



Celebration of Worship
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10:30 am

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

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

Opening Voluntary

Variations on "St. Columbia"
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Bruce Campbell

Welcome and Announcements

Stewardship Moment

Emily Son

Introit

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King

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***Responsive Sentences**

Karon Giles

One: Let us gather in the presence of our Creator.

All: By Their hand, the dawn of each new day breaks!

One: Each evening, when the days end calls us to come and rest,

All: God covers us in the darkness of night.

One: In joy and in struggle, the rhythms of creation uphold us.

All: Thanks be to God who renews all life.

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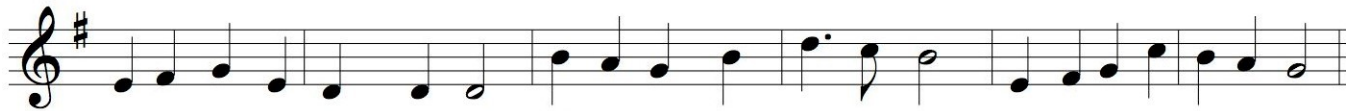
*Response of Praise

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

God, open our eyes. Open our hearts. Open our ears. The wonder of creation testifies to your wisdom. There is no creature that falls outside of your caring embrace - not a single life-form is insignificant to you. When we struggle to find our place among the whole, or are insecure or arrogant about where we belong, ground us, O God, in the love of the one who taught us to pray...

Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy 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.

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Scripture Reading

Job 38:1-7, 34-41

Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind:
'Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?
Gird up your loins like a man,
I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

'Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?
Tell me, if you have understanding.
Who determined its measurements—surely you know!
Or who stretched the line upon it?
On what were its bases sunk,
or who laid its cornerstone
when the morning stars sang together
and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

‘Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,
 so that a flood of waters may cover you?
 Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go
 and say to you, “Here we are”?
 Who has put wisdom in the inward parts,
 or given understanding to the mind?
 Who has the wisdom to number the clouds?
 Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens,
 when the dust runs into a mass
 and the clods cling together?

‘Can you hunt the prey for the lion,
 or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,
 when they crouch in their dens,
 or lie in wait in their covert?
 Who provides for the raven its prey,
 when its young ones cry to God,
 and wander about for lack of food?

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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is Diane Fast

arr. Dan Forrest

The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
But yet in love He sought me,
And on His shoulder gently laid,
And home, rejoicing brought me.

Where streams of living water flows,
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

The King of love my Shepherd is,
my shepherd is the King of love;
And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

from Enfleshed.com

Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

On Eagles Wings

arr. Douglas E. Wagner

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of His hand.

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of His hand.

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in His shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge, my Rock in
whom I trust!"

You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you, near you it
shall not come.

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of His hand.

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of His hand.

The snare of the fowler will never capture
you,
and famine will bring you no fear:
under His wings your refuge, His faithful-
ness your shield.

For to His angels He's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up, lest
you dash your foot against a stone.

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of His hand.

Sermon

“Job Part II: God’s Reply”

Dr. Robu

***Closing Hymn**

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***Benediction**

Closing Voluntary

Quintal Toccata
Christopher Shaw, organ

J. William Greene

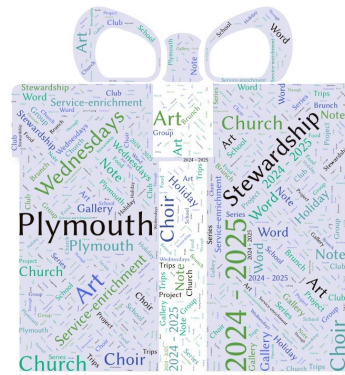
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* Let all who are able please stand.

*** Ushers will seat late comers

North Entry Greeter Roxie Mengelkoch

Honoring our Heritage, Welcoming our Future Stewardship 2025



You may use the QR code below to register your pledge online, where you'll be able to select your preferences for 2025, including total amount and frequency [weekly, monthly, quarterly, annually] If you need any assistance, please contact Julie Martin in the church office: office@plymouth-church.net or 684-0221.



Thanks ^{for} 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.





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.



SAT | NOV 23 7 PM Saxophone & Organ

Plymouth organist Christopher Shaw will be joined by saxophonist Nick May, featuring a new commission by Evan Boegehold.

General admission tickets = \$20. Student tickets = \$5

Available at the door with current student ID. Reception to follow.

Fine Arts Display Case

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.



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..



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 20: Bingo event organized by Growth Steering after the service
OCT 23: Progressive Pilgrims Book Club following dinner
OCT 27: Annual Budget Meeting @11:30am
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

New Member Sunday October 27th—Next Week!

Becoming a member is easy, and includes the ability to vote with our congregation, and to serve on a variety of boards and committees. If you've been thinking about joining but haven't taken the step, we hope you'll join us.

****NOTICE OF ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING****

-- TO ALL MEMBERS OF PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WICHITA, KANSAS: -

Thank you for joining us for this important vote on Sunday, October 27, 2024.

Please take notice that the Budget Committee of Plymouth Congregational Church of Wichita, Kansas has called for the Annual Budget Meeting of all church members.

The purposes of this meeting are for the members:

- (1) to discuss and vote upon the 2025 Recommended Annual Church Budget, and
- (2) to receive a full report from the Nominating Committee's slate of candidates for all 2025 officer positions, boards and committees and to elect them as recommended.

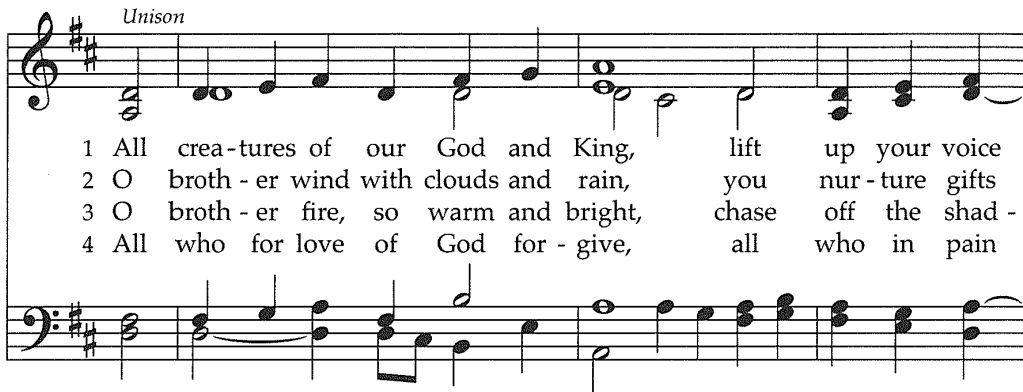
This meeting will be held on Sunday, October 27, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary at Plymouth Congregational Church, 202 N. Clifton, Wichita, Kansas

Your attendance, and your vote, is important.

Dated this 14th day of October 2024.

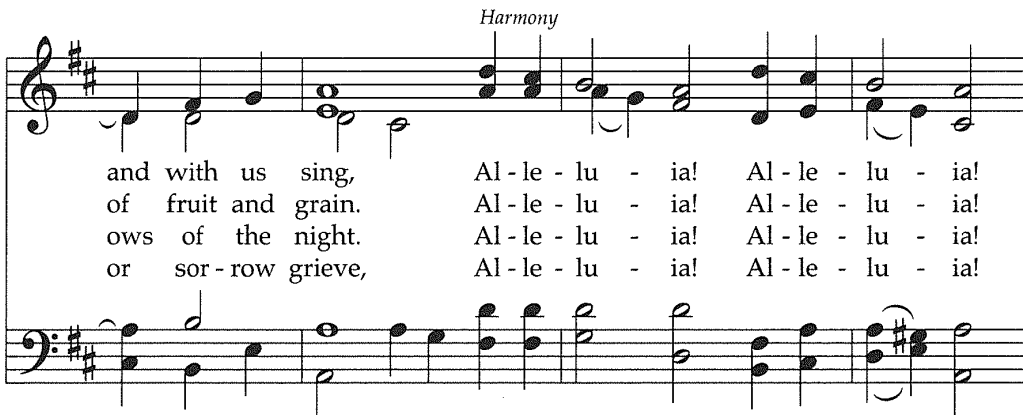
All Creatures of Our God and King

Unison



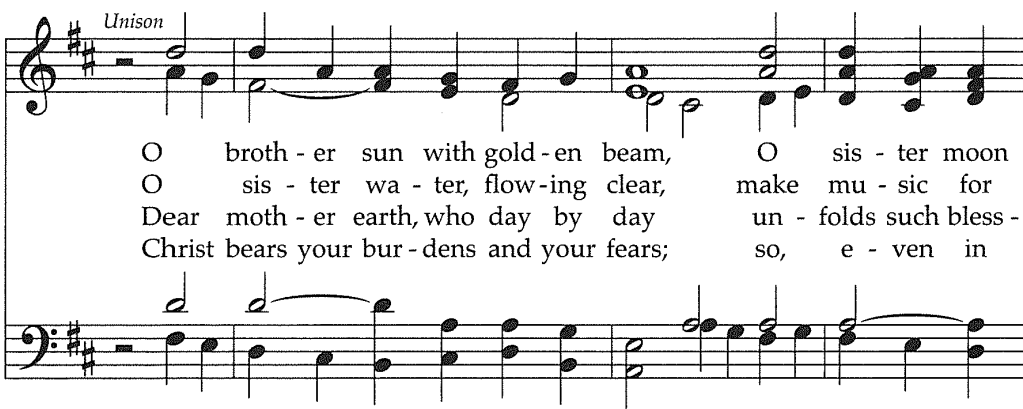
1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice
 2 O broth - er wind with clouds and rain, you nur - ture gifts
 3 O broth - er fire, so warm and bright, chase off the shad -
 4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain

Harmony



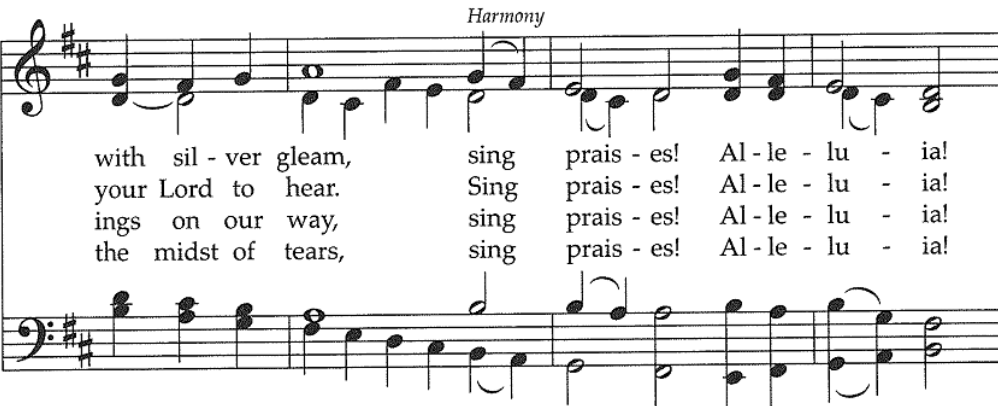
and with us sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 of fruit and grain. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ous of the night. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 or sor - row grieve, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison



O broth - er sun with gold - en beam, O sis - ter moon
 O sis - ter wa - ter, flow - ing clear, make mu - sic for
 Dear moth - er earth, who day by day un - folds such bless -
 Christ bears your bur - dens and your fears; so, e - ven in

Harmony



with sil - ver gleam, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 your Lord to hear. Sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ings on our way, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!
 the midst of tears, sing prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia!

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Unison

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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 /November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
20 9 am Missions Board 9 am Fine Arts Board 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 BINGO!	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 Dr. Robu's Sermon—Job Part III: 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.