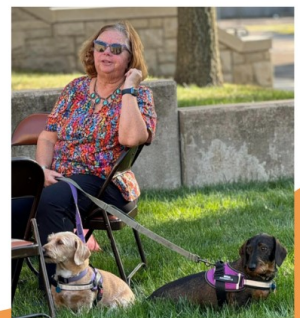


# Plymouth

Congregational  
Church

*Sharing Faith's Journey*

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS



***Celebration of Worship***  
**October 6, 2024**

# Celebration of Worship

October 6, 2024

10:30 am

## Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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

**Opening Voluntary**

"Gather Us In"  
Ken Rodgers, Guest Organist

arr. John Behnke

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Stewardship Moment**

Steve and Sally Kimball

**Introit**

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Hymn**

*God You Spin the Whirling Planets*

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**\*Responsive Sentences**

Clifford Depew

One: What names might the flora and fauna  
have for us in the languages they speak?

**All: How might the crow sing of us to her sister?**

One: What names might the mushrooms call you?

**All: How about the inchworm, the olive tree,  
the fawn with her shining eyes?**

One: The Relational God beckons us not towards hierarchy

**All: not towards categories separating us from them**

One: but towards Mystery; towards Belonging;

**All: towards sacred, mystifying, reverent Interdependence.**

Adapted from Enfleshed.com

## \*Response of Praise

*Praise to God, Immortal Praise*

DIX

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "Praise to 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, Praise to God, im-mor-tal praise."

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## \*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

**God of intimacy, God of grief, God of stubborn, stubborn hope—commune with us. Weave us together. Keep our hearts tender towards loss and our spirits united towards collective liberation as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught...**

**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

Genesis 2:18-24

Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

'This at last is bone of my bones  
and flesh of my flesh;  
this one shall be called Woman,  
for out of Man this one was taken.'

Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

## 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

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good - ness hear, his love and pow'r; come list - en to\_\_ his sto - ry.\_\_\_\_

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## A Moment with Our Children

Lindsay Miller

### Solo

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken* arr. Howard Helvey  
Aubrie Culver, soloist

For the bread which you have broken,  
for the wine which you have poured,  
for the words which you have spoken,  
now we give you thanks, O Lord.

By the pledge that you do love us,  
your gift of peace restored,  
by your call to heaven above us,  
hallow all our lives, O Lord.

With our sainted ones in glory  
seated at the heavenly board,  
may the church that's waiting for you  
keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

In your service, Lord, defend us,  
in our hearts keep watch and ward;  
in the world where you have sent us,  
let your kingdom come, O Lord

## Prayer Concerns

### Pastoral Prayer

from Enfleshed.com

### Prayer Response

### Invitation to Offering

## **Anthem**

*I Will Sing Praise*  
Scott Hay, Guest Conductor

Joseph M. Martin

I will sing praise to the Lord, my God,  
Lift up my voice in the sanctuary.  
I will sing praise to the Lord, my God;  
I will sing Alleluia, and praise his holy  
name.

Sing the glory of his name;  
I will praise his name forever,  
Oh, the name above all names.  
I will sing praise to him, give all my life  
to him;

Sing Alleluia, all heavens rejoice!  
Sing Alleluia, lift high your voice.  
Sing Alleluia and make a joyful noise.

Oh, I will sing praise to the Lord, my God,  
Lift up my voice in the sanctuary.  
I will sing praise to the Lord, my God;  
I will sing Alleluia, and praise his holy name!

## **Sermon**

*"What's in a Name"*

Dr. Robu

## **Celebration of Communion**

### **Prayer**

Distribution of the bread  
(Please partake of the bread when served as a symbol of your individual faith.)

Distribution of the wine  
(Please hold the cup to partake together as a symbol of our unity in Christ.)

### **Unison Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**We give thanks, loving God, that you have refreshed us at your table. Strengthen our faith; increase our love for one another. As we have been fed by the seed that became grain, and then became bread, may we go out into the world to plant seeds of peace, justice, transformation, and hope. Amen.**

### **\*Closing Hymn**

*You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*

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### **\*Benediction**

### **Closing Voluntary**

"Postlude on CREATION"  
Ken Rodgers, Guest Organist

Haydn/Charles Callahan

Select liturgy adapted or taken from Enfleshed.com

Communion liturgy by Heanye Slettom

\* Let all who are able please stand.

\*\*\* Ushers will seat late comers

**North Entry Greeter** Katy Brammer

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### \*\*\*SUN/OCT 13th Annual Missions Food Packing Event\*\*\*

#### Following Sunday Worship Service /11:30 am

Have you joined a team yet? Don't wait. A little over half of the team spots are filled. The food packing event – to benefit The Outreach Program - is a great 'team' sport for families. We'll gather in FSH right after the worship service to pack nutritious meal kits to be shared in our LOCAL community. Pizza lunch will be provided. **Sign up sheet located on FSH bulletin board. Or, email [office@plymouth-church.net](mailto:office@plymouth-church.net)**



### SUN/OCT 20TH Plymouth's FIRST Bingo Event - SUN/OCT 20TH

Please plan to join us for our first Plymouth Bingo event on Sunday, October 20th, 2024 from 11:30-1:30. We will eat lunch immediately after church then Bingo will begin at 12:00 and conclude by 1:30. Tickets are \$10 per person. With your ticket you will receive lunch and 10 Bingo Cards to play 10 Bingo games. Lunch will include a sandwich, chips and dessert. Additional Bingo cards may be purchased and Bingo daubers will also be on sale at the event. Tickets may be purchased online through this link or through the church office. Proceeds will be used to promote Plymouth Congregational Church in the community.



\*\*\***We are in need of prizes for the Bingo winners**\*\*\* and it would be great if we could combine items to make larger prizes. Ideas for prizes are gift cards, baked goods, quilts, etc. All prizes will be donated by the congregation. If you would like to donate an item for the Bingo prizes, please contact Holly Yager

## October 27th New Member Sunday

Have you been thinking about joining Plymouth Church? We'll be hosting a special service on the 27th to welcome new members. Membership allows you to vote in church matters, and allows you to serve on one of our many committees. Interested in learning more? It's easy! Reach out to Dr. Robu for more information. Join us!



## 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)

Dates September 13-19, 2025

Cost \$800 per person covers accommodations, food, and all programming.

## One Great Hour of Sharing—Hurricane Helene Relief



Working together, we can help the survivors of Hurricane Helene. The Mission and Outreach Ministry Council (MOMC) is gratefully accepting One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) donations, which will be disbursed to Convoy of Hope, NACCC mission partners, vetted individuals providing aid, and NACCC churches impacted by or helping with relief efforts. [www.naccc.org/donate](http://www.naccc.org/donate)

Donate through our QR code platform, and we'll make one donation on behalf of Plymouth members.



## Fine Arts Display Case

**COMING IN OCTOBER - FOR ONE MONTH ONLY**

### JOSHUA LARSON'S HALLOWEEN AND FALL CERAMICS.

We welcome back Joshua Larson! He has been creating pottery for over eleven years. He specializes in wheel thrown pieces with a concentration on colorful, creative, and functional pieces. Joshua loves to travel, and each season gets inspired with new techniques to help his artistry evolve. Joshua especially loves visiting Mexico and gets inspired with all the color and patterns used in that part of the world.

When not at pottery class Joshua can be found heading up the education program at Music Theatre Wichita or selling real estate with Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices PenFed Realty. Be sure to stop by to view – and purchase - his Halloween and other pottery creations between Oct 6th and Nov 1st. His work is sure to be of interest and beautifully crafted. Eighty-five percent of the sales returns to Josh and fifteen percent to the Fine Arts Fund. Thank you for your support!

## Fine Arts Hallway Display

Featuring the work of 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.



## 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





## 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, You Spin the Whirling Planets

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D) (G)  
 E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>

1 God, you spin the whirl-ing plan - ets, fill the seas and  
 2 You have called us to be faith - ful in our life and  
 3 God, your word is still cre - at - ing, call - ing us to

(D) (A) (D) (Bm) (G) (D) (G) (A) (D)  
 E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> Cm A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>

spread the plain, mold the moun-tains, fash-ion blos-soms, call forth  
 min - is - try. We re - spond in grate-ful wor-ship joined in  
 life made new. Now re - veal to us fresh vis - tas where there's

(G) (D) (A) (D) (G) (D) (A)  
 A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup>

sun - shine, wind, and rain. We, cre - at - ed in your im - age,  
 one com - mu - ni - ty. When we blur your gra - cious im - age,  
 work to dare and do. Keep us clear of all dis - tor - tion.

(D) (Bm)(F#m) (G)(A) (D) (G)  
 E<sup>b</sup> Cm Gm A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup>

would a true re - flec - tion be of your jus - tice,  
 fo - cus us and make us whole. Healed and strength - ened  
 Pol - ish us with lov - ing care. Thus, new crea - tures

(D) (G) (A) (D) (G) (Em) (D) (A) (D)  
 E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup> A<sup>b</sup> Fm E<sup>b</sup> B<sup>b</sup> E<sup>b</sup>

grace, and mer - cy and the truth that makes us free.  
 as your peo - ple, we move on - ward toward your goal.  
 in your im - age, we'll pro - claim Christ ev - ery - where.

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# You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Refrain



You sat-is - fy the hun - gry heart with gift of fin - est wheat;



come give to us, O sav-ing Lord, the bread of life to eat.



1 As when the shep-herd calls his sheep, they know and heed his voice,  
2 With joy - ful lips we sing to you our praise and grat - i - tude

4 The mys-tery of your pres-ence, Lord, no mor - tal tongue can tell:  
5 You give your-self to us, O Lord; then self - less let us be,



so when you call your fam - ily, Lord, we fol - low and re-joice.  
that you should count us wor-thy, Lord, to share this heaven-ly food.

whom all the world can-not con-tain comes in our hearts to dwell.  
to serve each oth - er in your name in truth and char - i - ty.

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# October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>6</b>  <b>10:30 AM</b> <b>Worship Service</b>  <b>11:30 am</b> <b>Growth Steering Committee</b>	<b>7</b>  <b>8 AM</b> <b>Aerobics</b>  <b>2pm</b> <b>Prairie Wind Folk Dancers</b>	<b>8</b>  <b>6:30 PM</b> <b>Spinning Boots</b>	<b>9</b>  <b>8 AM</b> <b>Aerobics</b>  <b>5:30 pm</b> <b>WED Night Justice Together Listening Session</b>  <b>7:00 pm</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>10</b>  <b>1:30 pm</b> <b>Women's AA Coffee Group</b>	<b>11</b>  <b>8 AM</b> <b>Aerobics</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>  <b>10:30 AM</b> <b>Worship Service</b>  <b>11:30</b> <b>Missions Food Pkg Event</b>	<b>14</b>  <b>8 AM</b> <b>Aerobics</b>  <b>2pm</b> <b>Prairie Wind Folk Dancers</b>	<b>15</b>  <b>6:30 PM</b> <b>Spinning Boots</b>	<b>16</b>  <b>8 AM</b> <b>Aerobics</b>  <b>5:30 pm</b> <b>WED Night Dinner + TALENT SHOW</b>  <b>7:00 pm</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>1:30 pm</b> <b>Women's AA Coffee Group</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>8 AM</b> <b>Aerobics</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>  <b>10:30 AM</b> <b>Worship Service</b>  <b>9am</b> <b>Missions Board</b>  <b>9am</b> <b>Fine Arts Board</b>	<b>21</b>  <b>8 AM</b> <b>Aerobics</b>  <b>2pm</b> <b>Prairie Wind Folk Dancers</b>	<b>22</b>  <b>5:30 pm</b> <b>Trustees Meeting</b>  <b>6:30 PM</b> <b>Spinning Boots</b>	<b>23</b>  <b>8 AM</b> <b>Aerobics</b>  <b>5:30 pm</b> <b>WED Night dinner + book club</b>  <b>7:00 pm</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>1:30 pm</b> <b>Women's AA Coffee Group</b>	<b>25</b>  <b>8 AM</b> <b>Aerobics</b>	<b>26</b>

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

## 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.