



Plymouth
CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH

GOSPEL OF MATTHEW

THE RIGHT SIDE UP
KINGDOM ▲



Celebration of Worship

9:30am

Sunday, January 22

2023



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Liturgy for January 22, 2023 • 9:30am

*please stand in body or spirit when you see an **

Greetings

Plymouth Chimes

Prelude

Macs mit mir, Gott, nach deiner Güt
J.S. Bach

*Call to Worship

Leader	Blessed are the poor in spirit, the downtrodden and despairing,
People	For they will rejoice in God's reign forever.
Leader	Blessed are those who mourn and who are grieving,
People	For they will be comforted in God's reign forever.
Leader	Blessed are the ones who seek justice and righteousness,
People	For they will find it in God's reign forever.
Leader	Blessed are we when we love our neighbors and seek their well-being,
All	For we will live in God's reign forever. Come, let us worship God who reigns in glory!

*Rejoice. Ye Pure in Heart

#145

(Found in your pew hymnal.)



***Prayer of Invocation** *(Please, join in reading.)*

Holy God, we long for your peace and trust in your promise.
Open our ears to hear you calling us into new life.
We would become citizens of your kingdom,
aligning our lives with your will for us.
Meet us here and make us new.
Fill our minds with your wisdom
and our hearts with your peace,
that our worship together
may open our senses to your realm of glory,
breaking loose among us even now.
In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

***Gloria**

Glory to the Creator,
and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

Children's Hymn

You Are Welcome Here



All are wel - come here. All are safe to sing or laugh or
shed a tear. God loves us just the way we are, so have no fear. —
All are wel - come here. All are wel - come here.

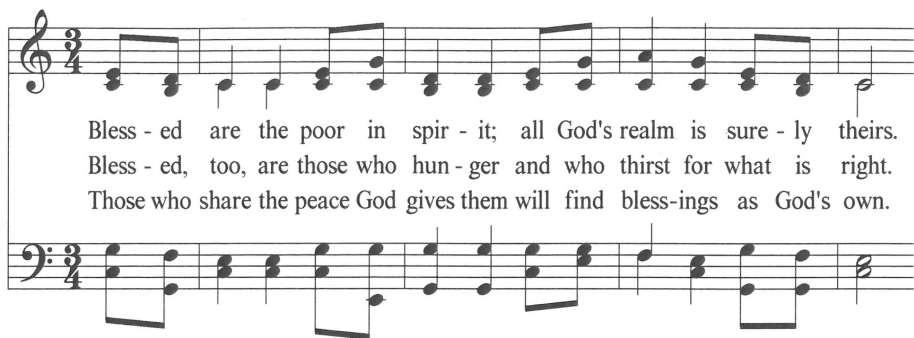
Children's Celebration

Children are invited to attend Sunday School and Nursery at this time.

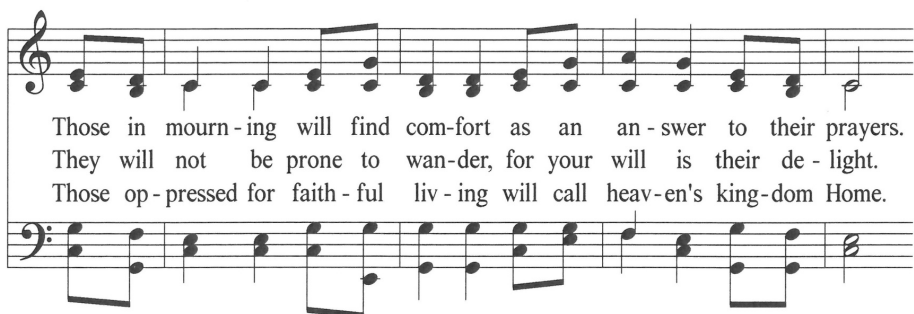
Scripture Reading

Matthew 5:1-20
Pew Bible NT p.4

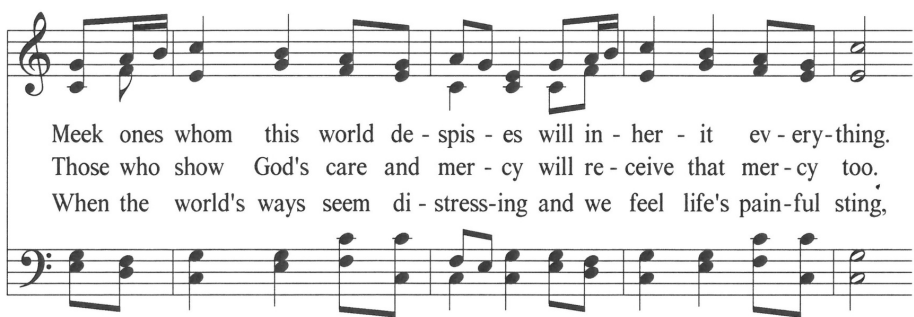
*Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit



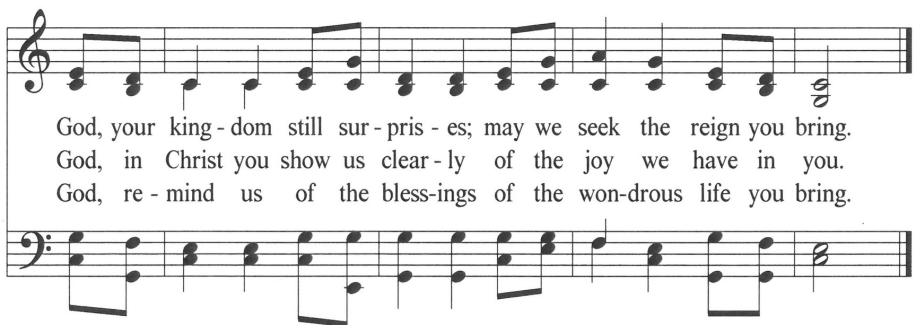
Bless - ed are the poor in spir - it; all God's realm is sure - ly theirs.
Bless - ed, too, are those who hun - ger and who thirst for what is right.
Those who share the peace God gives them will find bless - ings as God's own.



Those in mourn - ing will find com - fort as an an - swer to their prayers.
They will not be prone to wan - der, for your will is their de - light.
Those op - pressed for faith - ful liv - ing will call heav - en's king - dom Home.



Meek ones whom this world de - spis - es will in - her - it ev - ery - thing.
Those who show God's care and mer - cy will re - ceive that mer - cy too.
When the world's ways seem di - stress - ing and we feel life's pain - ful sting,



God, your king - dom still sur - pris - es; may we seek the reign you bring.
God, in Christ you show us clear - ly of the joy we have in you.
God, re - mind us of the bless - ings of the won - drous life you bring.

Sermon:
You've Made Me So Very Happy

Rev. Lyle Seger

Call to Offering

Offertory
I Will Arise

arr. Shaw/Parker

Chancel Choir

***Doxology** *(Please, join in singing.)*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, you heavenly host;
praise God, and Christ and Holy Ghost.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Plymouth Covenant** *(Please, join in reading.)*

**In the love of truth and in the spirit of Jesus,
we unite for the worship of God, and the service of all.
We seek to know the will of God and to walk in God's ways,
made known or to be made known to us;
to love one another;
to proclaim the Gospel to all the world;
to work and pray for the progress of knowledge,
the promotion of justice, the reign of peace,
and the realization of our shared humanity.
And we look with faith for the triumph of righteousness
and the gift of life eternal. Amen.**



Call to Prayer *(When prompted, join in bold text and singing.)*

Leader The Lord be with you,
People **and also with you.**

Musical score for the 'Call to Prayer' section. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in God, find its rest and peace.' The first system covers the first line of lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with block chords and single notes.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Musical score for the 'The Lord's Prayer' section. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: 'In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in God, find its rest and peace.' The first system covers the first line of lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with block chords and single notes.

*Christ Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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*Benediction

Congregational Response *(People seated and singing.)*

God be with you till we meet again.
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a Shepherd's care enfold you:
God be with you till we meet again.
Amen.

Plymouth Chimes

Postlude

Festive Trumpet Tune
David German



The **Chancel Flowers** this morning are given by
Gayle Sherman in memory of her mother, Alice Ann.



Today's Service Participants

Preaching: Rev. Lyle Seger

Liturgist: Rev. Caroline Lawson Dean

Minister of Music and Fine Arts: Kim Manz

Children's Celebration: Kara Holcombe

Lay Reader: Mary Lake

Sound, Light, and Radio: Mark Maziar

Cameras and Video: Aaron Polson

PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

WELCOME!

NEW TO PLYMOUTH?

PLEASE, LET US KNOW!



NEW MEMBERS

orientation class

TODAY at 1-3pm



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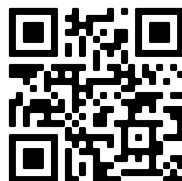
**Sign up
for Plymouth
Reads:
The Gospel of
Matthew!**

The **Gospel of Matthew** discussion group begins gathering between services today at 10:40 in **Rooms 207 and 210 South**.

No previous knowledge of the Bible is necessary, **questions are encouraged and all are welcome!**

If you still need an N.T. Wright study guide, your best bet may be to order one from your favorite bookseller.

**Find the full reading schedule
here** along with a link to the
study guide on amazon.



the measure of love

Plymouth Congregational Church
2022 Annual Report



Sunday, February 5th
Combined Worship at 9:30am • Annual Meeting at 10:30am

Sunday School and Choir Locations

Rooms for Sunday School

- Pre K-Kindergarten
- 1st-3rd Grade
- 4th-5th Grade

Room 106 S
Room 210 S
Room 207 S

Children are dismissed during service. Check-in is required for Pre-K.

Rooms for Choir

- Cherub Choir (Pre K-1st Grade)
- Carol Choir (2nd-5th Grade)
- Chapel Choir (6th-8th Grade)

Room 205 S
Room 204 S
Chapel

Choir is part of Sunday School! If you do not want your child to attend choir, you need to email for accommodations. Signing your child out of choir is required. If you are unable, you may add other approved signers on your registration form.

Nursery services are available for both services, starting at 9:30 am in Room 105 S.



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