



# Celebration of Worship

**September 29, 2024** 

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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"
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. David Dahl

**Welcome and Announcements** 

**Introit** 

**Call to Worship** 

**Opening Hymn** 

God of Grace and God of Glory

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# \*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

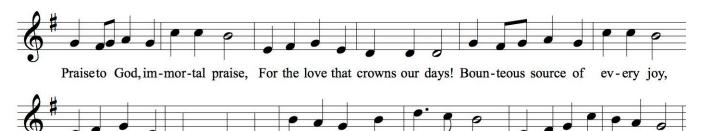
All: By your Spirit, may we make it so!

Adapted from Enfleshed.com

## \*Response of Praise

Praise to God, Immortal Praise

DIX



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

# **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.

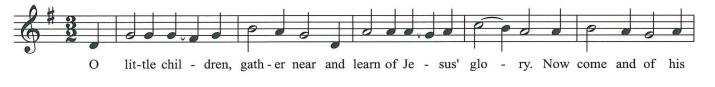
Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained 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.)





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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 Page 11

\*Benediction

Closing Voluntary Cwm Rhondda arr. J. Bert Carlson Christopher Shaw, organ

Select liturgy adapted or taken from Enfleshed.com

\* Let all who are able please stand.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> 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.\*\*\*



We'll be dining outside in the Courtyard on Clifton in a picnic or cookout 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..



## 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







#### 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.



#### **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 <u>very</u> 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—Denice 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** 

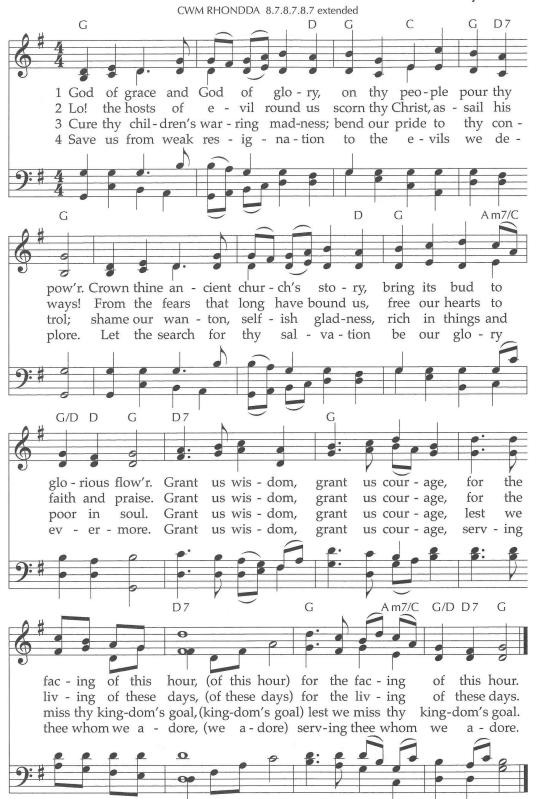
DEC 15: Christmas Caroling @ 5:45 pm to 7:45 pm

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



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September /October 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
9:15 AM CE Board Meeting 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Deacons Meeting	8 AM Aerobics 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	5:30 PM Cabinet Meeting 6:30 PM Spinning Boots	8 AM Aerobics  5:30 pm WED Night Dinner Blessing of the Animals  7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	1:30 pm Women's AA Coffee Group	8 AM Aerobics	
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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.