not let me go,  
 I rest my weary soul in thee;  
 I give thee back the life I owe,  
 That in Thine ocean depths its flow  
 May richer, fuller be.

O joy that seekest me through pain,  
 I cannot close my heart to thee;  
 I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
 And feel the promise is not in vain,  
 That morn shall tearless be.

## A Moment with Our Children

Lindsay Miller

## Prayer Concerns

## Pastoral Prayer

from Enfleshed.com

## Prayer Response

## Invitation to Offering

## Anthem

*Show Us How to Love*

Mark A. Miller

Hearts open, minds awake,  
change us now for heaven's sake.  
Leave us not alone in hatred's wake.  
Show us how to love.

Hearts open, souls awake,  
rules we made we now must break.  
With our very own lives at stake  
we must learn to love.

Eyes open, shocked awake,  
much to learn from our mistakes.  
Draw us closer in our heartache.  
Show us how to love.

## Sermon

*"I Am Hidden"*

Dr. Robu

## \*Closing Hymn

*Lord Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

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## \*Benediction

## Closing Voluntary

*Cwm Rhondda*  
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. J. Bert Carlson

Select liturgy adapted or taken from Enfleshed.com

\* Let all who are able please stand.

\*\*\* Ushers will seat late comers

**North Entry Greeter** Cindy Perkins

**Communion Table Flowers** Cindy Perkins

**Cover Attribution** Kendra Cremin

Please RSVP early! Sign-up sheets in Fellowship Hall + Entry Table.  
Message us through Facebook—SHARE our Facebook post with your friends and family.  
Or RSVP through our email blast with a signup link. Not bringing your pet? Bring a picture!

**\*\*\*EXTRA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for set up/tear down since we're dining outside. Look for signup sheet on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board.\*\*\***





# BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

JOIN US FOR OUR WEEKLY  
WEDNESDAY DINNER - 5:30 PM IN THE COURTYARD

**YOUR PET(S) ARE INVITED!**

We'll be dining outside in the Courtyard on Clifton in a picnic or cook-out style dinner @ 5:30 pm, immediately followed by the 'Blessing of the Animals"! All pets welcome: cats, dogs, lizards, fish, and yes, goats. Please bring pets - on leash or in carrier - who are comfortable in crowds and around children. Or, please bring a special photo of your pet! We'll bless your pictures, too. BTW - Dinner is totally optional ..

**SIGN-UP SHEET ON FRONT ENTRY TABLE**



**NEXT  
WEDNESDAY  
OCTOBER 2ND**

5:30 PM DINNER IN THE COURTYARD FOLLOWED BY BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

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## 2025 Pine Ridge Service-Learning Trip for Adults

After taking 4 youth service-learning trips to Pine Ridge Indian Reservation to work with the organization Re-Member (2014, 2015, 2018, 2022) Plymouth took the first senior group (55+) in September of 2023. Re-Member provides resources that improve the quality of life for the members of the Oglala Lakota Nation, and creates meaningful opportunities to build understanding for their volunteers. The week involves building bunk beds, outhouses, decks, and wheelchair ramps, as well as as a strong emphasis on cultural immersion. We are currently exploring how much interest there is in doing a senior trip in 2025. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Dr. Robu. [krobu@plymouth-church.net](mailto:krobu@plymouth-church.net)



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

## Plymouth Staff

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

## Fine Arts Display Case

### Last chance to shop!

This is the final day to shop for Linda Gebert's scarves and jewelry. These are very beautiful pieces so stop by and enjoy, and make a purchase.

In October we will be featuring John Larson's Halloween and fall ceramics - we featured him last year also - for one month only. Thank you for your support of the arts!



## 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.







## OCTOBER

- OCT 2: Blessing of the Animals service in the courtyard after dinner**
- OCT 9: Justice Together Listening Session following Wed. dinner**
- OCT 13: Food packaging event organized by Missions**
- OCT 16: Annual Plymouth Talent Show**
- OCT 20: Bingo event organized by Growth Steering after the service**
- OCT 23: Progressive Pilgrims Book Club following dinner**
- OCT 30: Annual Youth Chili Feed Fundraiser @ Wed. Night Dinner**



## NOVEMBER

- NOV13: Great Plains Nature Center after dinner (bring the kids!)**
- NOV 20: Progressive Pilgrims Book Club following dinner**
- NOV 23: *Saxophone and Organ Duo* from the Fine Arts Concert Series**

## DECEMBER

- DEC 4: Christmas Pageant Rehearsal following dinner**
- DEC 8: Christmas Music Sunday**
- DEC 11: Christmas Pageant Rehearsal following dinner**
- DEC 15: Christmas Caroling @ 5:45 pm to 7:45 pm**
- DEC 18: Christmas Pageant following dinner. Pageant @ 6:30 pm**
- DEC 21: Blue Christmas Service @ 5:30 pm**
- DEC 24: Christmas Eve Services Tuesday @ 6 PM and 11 PM**

# God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7 extended

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to thy con -  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de -

pow'r. Crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry, bring its bud to  
 ways! From the fears that long have bound us, free our hearts to  
 trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and  
 plore. Let the search for thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry

glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the  
 faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the  
 poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we  
 ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing

fac - ing of this hour, (of this hour) for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 liv - ing of these days, (of these days) for the liv - ing of these days.  
 miss thy king - dom's goal, (king - dom's goal) lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 thee whom we a - dore, (we a - dore) serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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# Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's  
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us, from our strug - gling

joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,  
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion  
pil - grim way, let no fear of death ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,  
in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,  
glad your sum - mons to o - bey. May we ev - er,

O re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

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## September /October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>29</b> 9:15 AM CE Board Meeting  10:30 AM Worship Service  11:30 AM Deacons Meeting	<b>30</b> 8 AM Aerobics  2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	<b>1</b> 5:30 PM Cabinet Meeting  6:30 PM Spinning Boots	<b>2</b> 8 AM Aerobics  5:30 pm WED Night Dinner Blessing of the Animals  7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>3</b> 1:30 pm Women's AA Coffee Group	<b>4</b> 8 AM Aerobics	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b> 10:30 AM Worship Service  11:30 am Growth Steering Committee	<b>7</b> 8 AM Aerobics  2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	<b>8</b> 6:30 PM Spinning Boots	<b>9</b> 8 AM Aerobics  5:30 pm WED Night Justice Together Listening Session  7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>10</b> 1:30 pm Women's AA Coffee Group	<b>11</b> 8 AM Aerobics	<b>12</b>
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Please join us for next week for World Communion Sunday

### 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.