

# Plymouth

Congregational  
Church

*Sharing Faith's Journey*



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***Celebration of Worship***  
**September 22, 2024**

# Celebration of Worship

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10:30 am

## Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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

**Opening Voluntary**

Children of the Heavenly Father  
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. David Cherwien

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit**

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Hymn**

*O Little Children*

BEAUTIFUL FLOWER

**\*Responsive Sentences**

One: Child God

**All: God in Daycare**

One: God at home with a weary parent

**All: God at the whims of unhealed adults**

One: God at the mercy of violent systems

**All: God hiding under His desk**

One: God, sole survivor of Her family buried under rubble

**All: Child God**

One: God of Vibrant Laughter

**All: God of Holy Vulnerability**

One: God of Open-Hearted Trust

**All: God of Everyday Awe**

One: God in Need of Protection

**All: God of Inherent Worth**

One: We yield to your needs

**All: We relish your wonder. We honor you today & always.**

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

**Child God—We have forsaken you. We have failed to protect you. We have built a world too cruel for your glorious tenderness. We are sorry. We demand joyful places for you to play, safe places for you to learn, and loving places for you to belong. With the fierceness of a cry and the gentleness of a lullaby—we pray that God's kingdom may come...**

**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

Mark 9:30-37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

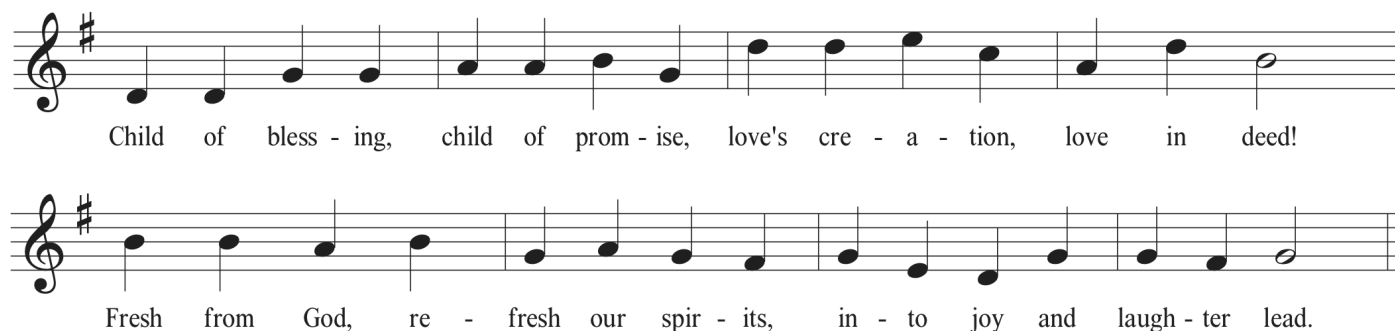
Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

## 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

“Laudamus te” from *Gloria* Antonio Vivaldi  
Victoria Olson and Lydia Bechtel, sopranos

“We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee.”

## **A Moment with Our Children**

Lindsay Miller

### **Prayer Concerns**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

from Enfleshed.com

### **Prayer Response**

### **Invitation to Offering**

## **Anthem**

*O Be Joyful*  
Chancel Choir

*Philip WJ Stopford*

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands.  
Serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before His presence with a song.  
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God.  
It is He that hath made us and not we ourselves.  
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.  
O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving  
and into His courts with praise.  
Be thankful unto Him and speak good of His name.  
For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting,  
and His truth endureth from generation to generation.  
Glory be to the Father and to the son  
and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be;  
world without end. Amen!

(text from Psalm 100 and "Gloria Patri")

## **Sermon**

*"Welcome the Children"*

Dr. Robu

## **\*Closing Hymn**

*These Treasured Children*

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## **\*Benediction**

## **Closing Voluntary**

Toccata in e minor  
Christopher Shaw, organ

Johann Pachelbel

\* Let all who are able please stand.

\*\*\* Ushers will seat late comers

Select liturgy adapted or taken from Enfleshed.com

## Plymouth Staff

**North Entry Greeter** Nancy Roskam

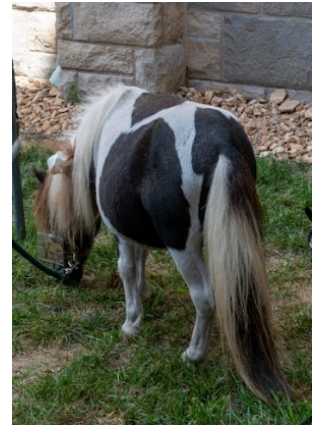
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**\*Coming Soon!\***  
**OCT 2nd WED NIGHT DINNER +  
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**  
**Dinner in the Courtyard @ 5:30 PM**  
**followed by Dr. Robu's blessing**

Pets must be on leash or in a carrier. If your pet(s) are not well behaved or comfortable around children and other animals, you're welcome to bring a picture for the blessing!



## 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 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.redwheel fundraising.com](http://www.redwheel fundraising.com)

Installation of Senior Minister, Rev. Dr. Karen Robu and Church Picnic  
Thank you all for sharing a special day at Plymouth  
09.15.2024



## Fine Arts Display Case

### Only two more Sunday's left!

There are two more weeks/Sundays for sales of 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 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**

# Child of blessing, child of promise

STUTT GART 87. 87

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 2/2 time. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are arranged in three columns, corresponding to the three systems.

1 Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise,  
2 Child of joy, our dear - est trea - sure,  
3 Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent,

love's cre - a - tion, love in - deed! Fresh from God, re -  
God's you are, from God you came. Back to God we  
learn to know whose child you are. Grow to laugh and

fresh our spir - its, in - to joy and laugh - ter lead.  
hum - bly give you, bless - ing you in Je - sus' name.  
sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

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# These Treasured Children

1 These trea - sured chil - dren pres - ent now are bound to  
 2 Our an - cient sto - ry we shall tell, till these our  
 3 We long to trust as chil - dren do and so en -  
 4 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, help us be a nur - tur -  
 5 Then, ten - der God, each child em - brace; God give them

us by sa - cred vow: with love, we make a  
 chil - dren know it well with - in their souls and  
 trust our days to you; in their young lives we  
 ing com - mu - ni - ty; em - pow - er us to  
 bless - ings, grant them grace. Sur - prise them, God, with

heart - felt claim to wel - come them in Je - sus' name.  
 minds and hearts, for this is where their jour - ney starts.  
 clear - ly see a les - son in hu - mil - i - ty.  
 re - a - lize God's king - dom through our chil - dren's eyes.  
 won - ders still, and gent - ly guide them to your will.

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# September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>22</b> 10:30 AM Worship Service  8:30—1:30 Red Cross Blood Drive  12:00 PM Nominating Committee	<b>23</b> 8 AM Aerobics  2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	<b>24</b> 5:30 pm Trustees Meeting  6:30 PM Spinning Boots	<b>25</b> 8 AM Aerobics  5:30 pm WED Night Dinner & Book Club  7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>26</b> Preschool Carnival	<b>27</b> 8 AM Aerobics	<b>28</b>
<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>	<b>4</b> 8 AM Aerobics	<b>5</b>
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**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.