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***Celebration of Worship***  
**October 27, 2024**

# Celebration of Worship

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10:30 am

## Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

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

**Opening Voluntary**

*Allegro, from Concerto in a minor*  
Christopher Shaw, organ

Vivaldi/Bach

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Stewardship Moment**

**Rich Euson**

**Introit**

**Call to Worship**

**Opening Hymn**

*When the Morning Stars Together*

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**\*Responsive Sentences**

**Cindy Perkins**

One: In our grief, God never tells us to get over it. She cradles us and sways us back and forth.

**All: God's heart beats with ours!**

One: God doesn't explain away our sorrow, making our pain into a lesson or a cross to bear.

**All: God weeps with us!**

One: Hallelujah, God doesn't offer easy answers --

**All: God is with us in the Mystery.**

Adapted from [Enfleshed.com](http://Enfleshed.com)

## Response of Praise

*Praise to God, Immortal Praise*

DIX

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Praiseto God,im-mor-tal praise, For the love that crowns our days! Boun-teous source of ev-ery joy,". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "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

**Divine Teacher, you are patient and wise. You do not rush our growth with a controlling hand. Neither are you passive before our harmful wrongdoing. You call each and all of us into honest and sacred introspection as a practice of our faith. That we may find healing, encounter truth, and show up with and for each other and all our neighbors with courage and humility. With Christ as our guide, we 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.**

Invocation adapted from [Enfleshed.com](http://Enfleshed.com)

## Scripture Reading

**Job 42:1-6, 10-17**

Then Job answered the Lord:  
'I know that you can do all things,  
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted.  
"Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?"  
Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand,  
things too wonderful for me, which I did not know.  
"Hear, and I will speak;  
I will question you, and you declare to me."  
I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear,  
but now my eye sees you;  
therefore I despise myself,  
and repent in dust and ashes.'

And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring.

The Lord blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

## **Reception of New Members**

### **New Members Reading of the 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 and 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.

### **Response of the Congregation**

**We, the members of Plymouth Congregational Church, welcome you into our communion and fellowship with joy. We pledge to you our help, our prayers, and our support, that we may evermore increase in the knowledge and love of God. God grant that loving and being loved, blessing and being blessed, serving, and being served, we may be prepared while we dwell together on earth, for the building up of the Kingdom of God.**

### **Prayer**

### **Right Hand of Fellowship**

## 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. \_\_\_

The musical notation is on a single staff in G major (one sharp). It begins with a 3/2 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. At measure 6, the time signature changes to 9/4. At measure 10, it changes to 3/2. At measure 12, it changes to 4/4. The piece ends with a double bar line.

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## A Moment with Our Children

Lindsay Miller

### Solo

*Be Still, My Soul*  
Clifton Vogt

arr. Jerry Ray

Be still, my soul, the Lord is on thy side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to thy God to order and provide.  
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul, thy best thy heav'nly Friend,  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul, thy God doth undertake  
To guide the future as He has the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake.

All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul, the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul, the Lord is on thy side;  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to thy God to order and provide.  
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul, thy best thy heav'nly Friend,  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

## Prayer Concerns

### Pastoral Prayer

from [Enfleshed.com](http://Enfleshed.com)

### Prayer Response

### Invitation to Offering

## **Anthem**

*We Have Come to Sing*

*Larry Shackley*

We have come to worship the Lord!  
We have come to sing!

Brethren, we have met to worship  
and adore the Lord our God.  
Will you pray with all your power,  
while we try to preach the Word?

All is vain unless the Spirit  
of the Holy One comes down;  
Brethren, pray, and holy manna  
will be showered all around.

Come, Christians, join to sing  
Alleluia! Amen!

Let all with heart and voice,  
before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice:  
Alleluia! Amen!

Let us love our God supremely,  
let us love each other, too;  
Let us love and pray for sinners,  
Till our God makes all things new.

Then He'll call us home to heaven,  
at His table we'll sit down,  
And we'll sing His praise forever  
with a joyful, heav'nly sound!

We have come to worship the Lord!  
We have come to sing!  
Alleluia!

## **Sermon**

*"Job Part III: "Why Me?"*

Dr. Robu

## **\*Closing Hymn**

*"God Be With You Til We Meet Again"*

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## **\*Benediction**

## **Annual Meeting**

Select liturgy adapted or taken from [Enfleshed.com](http://Enfleshed.com)

\* Let all who are able please stand.

\*\*\* Ushers will seat late comers

**North Entry Greeter** Cathy Yager

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## **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

# Honoring our Heritage, Welcoming our Future Stewardship 2025

Pledge cards are available in our office. We'll be happy to send you one by mail, as well. Questions about pledging? Contact one of the Stewardship co-chairs: Chris Bennett [cbennett@ppmwichita.com](mailto:cbennett@ppmwichita.com) or Rich Euson [richeuson@aol.com](mailto:richeuson@aol.com)

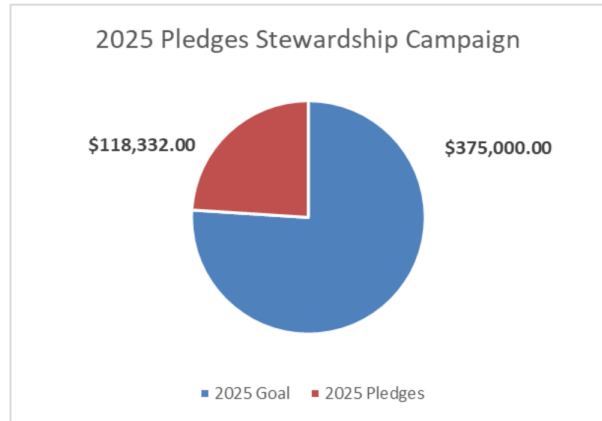
## Thanks<sup>for</sup> giving



We're off to a GREAT start!

### Honoring our Heritage, Welcoming our Future

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 commitment to support Plymouth's operating and general expenses (\$375,000) for the coming year. Thank you for your generosity and support Pledge forms available in the church office. Or, we're happy to mail information to you as well.



Questions about pledging? Contact one of the Stewardship co-chairs: Chris Bennett: [cbennett@ppmwichita.com](mailto:cbennett@ppmwichita.com) or Rich Euson: [richeuson@aol.com](mailto:richeuson@aol.com)



SAT | NOV 23 7 PM Saxophone & Organ Duo

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.



## 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. [rkrobu@plymouth-church.net](mailto:rkrobu@plymouth-church.net)

## Fine Arts Display Case

**Only a few days left!**

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.



## Fine Arts Hallway Display

Denise Brueggeman's show is closing on Oct 31st.

Please enjoy her vibrant paintings and imagine one of them in your home -- or as a gift to a special someone. Each abstract painting should be appreciated for its own beauty and unique qualities.







## OCTOBER

- 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

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## Annual Meeting immediately following worship service

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### **\*\*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.

# When the Morning Stars Together

1 When the morn - ing stars to - geth - er their Cre - a - tor's  
 2 When in syn - a - gogue and tem - ple voic - es raised the  
 3 Voice and in - stru - ment in un - ion through the a - ges  
 4 Lord, we bring our gift of mu - sic; touch our lips and

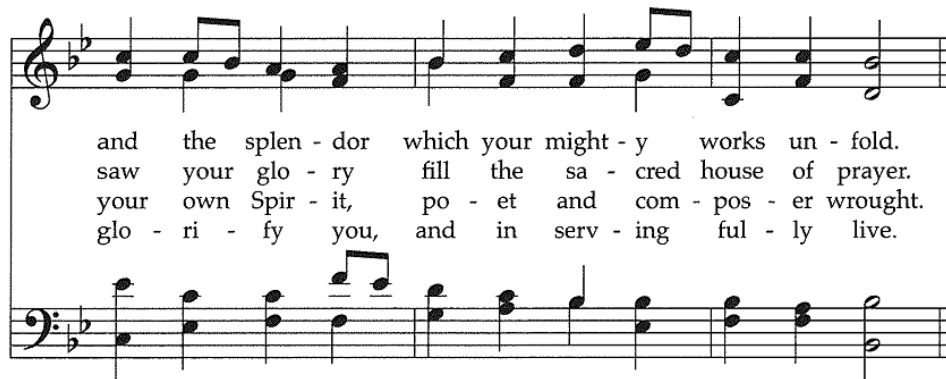
glo - ry sang, and the an - gel host all shout - ed till with  
 psalm - ists' songs, of - fering up the ad - o - ra - tion which a -  
 spoke your praise. Plain - song, tune - ful hymns, and an - thems told your  
 fire our hearts. Teach our minds and train our sens - es; fit us

joy the heav - ens rang, then your wis - dom and your great - ness  
 lone to you be - longs; when the sing - ers, trum - pets, cym - bals  
 faith - ful, gra - cious ways. Choir and or - ches - tra and or - gan  
 for these sa - cred arts. Then with skill and con - se - cra - tion

their ex - ul - tant mu - sic told, all the beau - ty  
 all com - bined, your praise to share, awe - struck peo - ple  
 each a sa - cred of - fering brought, while, in - spired by  
 we would serve you, Lord, and give all our powers to

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## When the Morning Stars Together — continued



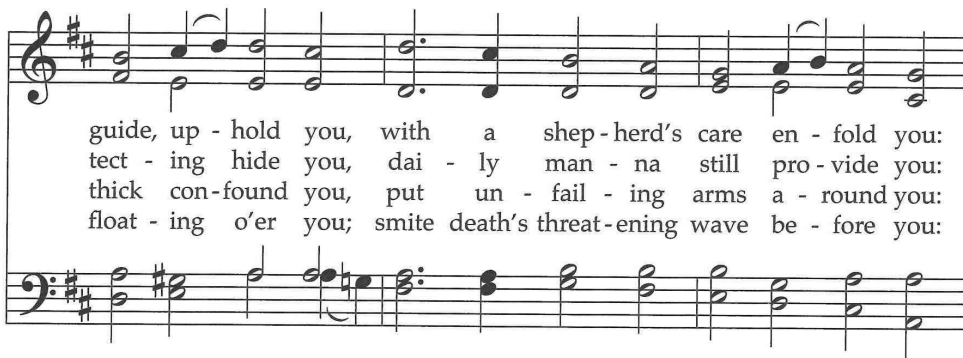
and the splen - dor which your might - y works un - fold.  
 saw your glo - ry fill the sa - cred house of prayer.  
 your own Spir - it, po - et and com - pos - er wrought.  
 glo - ri - fy you, and in serv - ing ful - ly live.

## God Be with You Till We Meet Again



*Unison* *Harmony*

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; lov - ing coun - sels  
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; un - seen wings pro -  
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's per - ils  
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's ban - ner



guide, up - hold you, with a shep - herd's care en - fold you:  
 tect - ing hide you, dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you:  
 thick con - found you, put un - fail - ing arms a - round you:  
 float - ing o'er you; smite death's threat - ening wave be - fore you:



*Unison*

God be with you till we meet a - gain.

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# October /November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>27</b> 9:15am CE Board  10:30 AM Worship Service + New Member Sunday  11:30am Deacons Meeting  11:30 Annual Meeting	<b>28</b> 8 AM Aerobics  2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	<b>29</b> 6:30 PM Spinning Boots	<b>30</b> 8 AM Aerobics  5:30 pm WED Night Dinner + Youth Chili Feed  7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>31</b> 11:30 am Lunch & Walk!  12:30 pm Plymouth Projects  1:30 pm Women's AA Coffee Group	<b>1</b> 8 AM Aerobics	<b>2</b>
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**Please join us next week for Dr. Robu's Sermon**

## The Plymouth Covenant

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