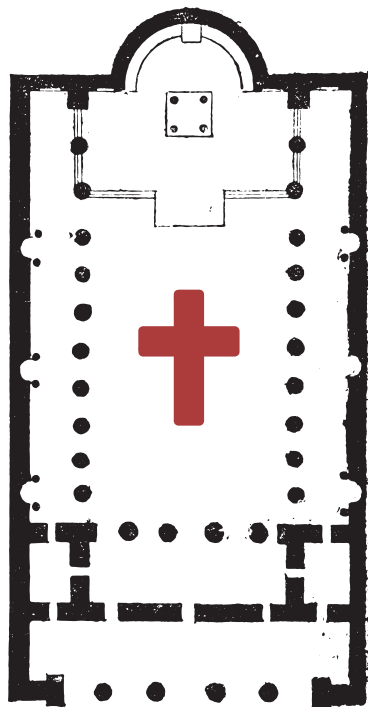


PLYMOUTH CHURCH



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HOLY SPIRIT WHO SUSTAINS

9:30 Celebration of Worship

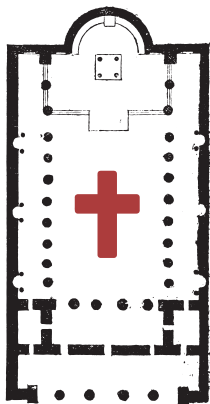
Sunday, June 29 + 2025

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended to heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



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9:30 Celebration of Worship

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please stand in body or spirit when you see an *

Greetings

Plymouth Chimes

Prelude

Plymouth Brass & Percussion

God of Our Fathers

Claude T. Smith

(Please, sing when prompted.)

**God of the ages, whose almighty hand
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies
Our grateful songs before Your throne arise**

*Call to Worship

One "Who do you say that I am?" Christ asks us still,

All **And we gather to explore the movement
of our hearts toward answer.**

One The creeds of old were bridges built by those who dared to say

All **"In this we trust. Together we follow this path home."**

One Come, let us worship the God who calls us from isolation,

All **Who forms us into family and sends us to serve the world.**

*My Country 'Tis of Thee

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(Found in your pew hymnal.)

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

Holy One, we reach toward you with hearts open, carrying both
hope and questions as yet unanswered.

Like those who walked this way before us, we seek the signs that
mark our way home, trusting you meet us in the space between
faith and doubt.

Grant us courage to speak our truth. Grant us faithful hands to
serve your people. In these weeks ahead, help us discover how
ancient words of faith call us to present action.

Transform our seeking into finding, our comfortable worship
into costly love.

In the name of the One who asks not just what we believe,
but how we live. 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.



The Historical Witness

The Gettysburg Address Abraham Lincoln - November 19, 1863

Read by Jim Hanni

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation, so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battlefield of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate—we cannot consecrate—we cannot hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

New Colossus

Emma Lazarus

Read by Geraldo Sousa

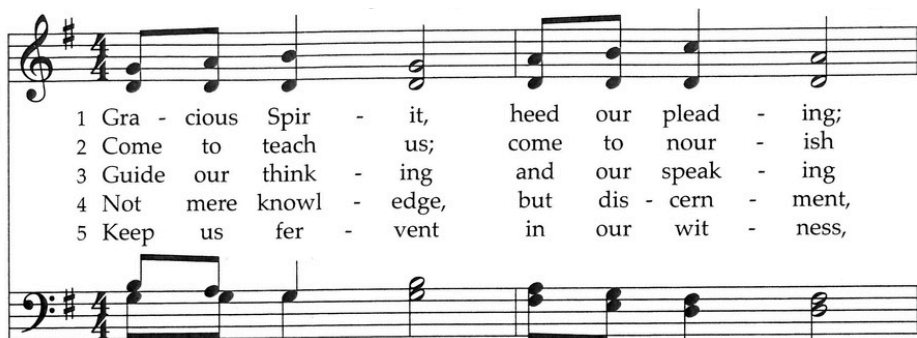
Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glowes world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.

"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

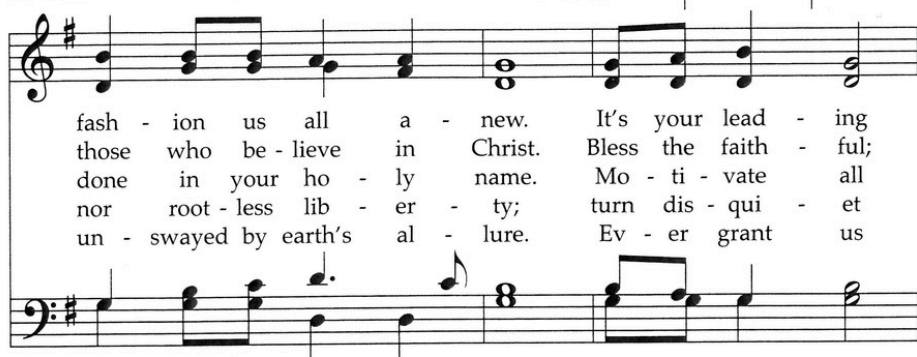


Children attending Sunday School go to their designated line up spot after the **readings**. Teachers and guides will be holding signs to help you locate where your child should line up!

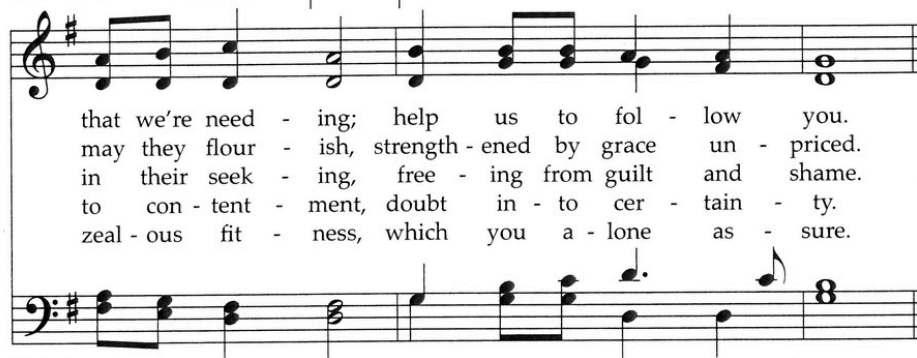
*Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading



1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing;
 2 Come to teach us; come to nour - ish
 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing
 4 Not mere knowl - edge, but dis - cern - ment,
 5 Keep us fer - vent in our wit - ness,

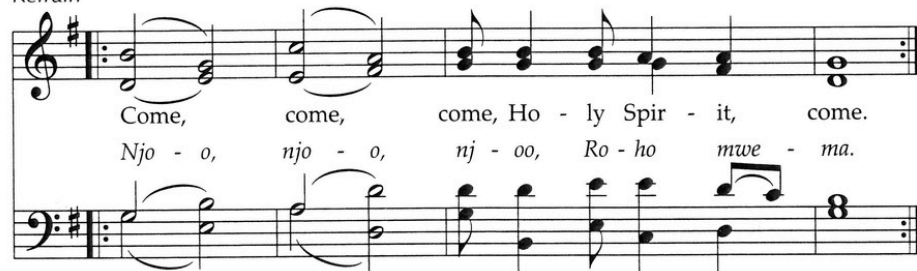


fash - ion us all a - new. It's your lead - ing
 those who be - lieve in Christ. Bless the faith - ful;
 done in your ho - ly name. Mo - ti - vate all
 nor root - less lib - er - ty; turn dis - qui - et
 un - swayed by earth's al - lure. Ev - er grant us



that we're need - ing; help us to fol - low you.
 may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.
 in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.
 to con - tent - ment, doubt in - to cer - tain - ty.
 zeal - ous fit - ness, which you a - lone as - sure.

Refrain



Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 Njo - o, njo - o, nj - oo, Ro - ho mwe - ma.

Scripture Reading

John 14:15-27

Pew Bible NT pg. 109

Reader The Word of God for the people of God.
All **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman

Credo: Holy Spirit Who Sustains

Call to Offering

Offertory

Distant Land*

John Rutter

Chancel Choir, Plymouth Brass & Percussion

*I see a distant land: it shines so clear.
Sometimes it seems so far, sometimes so near.
Come, join together, take the dusty road;
Help one another: share the heavy load.
The journey may be long: no end in sight;
There may be hills to climb, or giants to fight:
But if you'll take my hand, we'll walk together toward the land of freedom,
freedom.*

*I hear a distant song: it fills the air.
I hear it, deep and strong, rise up in prayer:
'O Lord, we are many; help us to be one.
Heal our divisions: let thy will be done, thy will be done.
I know the time will come when war must cease:
A time of truth and love, a time of peace.
The people cry, how long till all our world can join the son of freedom,
freedom.'*

*I touch a distant land and feel its glow,
The hand I hoped was there: at last I know.
Swords into ploughshares: can it all come true?
Friends out of strangers: start with me and you, with me and you.
I see another time, another place where we can all be one,
one human race.
The walls will melt away, we'll come together on the day of
freedom, freedom, freedom.*

***Distant Land** music given as a gift to the Chancel Choir
by Cliff and Carol Wallace

***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.**

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in the key of D major (two sharps) and 3/4 time. The melody is in the Treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the Bass clef. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu - ia!

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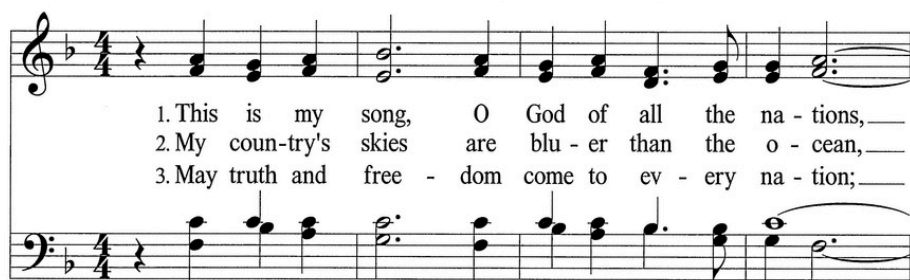
Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

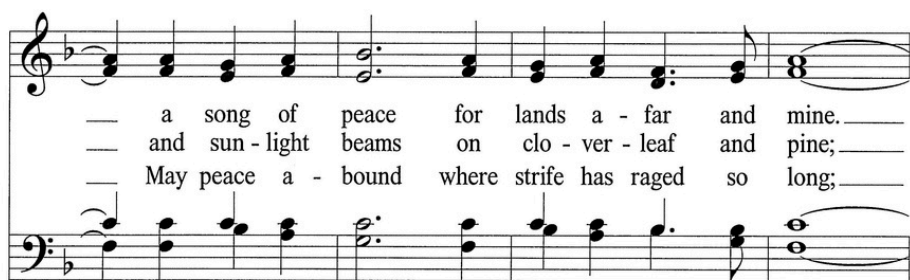
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power
and the glory forever. Amen.

(Sing again, Come and fill our hearts...)

*This is My Song



1. This is my song, O God of all the na - tions, —
 2. My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, —
 3. May truth and free - dom come to ev - ery na - tion; —



— a song of peace for lands a - far and mine. —
 — and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine; —
 — May peace a - bound where strife has raged so long; —



— This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is; —
 — But oth - er lands have sun - light, too, and clo - ver, —
 — That each may seek to love and build to - geth - er, —



— here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine; —
 — and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine. —
 — A world u - nit - ed, right - ing ev - ery wrong; —

— But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing _____
 — O hear my song, O God of all the na - tions, _____
 — A world u - nit - ed in its love for free - dom, _____

— with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 — a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 — Pro - claim - ing peace to - geth - er in one song.

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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

Plymouth Brass & Percussion

Stars and Stripes Forever

John Philip Sousa

Today's Service Participants

Preaching: Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller Coleman

Liturgist: Rev. Michael Brecke

Lay Reader: Dan Storey

Minister of Music & Fine Arts: Kim Manz

Sound, Lights, and Radio: Bob Newton

Cameras and Video: Jeremy Winfrey

Plymouth Brass & Percussion

Director: Johannah Cox

Trumpet: Mike Jones, Will Cooper, Mike Packard

Horn: Sam Parrilla

Trombone: Connor Jones, Mark Gleeson, Colin Roust

Euphonium: Jeff Underwood, Gary Boyer

Tuba: Darrell Cox

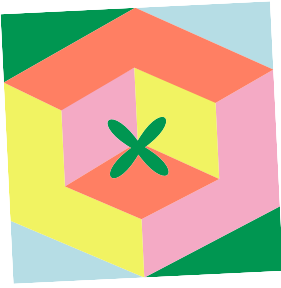
Percussion: Collin Watgen, Sam Harden, Ben Willems

Piccolo: Melissa Hurst



Welcome

↖ New to Plymouth?
Please, let us know!



Plymouth Art Classes

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upcoming classes

Make Your Own Loom - Weaving Workshop
with Carol Leffler

Writing Workshop – "Short-short Prose"
with Kirsten Bosnak

Artistic Birdhouses – Woodworking
with Tim O'Brien

Beautiful Bugs – Clay Class
with Jan Gaumnitz

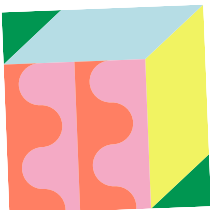
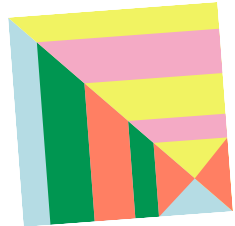
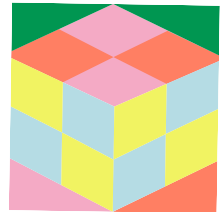
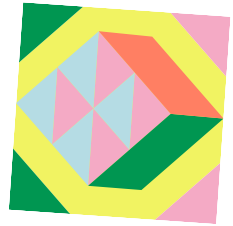
Poured Painting & Mixed Media
with Jan Gaumnitz

Versatile Cylinders in Clay
with Jan Gaumnitz

Watercolor Mindfulness
with Gene Tyner

Homemade Gift Wrap
with Angie Brownrabbit

Cookie Decorating
with Marcia Powers



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Dietrich **Bonhoeffer**

**4 weeks
starting
June 22
at 10:45am**

**in the
heritage
room**

with Rev. Michael Brecke

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was a Lutheran pastor and major force in the church during the time of Nazi Germany. He was a founder of the Confessing Church, an alternative to the state churches of the day. He functioned as a spy and participated in a plot to assassinate Adolf Hitler. Ultimately, he was hung in a Nazi prison just as the war was ending.

Bonhoeffer was an accomplished pianist, a lover of jazz, a friend of Adam Clayton Powell Jr., and more.

Let's take a walk together, in another time, when resistance to government oppression was part of the daily drama of life in the church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT PLYMOUTH

Rooms for Sunday School

- **Preschool**
- **K-1st Grade**
- **2nd-3rd Grade**
- **4th-5th Grade**

Room 106 S
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Chapel
Chapel

Nursery is in Room 105 S • A nursing/quiet room is in 104 S

*Worship Bags and Coloring Pages can be found in the Narthex.
Children are dismissed to Sunday School after the Children's
Celebration at approximately 9:45am.*

**Additional Sunday School and Children's Choir information can
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