



Called to Grow

In Service of All

Celebration of Worship
Sunday • October 26 • 2025



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Greetings

Plymouth Chimes

Prelude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
John Leavitt

***Call to Worship**

Leader Open our hearts and minds, O God,
People **that we may know you are calling us by name;**

Leader calling us to serve,
People **calling us to share,**

Leader calling us to praise.
All **Move among us, loving God,**
 as we give you thanks and praise!

***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**

(Found in your pew hymnal.)

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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Martin Luther, 1529

Trans. Frederick Henry Hedge, 1852

Martin Luther, 1529



1. A might - y for - tress is our God, A bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, Our striv - ing would be los - ing;
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, Should threat - en to un - do us,
 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, No thanks to them, a - bid - eth;



Our help - er He a - mid the flood Of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.
 Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choos - ing.
 We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us.
 The Spir - it and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sid - eth;



For still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He, Lord Sab - a -
 The prince of dark - ness grim, We trem - ble not for him; His rage we
 Let goods and kin - dred go, This mor - tal life al - so; The bod - y



power are great, And, armed with cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - qual.
 oth His name, From age to age the same, And He must win the bat - tle.
 can en - dure, For lo! his doom is sure, One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 they may kill, God's truth a - bid - eth still, His king - dom is for - ev - er.



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

**God of Love, you bring life and hope to the neighborhood
and deep gratitude to all our living.**

Give us a wider vision of the world;

give us a broader view of justice;

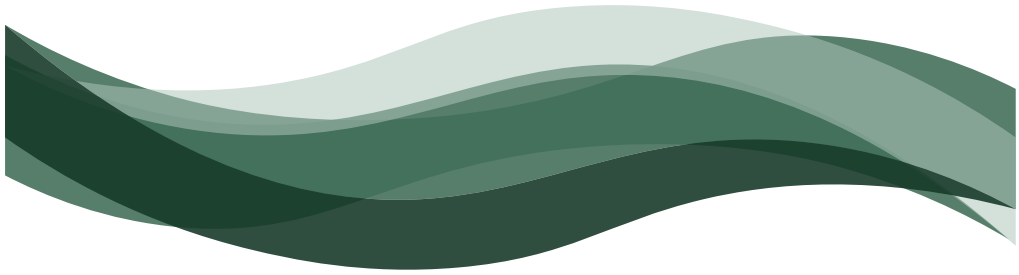
give us dreams of peace

that refuse to be confined by the ways of this world.

Call us to serve, O God, and stir up within us the courage to answer.

In the strength of your Spirit and in the name of 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.**

Third Grade Bible Stepping Stone Blessing

*I Was There to Hear Your Born-ing Cry



1. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be
 2. When you found the won - der of the Word, I was
 3. I was there to hear your born - ing cry, I'll be



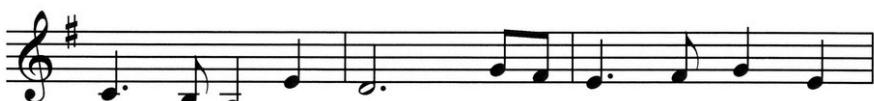
there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you
 there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the
 there when you are old. I re - joiced the day you



were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold.
 liv - ing God, to whom you now be - long.
 were bap - tized, to see your life un - fold. *St. 3, end*



I was there when you were but a child, with a
 I was there when you were but a child, with a



faith to suit you well; I'll be there in case you
 faith to suit you well; with a faith that brings you



to beginning
 wan - der off and find where de - mons dwell.
 close to me where peace and com - fort dwell.

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

Chapel Choir

The Lord Is My Shepherd

Alan Pote

Emily Bennett, director

Marilyn Epp, piano

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13

Pew Bible HB pg. 307

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

Sermon

Rev. Lyle Seger

Please Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood

Call to Offering

Offertory

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

Mack Wilberg

Chancel Choir

Marilyn Epp, piano

*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.

Moment for Mission Annual Appeal 2026: **Called to Grow**

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

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

Calmt to the waves. Calmt to the wind. Je - sus whis-pers, "Peace, be still."

Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still-ness, hear his voice.

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains the melody, and the bass staff contains the accompaniment. The second system also has a treble and bass staff. The treble staff contains the melody, and the bass staff contains the accompaniment. The music is in 4/4 time and G major. The lyrics are written below the melody.

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, Calm to the waves...)

*Though I May Speak

(Found in your pew hymnal.)

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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

Toccata from Suite Gothique
Léon Boëllman



*"Celebrating my 75th birthday with gratitude to God
and for all my blessings."*

Folaboa Ajayi-Soyinka

Today's Service Participants

Preaching: Rev. Lyle Seger
Liturgist: Rev. Caroline Lawson Dean
Lay Reader: Mike Maude
Minister of Music & Fine Arts: Kim Manz
Children's Celebration: Colton Pasquale
Acolytes: Eleanor and Harrison Wood
Sound, Lights, and Radio: Mark Maziar
Cameras and Video: Gretchen Meyer

Though I May Speak

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1 Corinthians 13

Hal Hopson, 1972

English folk melody
Harm. John Weaver, 1988

1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire, And have the
 2. Though I may give all I pos - sess, And striv - ing
 3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol, Our spir - its

gift to all in - spire, And have not love, my
 so my love pro - fess, But not be given by
 long to be made whole. Let in - ward love guide

words are vain; As sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.
 love with - in, The prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.
 ev - ery deed; By this we wor - ship and are freed.



Dietrich **Bonhoeffer**

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myth
legend**

with Pastor Michael Brecke

Part II: 3 Sundays • October 19–November 2

Many questions remain! Come prepared to talk about how we join in resistance of oppression and stand together for moral leadership.

2025 Halloween Parade!

11-11:15am TODAY!

Meet at the South/Head Start door at 11am after Children's Choir.

Children are invited to wear their Halloween costumes to church!

Following the parade, we will have 3rd Grade Bible cake in the Mayflower Room.

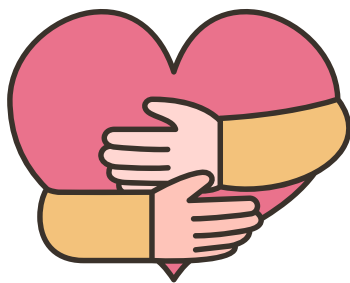


Welcome

New to Plymouth?

Please, let us know!

Chronic Illness Support Session



Wednesday
November 12
at 3:30
in the Plymouth Chapel



Plymouth Handbell Wreath Sale



Please visit the handbell table
between services in the Narthex.
**The last date to order is Sunday,
November 2.**

For more information,
please contact Kim Manz
music@plymouthlawrence.com.



Plymouth Art Show

October 26
2025

This non-judged show is open to all members and people who attend Plymouth.

The art show is a wonderful opportunity for all Plymouth artists, both amateurs and professionals to exhibit their work. All participants in the art classes are encouraged to show their creations.

Please visit the show **today** **only** during fellowship time!

PLYMOUTH PLAYERS DINNER THEATER

THE CHAIRMAN'S TABLE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

A musical revue of songs recorded and made famous by Frank Sinatra. Join the Plymouth Players for an evening of food, fun, music and fellowship.

Social Time 5:30pm • Dinner at 6pm

Ticket sales are open!
Sign up at the ministry table on Sunday mornings or by emailing Kim Manz.

ADVANCED RESERVATIONS AND
PAYMENT ARE REQUIRED



AN EVENING WITH OLD BLUE EYES

Menu: Vegetable Lasagna, Roasted Turkey, Roasted Red Potatoes, Roasted Vegetables, Salad, Roll, Dessert

We can always use kitchen help! Please let Kim Manz know if you could help on Friday or Saturday:

music@plymouthlawrence.com

Sunday School and Children's Choir

Rooms for Sunday School

- Preschool Room 106 S
- K-1st Grade Room 205 S
- 2nd-3rd Grade Room 210 S
- 4th-5th Grade Room 206 S

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

Rooms for Choir

- Cherub Choir (Pre K-1st Grade) Room 205 S
 - Carol Choir (2nd-5th Grade) Room 204 S
 - Chapel Choir (6th-12th Grade) Chapel
- Chapel Choir meets at 10:30am*

Worship Bags and Coloring Pages can be found in the Narthex. Children are dismissed to Sunday School after the Children's Celebration (approximately at 9:45am) and go to Children's Choir afterwards from 10:30-11am.

Additional Sunday School and Children's Choir information can be found on the bulletin board at the South Entrance.

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