



Celebration of Worship
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10:30 am

Thanksgiving Sunday

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

Opening Voluntary

A Thanksgiving Prelude
Nick May, saxophone
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Charles Callahan

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

Land Acknowledgement

adapted from Voices Together #878

Opening Hymn

For the Beauty of the Earth

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*Responsive Sentences

Michael Aumack

One: In possibility, wonder, and mystery,

All: we gather.

One: In grief, burnout, and apathy,

All: we gather.

One: With anger, questions, and heartbreak,

All: we gather.

One: With community, creativity, and thanksgiving,

All: we gather. Hallelujah, God welcomes it all! Let us worship God

Adapted from 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-mor-tal praise.".

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*Invocation and Lord's Prayer

Gratitude—a disposition, a practice, a welling-up of the soul. Gratitude—never bypassing all that has been lost, rather holding it & saying thank you, anyways, for the chance to love again. Gratitude—never glorifying the struggle of survival under oppression, always looking for the Sacred Ordinary, always relishing the unlikely wonder of being alive. Come, Gracious Spirit, accompany us in our heartbreak and joy today as we pray together the prayer that Jesus taught...

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

Scripture Reading

John 18:33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice. Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

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

Aria

Eugène Bozza

Prayer Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

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Prayer Response

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

For This Joy

Susan LaBarr

Emily Son, guest conductor
Nick May, saxophone

Praise for the sun, who by day gives us
warmth and enlightens;
Praise for the moon, who the darkest night
cheerfully brightens;
Each glitt'ring star shining from ages afar,
Driving away all that frightens.

Our tender hearts, which so wondrously in
chambers deeping,
(Can) cherish the joys of new love and, at
death's call, the weeping.
Sorrow and pain turn to rejoicing again;
Love now in memory keeping.

Praise for the sky under heaven that widely
contains us;
Our fertile earth, and her harvest that gently
sustains us;
Birds on the wing, lifting their voices to sing,
Free us from all that restrains us

Praise for this joy in our hearts as we sing of
creation!
Wondrous are all things from firmament
down to foundation!
Joyful our praise as all our voices we raise,
Singing in glad celebration!

Sermon

What is Truth?

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

Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen

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***Benediction**

Closing Voluntary

Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Select liturgy adapted or taken from Enfleshed.com

* Let all who are able please stand.

*** Ushers will seat late comers

Communion liturgy by Jeanyne Slettom

North Entry Greeter Michael Aumack

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2024 Operation Holiday Food Drive



NOV 3RD
PROTEIN SUNDAY!
CANNED MEAT
PEANUT BUTTER ETC.



NOV 10TH
CEREAL SUNDAY!
BRING THE
HEALTHY STUFF



NOV 17TH
PET FOOD SUNDAY!
SMALL BAGS FOR
DOGS & CATS



NOV 24TH
BE A PEACH SUNDAY!
CANNED FRUITS
AND VEGGIES



DEC 3RD
SOUPY SUNDAY!
HEALTH
CANNED SOUPS



Plymouth Congregational Church Blood Drive

Sunday, December 1st 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

We're celebrating 30 years of FRIENDS with exclusive merch! Come to give blood at Plymouth for 2 pairs of custom FRIENDS + Red Cross socks, while they last! Keep a pair, gift a pair & ask a friend to be there for patients too! Giving is better with FRIENDS

To make an appointment to donate blood or call 1-800-RED CROSS (733-2767). Photo ID or Red Cross Donor Card required.

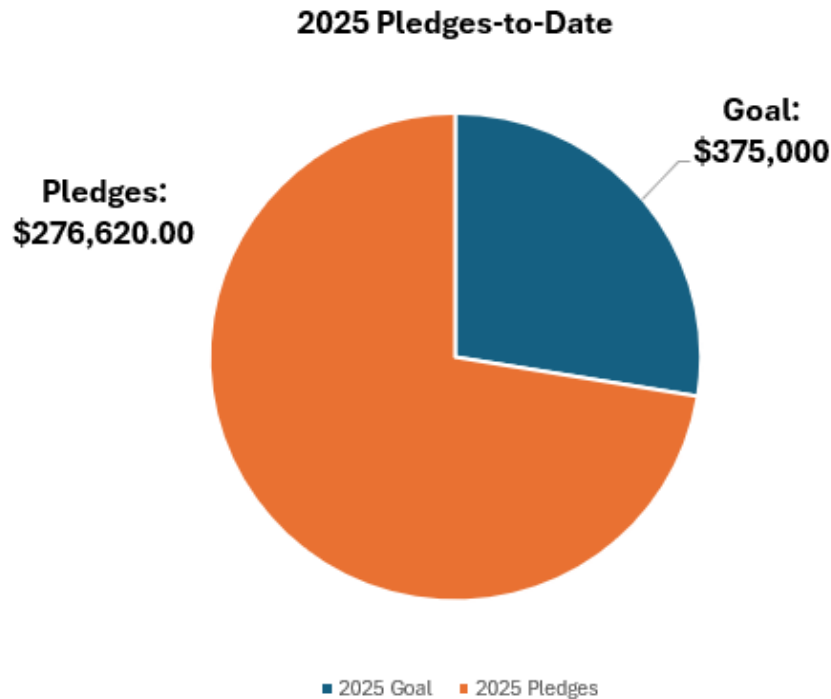


Honoring our Heritage, Welcoming our Future Stewardship 2025

Thank you so much to those who've already pledged!

We are grateful for your generosity.

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 or Rich Euson richeuson@aol.com



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Fine Arts Display Case

Welcome to Svitlana Tararuk, our display case artist for November and December. As Ukrainian artist, the tradition of decorating

Easter eggs, or “pysanky,” holds a profound significance in my life and creative expression. It is a celebration of heritage, spirituality, and the cyclical nature of life. Each design is carefully considered and often inspired by traditional motifs. My artistic journey is deeply rooted in personal experiences and observations. Emotions play a pivotal role in my creative process. I believe that art is a bridge

between cultures and generations. Beyond the aesthetic aspect, my work carries a deeper message about resilience and hope. In the face of challenges, the act of creating pysanky becomes a meditative process, allowing me to reflect on themes of renewal and

transformation, and giving me a feeling of stability. Each egg is a symbol of new beginnings, and through my art I aspire others to embrace their own journeys of growth and discoveries.

Welcome Svitlana Tararuk



Fine Arts Hallway Display

Born in Wichita, Pam Bjork's creative journey has been shaped by a lifetime of rich experiences and global exploration. After attending UC Berkeley in 1968-69, she spent 26 years as a restaurateur in Colorado and Kansas, earning recognition such as the Business in the Arts Award. Her travels have taken her across five continents, where she participated in and observed diverse cultural ceremonies that deeply inform her artistic practice.

Pam's work reflects her belief in the presence of the sacred in

everyday life. She finds inspiration in the objects and environments that surround us, from a pair of cloisonné love-birds brought back from

Singapore by her father to the quilt lovingly stitched by her grandmother. Through her art, she invites viewers to explore the deeper meanings and connections these items hold, reminding us that as archetypal psy-

chologist James Hillman suggests, "All things are full of Gods."

Welcome Pam Bjork





**HOLIDAY CHOIR &
ORCHESTRA
SUN / DEC 8
10:30 AM**

**BLUE CHRISTMAS
SERVICE
SAT / DEC 21
5:30 - 6:00 PM**

Celebrate the Season with us!

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
TUES / DEC 24
6 PM FAMILY SERVICE
11 PM CANDLELIGHT SERVICE**



NOVEMBER

**NOV 27: No Wed Night Dinner -
NOV 28: Office CLOSED Thanksgiving Day**

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 19: Christmas Organ Concert @ 7 PM
DEC 21: Blue Christmas Service @ 5:30 pm
DEC 24: Christmas Eve Services Tuesday @ 6 PM and 11 PM**

JANUARY

JAN 29: Wed. Dinner Guests @ Sedgwick County Zoo

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX 7.7.7.7.7

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry
 2 For the beau - ty of each hour of the day and
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter,
 5 For each per - fect gift and sign to this world so

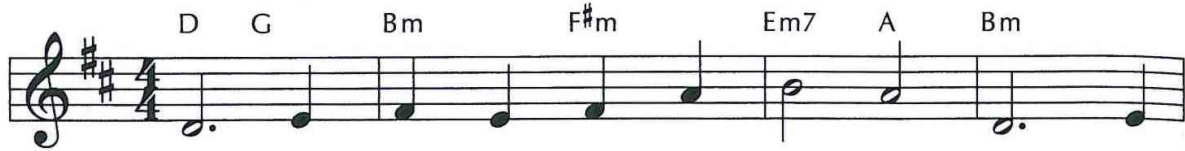
of the skies, for the love which from our birth
 of the night, hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
 mind's de - light, for the mys - tic har - mo - ny
 par - ent, child, friends on earth and friends a - bove,
 free - ly giv'n; grac - es hu - man and di - vine,

o - ver and a - round us lies:
 sun and moon and stars of light:
 link - ing sense to sound and sight: Lord of all, to
 for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 love u - nit - ing earth and heav'n:

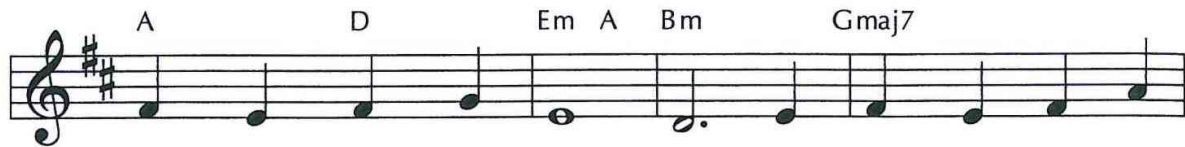
thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

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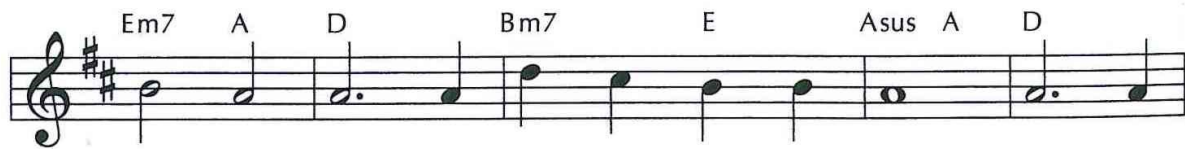
Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen



1 Rise, O church, like Christ a - ris - en, from this
 2 Rise, trans - formed, and choose to fol - low af - ter
 3 Rise, re - mem - ber well the fu - ture God has
 4 Ser - vice be our sure vo - ca - tion; cour - age



meal of love and grace; may we through such love en -
 Christ, though wound - ed, whole; bro - ken, shared, our lives are
 called us to re - ceive; pres - ent by God's lov - ing
 be our dai - ly breath; mer - cy be our des - ti -



vi - sion whose we are, and whose, our praise. Al - le -
 hal - lowed to re - lease and to con - sole. Al - le -
 nur - ture, Spir - it - ed then let us live. Al - le -
 na - tion from this day and un - to death. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: God, the won - der of our days.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Christ, our pres - ent, past, and goal.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Spir - it, grace by whom we live.
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Rise, O church, a liv - ing faith.

November/December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 9:15 AM CE Board 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:30 AM Deacons	25 8 AM Aerobics 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	26 5:30 PM Trustee's Meeting 6:30 PM Spinning Boots	27 NO WED NIGHT DINNER	28 THANKS- GIVING DAY CLOSED	29 8 AM Aerobics	30
Dec 1 10:30 AM Worship Service 8:30—1:30 pm Red Cross Blood Drive	2 8 AM Aerobics 2pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	3 5:30 PM Cabinet Meeting 6:30 PM Spinning Boots	4 8 AM Aerobics 5:30 pm WED Night Dinner / Pagent Rehearsal 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	5 11:30 am Lunch & Walk! 12:30 pm Plymouth Projects 1:30 pm Women's AA Coffee Group	6 8 AM Aerobics	7
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Join us for Worship next Sunday, December 1st

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.