



Plymouth
CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH

**Independence Day
Celebration**

**Order of Worship
July 3, 2022**

Liturgy for the Celebration of Worship

July 3, 2022 - Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

*When you see an * please stand.*

Greetings

Plymouth Chimes

Prelude

Plymouth Brass & Percussion

“God of Our Fathers”

Claude T. Smith

(Please sing when prompted by the director)

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

*Call to Worship

Leader: Rejoice, O People of God! Come into God’s house
with gladness and rejoice!

People: We come praising God’s name in the house of the Lord!

Leader: All you who labor under heavy burdens,
come find your rest!

**People: We seek the peace of God
that guards our hearts and minds.**

Leader: Distractions and disappointments will come to an end,
reconciled and redeemed by God.

**All: May God be praised above all things!
Let us rejoice and sing!**

*Hymn

“My Country ‘Tis of Thee”

Hymn #561

*Prayer of Invocation

**O Lord, our God,
how we long to be gathered together, restored and forgiven.**

**We confess our need for your grace.
Divided against one another and within our own hearts,
we are not yet all that you call us to become.
Redeem what remains broken within us.
Reconcile us by your Spirit. Claim us for your service.
We would be your people, O God.
Help us become the Body of Christ,
healing and restoring the spirits of all whose lives touch ours.
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.**

The Historical Witness

“The Gettysburg Address”

Abraham Lincoln - November 19, 1863

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

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
Glows 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!"

Scripture Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

Pew Bible NT pg. 198

***Sermon Hymn**

“This Is a Time to Remember”

(See next page)

Sermon

Rev. Caroline Lawson Dean

Call to Offering

Offertory

Chancel Choir, Plymouth Brass & Percussion

“Distant Land”

John Rutter

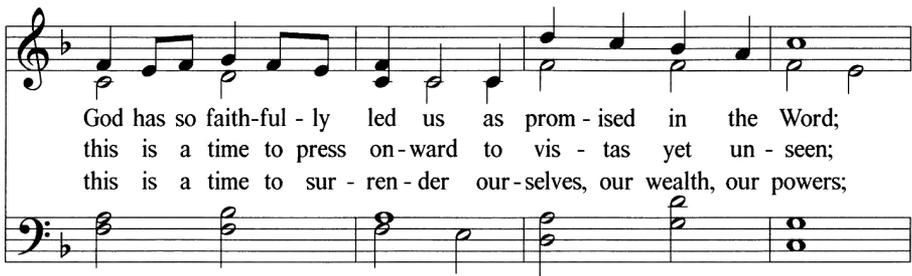
***Doxology** *(Join in singing)*

**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.**

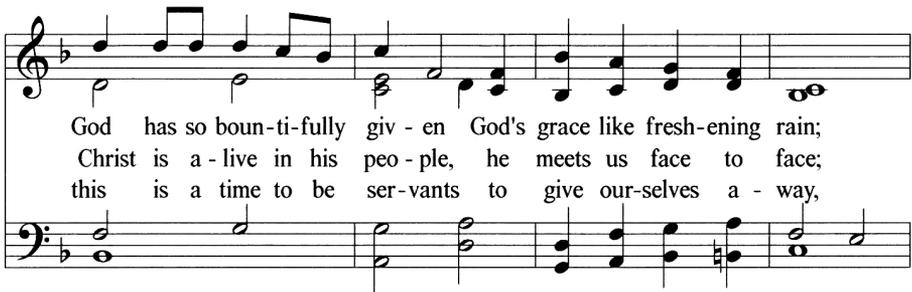
This Is a Time to Remember



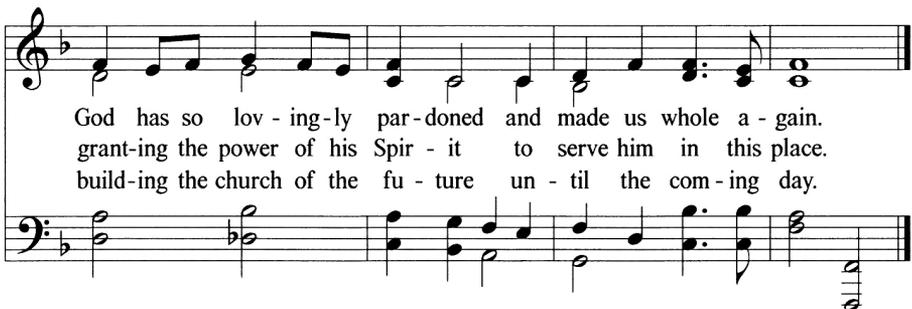
1. This is a time to re-mem-ber the great - ness of the Lord;
2. This is a time to re-mem-ber the glo - ries that have been;
3. This is a time to re-mem-ber the church is God's, not ours;



God has so faith-ful - ly led us as prom - ised in the Word;
this is a time to press on - ward to vis - tas yet un - seen;
this is a time to sur - ren - der our - selves, our wealth, our powers;



God has so boun-ti-fully giv - en God's grace like fresh-ening rain;
Christ is a - live in his peo - ple, he meets us face to face;
this is a time to be ser - vants to give our - selves a - way,



God has so lov - ing-ly par-doned and made us whole a - gain.
grant-ing the power of his Spir - it to serve him in this place.
build-ing the church of the fu - ture un - til the com - ing day.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Plymouth Covenant *(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.

Stephen Minister Commissioning

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Communion Prayer *(Bold text read in unison)*

Leader: God is with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to God.

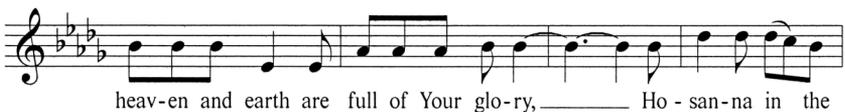
Leader: Let us give thanks to God Most High.

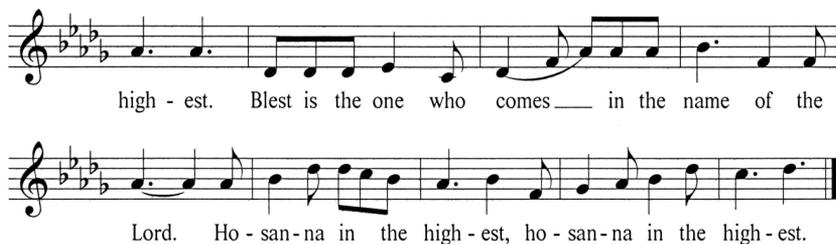
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: Let us pray...

All Singing

“Sanctus”





high - est. Blest is the one who comes ___ in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer *(Join in reading)*

**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.**

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Elements

Communion Music

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Plymouth Brass

Jack Stamp

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: Let us offer a prayer of thanksgiving together.

People: **Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table. Now strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

***Hymn**

"This is My Song"

(See next page)

***Benediction**

This Is My Song

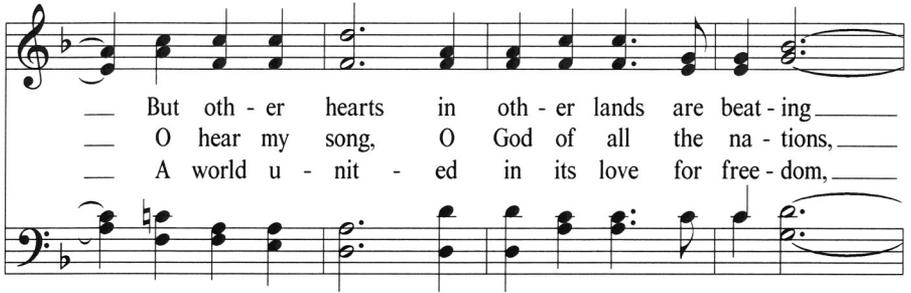
This is my song, O God of all the na - tions, —
My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, —
May truth and free - dom come to ev - ery na - tion; —

— 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; —

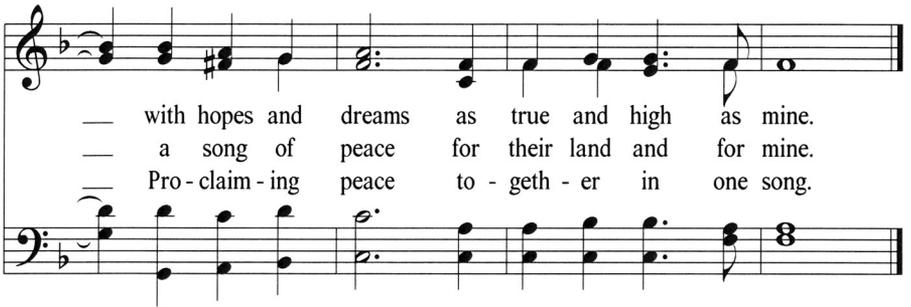
— This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is; —
— But oth - er lands have sun - light, too, and clo - ver, —
— That each may seek to love and build to - geth - er, —

— 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; —

This Is My Song



— 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.

Plymouth Chimes

Postlude

“Stars and Stripes Forever”

Plymouth Brass & Percussion

John Philip Sousa

Participants in the Service

Preaching this morning

Rev. Caroline Lawson Dean

Liturgist

Rev. Dr. Valerie Miller-Coleman

Minister of Music & Fine Arts

Kim Manz

Gettysburg Address Reader

Harold Riehm

“Colossus” Reader

Braeden Soderstrom

Scripture Reader

Barbara Palmer

Plymouth Brass & Percussion

Director: Bob Foster

Trumpet: Mike Jones, Rob Foster,
Raef Landes

Horn: Ethan Rogers, Jana Hitchcock

Trombone: Jimmy Bloomquist,
Connor Jones, Colin Roust

Euphonium: Gary Boyer,
Johannah Cox, Jeff Underwood

Tuba: Darrell Cox

Percussion: Patrick McCarty,
Katie Parsons, Ben Willems,

Campbell Leitch

Piccolo: Melissa Hurst

Sound, Lights, and Radio Broadcast

Bob Newton

Cameras and Video Broadcast

Gretchen Meyer

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Distant Land

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This Is My Song

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Sanctus

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Notes on Today's Music

"God of Our Fathers" is a Christian hymn written in 1876 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Daniel Roberts, the rector of St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Brandon, Vermont composed the text. He served in the Union Army during the Civil War. George Warren, an organist in New York City wrote the tune, NATIONAL HYMN including the trumpet fanfare at the beginning of the hymn.

Claude T. Smith composed this morning's prelude. Smith, born in MO, was a music educator and composer. He earned his Bachelor of Music Education degree in 1958 at the University of Kansas.

**NEW TO
PLYMOUTH?**



LET US KNOW!

It's Family Sunday!

On Family Sundays kids remain in worship with their families. Sunday School will not be held. Summer Sunday School will resume next week, July 10. Happy 4th of July!



FELLOWSHIP FORUMS

Current events, politics, theology, and real life. What do all these things have in common? We'll talk them over during Plymouth's Fellowship Forums. Join Rev. Dr. Miller-Coleman for the conversation between services on Sunday mornings in the Heritage Room, 10:40-11:20 am.



EVERY SUNDAY!

HERITAGE ROOM



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BIBLE STUDY @ PLYMOUTH

**Sunday In-Depth Bible Study
(via Zoom only) @ 8 am**

**Sunday Bible Study for All
Between Services (10:40) in room 202N**

**Wednesday Bible Study
@ 11 am in room 201N**



GROCERY BUCKS ARE BACK!

HELP SUPPORT PLYMOUTH WITH AN
EASY AND IMPACTFUL FUNDRAISER



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The scrips cards for Checkers, HyVee, The Merc and Sprouts are available between the services in the Mayflower Room this morning.

Grocery Bucks is genuinely a painless fundraising activity. The church purchases these cards at a 6% discount from the merchants. You buy these gift cards for use at Checkers, HyVee, The Merc, or Sprouts and then use them at check out like a gift card. You receive 100% of the card's value in groceries, and the unused balance is retained on your card, just like a debit card or a gift card.

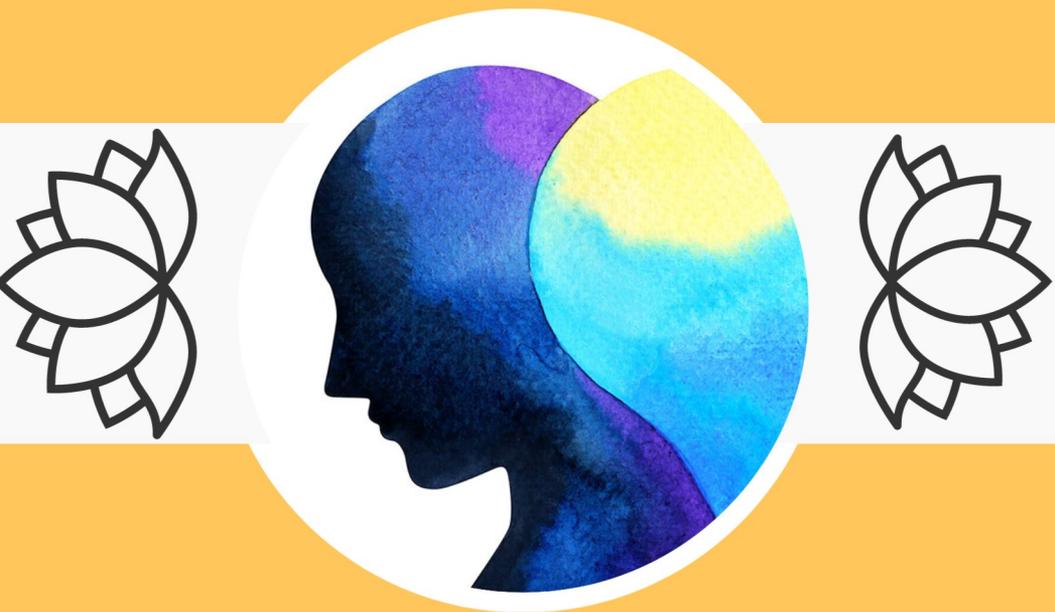
Local Dillon's stores also participate in this program, although differently. You can

designate Plymouth Church as the charitable organization tied to your Dillon's Plus shopper's card. Each quarter Dillon's makes a charitable donation to organizations based on the total purchases from all Plus cards which have been registered to a charitable organization. Use code DL422 at www.dillons.com to designate that your purchases should be used to support Dillon's contribution to Plymouth Church.

Proceeds from this fundraiser are used to support items in our Mission Spending Plan, including the handbell program, Our Church's Wider Mission, Justice Matters, the Youth Service Trip, and the Plymouth Language Program.

Contemplative Practices

First & Third Sundays of the month between the services.



Plymouth's Contextual Learning Seminarian, Phillip Kroh, is starting a drop-in/drop-out small group focused on contemplative practices. The group will meet between services on each month's first and

third Sunday. Stop by room 205N this morning to take part in this new Plymouth group.

In Honor of

BLOOD DRIVE

**In honor of
Olive and Friends**
Thursday, July 28th
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Mayflower Room
Plymouth Congregational Church
925 Vermont St



*In celebration of
Olive*



To honor Olive we want to give back. Please join us in celebrating Olive by donating blood.

In December of 2021 Olive was diagnosed with MDS (Myelodysplastic Syndrome), a type of blood cancer. Olive has received blood transfusions and platelets. Four lifesaving bags of blood were given to Olive upon initial diagnosis. The generosity of strangers has allowed Olive to stay strong and fight her disease. On March 2nd she received a bone marrow transplant. She continues to be in remission following her transplant and will enter middle school in the fall. Olive loves to enjoy time with her siblings (Milo and Birdie), read, and create any and all types of art.

Book your appointment today at savealifenow.org/group, enter **Group Code: EH7D** or scan above QR Code. For additional details contact Mari White at (785) 766-6632 or alex72302@gmail.com

Medical eligibility questions? Call 1.800.688.0900

Winter Coat Drive

Help Plymouth
give the
gift of
warmth to
Indigenous
communities
in the Dakotas
for the
coming
winter!

Donations need
to be new or like
new and may be
dropped off in the
bin in the Narthex
beginning next
Sunday.

**JULY 10
THROUGH
JULY 22**



Dads & Littles

This group is for dads with littles ages 0-6 to gather in fellowship and fun at local playgrounds.

NEXT PLAY DATE:

SATURDAY,
JULY 9 @ 9 am.

PLAYGROUND:

BROKEN ARROW PARK
2800 LOUISIANA





You may have noticed the Earth Care Promise Tree in the Narthex. This tree needs your promises to green up this spring and summer. For example, you may decide to inscribe the leaf with a promise such as "I promise to bring my own bags when shopping," "I promise to plant some native wildflowers in my yard," or "I promise to become a climate ambassador."

By participating in these activities and sharing our knowledge, we all become better stewards of the Creation. Plymouth's Earth Care Team has provided some leaf promises you might give a try this spring or summer on a form you can find by the tree in the Narthex. Stop by this morning and add your Earth Care promise leaves to the tree!

