

Celebration of Worship

October 13, 2024

10:30 am

Twenty First Sunday after Pentecost

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

Opening Voluntary

We Praise Your Name
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Emma Lou Diemer

Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Moment

Claire Watson

Introit

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

Could It Be That God Is Singing

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***Responsive Sentences**

Kitchel Woods

One: Bless God who is moved by our suffering.

All: Bless God who hears us when we call out.

One: Bless God who can handle our harshest words,

All: Who knows grief need not be well-mannered and lament need not be civil.

One: Bless God who does not ask us to move on before we are ready;

All: God offers no hollow words nor easy answers.

One: God waits with us soulfully in our sorrow.

All: Bless God who Blesses us.

Adapted from Enfleshed.com

Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?
 No; but he would give heed to me.
 There an upright person could reason with him,
 and I should be acquitted for ever by my judge.

'If I go forward, he is not there;
 or backward, I cannot perceive him;
 on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;
 I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.
 God has made my heart faint;
 the Almighty has terrified me;
 If only I could vanish in darkness,
 and thick darkness would cover my face!

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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A Moment with Our Children

Lindsay Miller

Solo

Sing me to Heaven
 Ellen Sudarshan

Daniel E. Gawthrop

In my heart's sequestered chambers
 lie truths stripped of poet's gloss.
 Words alone are vain and vacant
 and my heart is mute.

If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby.
 If you would win my heart, sing me a love song.
 If you would mourn me and bring me to God,
 sing me a requiem, sing me to heaven.

In response to aching silence
 memory summons half-heard voices,
 and my soul finds primal eloquence
 and wraps me in song.

Touch in me all love and passion, pain
 and pleasure—touch in me grief and comfort;
 Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem.
 Love me, comfort me, bring me to God:
 Sing me a love song, sing me to heaven

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

from Enfleshed.com

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

For Everyone Born

arr. Tom Trenney

For everyone born, a place at the table,
for everyone born, clean water and bread,
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
for everyone born, a star overhead,

For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song.
The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong

And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table,
revising the roles, deciding the share,
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,
a system that's fair,

For everyone born, a place at the table,
to live without fear, and simply to be,
to work, to speak out, to speak witness and
worship,
for everyone born, the right to be free!

And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
yes, God will delight when we are creators
of justice, justice and joy!

And God will delight when we are creators
of justice and joy, compassion and peace:
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Sermon

Job Part I: "The Trial of God"

Dr. Robu

*Closing Hymn

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*Benediction

Closing Voluntary

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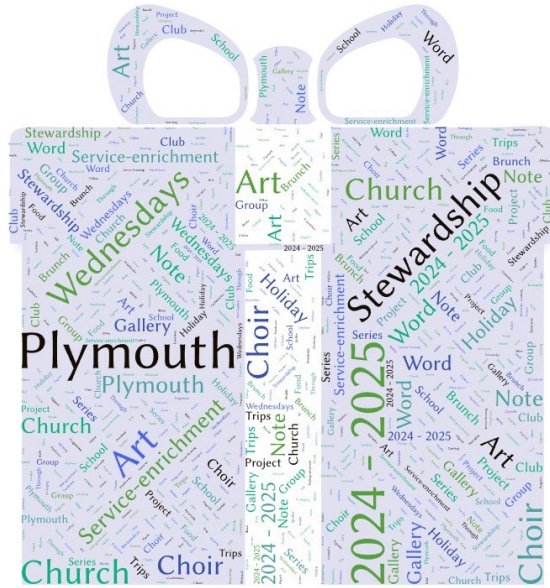
arr. Emma Lou Diemer

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* Let all who are able please stand.

*** Ushers will seat late comers

North Entry Greeter Jeanne Thompson



Honoring our Heritage, Welcoming our Future Stewardship 2025



for

Thanks & giving

Honoring our Heritage,
Welcoming our Future

- new senior minister
- new parking lot
- preschool expansion
- community outreach
- new Wed Night focus on kids
- outreach to preschool families
- expanded social media and PR
- property management improvements
- outreach through interfaith programs

In our stewardship drive this year, we focus on our rich and rewarding heritage, and we welcome a great future ahead. It is with this sense of optimism and hope, that we ask for your commitments to support Plymouth’s operating and general expenses (\$375,000) for the coming year. Thank you for your generosity and support.

You may make your pledge for the calendar year 2025, by check, bank draft, credit card, via Qualified Charitable Donation or via Tithely Online. Scan the QR code below to use our secure payment platform.



Plymouth donors have several funding choices for making pledges. Cash payments are the most familiar, but there are two popular additional options. First, a gift of appreciated stock can avoid capital gains tax liability to the donor. For this option, the donor will need to be able to identify the cost basis in the stock. Second, a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution can be made from all or a portion of an IRA’s required minimum distribution (RMD) of a member. This option can avoid tax liability on the donated portion of the RMD, but it must be paid directly to the church from the IRA’s custodian. For either option, and to determine if additional tax-saving methods are available, it is imperative that the donor consult in advance with the donor’s tax advisor.

WED/OCT 16th Wednesday Night Dinner

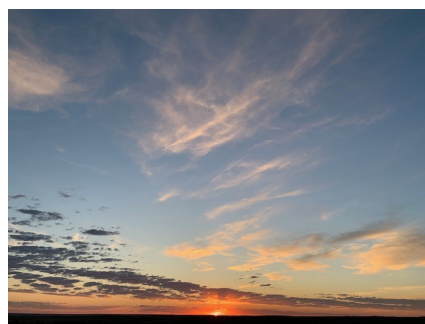
We've Got Talent! Plymouth's Annual Talent show

Back by popular demand! It's our annual talent show following Wednesday Night Dinner. Be sure to visit the sign-up sheet on the FSH bulletin board.



Or fee free to email office@plymouth-church.net

Menu: Chicken & noodles, Vegetable soup, Mashed potatoes, Steamed veggies, Dessert



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-

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SUN/OCT 20TH Plymouth's First Bingo Event

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 at holly.yager@gmail.com.

Fine Arts Hallway Display

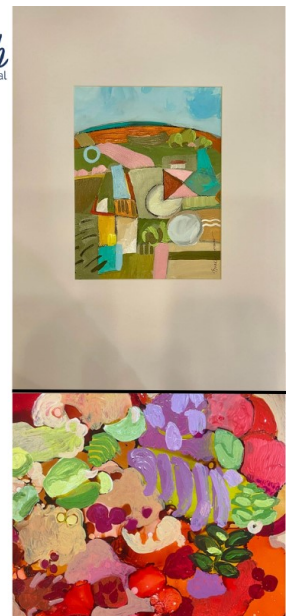
On display now through October. “Leaf of Faith”

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..



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Denise Brueggeman
Plymouth Hallway Gallery



OCTOBER

- 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
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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.



Could It Be That God Is Singing

INVITATION NEW 8.7.8.7 D

E C#m E/B

1 Could it be that God is sing - ing and these notes are my re -
 2 Have you car-ried heav-y si - lence, have you let old sor-rows
 3 Hal - le - lu - jah for my Je - sus, for his life's sur-pris-ing

E C#m

ply to the God - light warm with - in me, join - ing
 win, or pro-claimed psalms of for - give - ness, but not
 course! May I, too, live bold re - sist - ance to in -

E/B E B E

earth and sea and sky? Sure - ly mer - cy has a
 of - fered them with - in? Oh, the Spir - it, she was
 jus - tice, hate, and force. Sure - ly peace, it has a

C#m7 B E C#m

ca - dence— I can feel it in my soul! Sure - ly
 sing - ing, e - ven when we could not hear her a -
 ca - dence, ask - ing all of what we bring! And if

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E/B C#m E/B E

jus - tice builds a cho - rus, mak - ing all God's chil - dren whole!
 bun - dant streams of liv - ing, wait - ing for us to come near.
 mu - sic is God breath - ing, take a ho - ly breath and sing!

LIVING AND DYING IN CHRIST

When We Must Bear Persistent Pain

1 When we must bear per - sis - tent pain and suf - fer
 2 Sup - port us as we learn new ways to care for
 3 We thank you for the bet - ter days when we may
 4 In ease or pain, in life and death, to you our

with no cure in sight, come, Ho - ly Pres - ence,
 bod - ies new - ly frail. Help us en - dure, and
 smile to greet the sun, to do your work with
 frag - ile lives be - long, and so we trust you

breathe your peace with gifts of warmth and heal - ing light.
 live and love. Hear our com - plaint when pa - tience fails.
 clear - ing mind, and bless your name when day is done.
 in all things. You are our hope, our health, our song.

October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
13 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 Missions Food Pkg Event	14 8 AM Aerobics 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	15 6:30 PM Spinning Boots	16 8 AM Aerobics 5:30 pm WED Night Dinner + TALENT SHOW 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	17 11:30 am Lunch & Walk! 12:30 pm Plymouth Projects 1:30 pm Women's AA Coffee Group	18 8 AM Aerobics	19
20 9 am Missions Board 9 am Fine Arts Board 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 BINGO! And pizza!	21 8 AM Aerobics 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	22 5:30 pm Trustees 6:30 PM Spinning Boots	23 8 AM Aerobics 5:30 pm WED Night Dinner + Book Club 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	24 11:30 am Lunch & Walk! 12:30 pm Plymouth Projects 1:30 pm Women's AA Coffee Group	25 8 AM Aerobics	26
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Please join us next week for Job: Part II of Dr. Robu's Sermon—"God With Us"

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.