



**PLYMOUTH
CONGREGATIONAL
CHURCH**

July 25, 2010

PLYMOUTH CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL PEOPLE.

We embrace diversity in our congregation and community, and we affirm the dignity and worth of every person created in the image of God. We honor the guiding principle that discrimination is incompatible with Christ's message of unconditional love.

We welcome into full membership and participation in all aspects of our church life persons of every race, language, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, physical or mental ability, economic or marital status, and faith background, and we affirm and celebrate all loving and committed relationships.

All are welcome.

During Today's Worship

PLEASE TURN OFF all cell phones and other electronic devices when in the Sanctuary.

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers. Ushers remain in the narthex throughout the service to assist you with any needs.

PARENTS/NURSING MOTHERS: The Heritage Room (next to the Library) is available as a respite space for babies and children. You can hear the service from there.

CHILDCARE FOR CHILDREN AGE FIVE AND YOUNGER is provided in the Nursery (Room 105) in the education wing. See an usher for directions.

DURING THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS, please pass the Friendship Pads so that all worshipers have an opportunity to provide updated contact information and greet one another by name following the service.

PLEASE WEAR A NAME BADGE, found in the Friendship Pads at the end of the pews, so that others might greet you before and after worship.

If You Are New to Plymouth Church

WELCOME! We hope you feel welcomed and that your time with us today is meaningful. We invite you to come to Guild Hall after worship for fellowship and conversation. Please stop by our "Welcome Table" for more information about Plymouth Church.

PARKING IS AVAILABLE in several lots adjacent to Plymouth Church. In the main lot, please avoid using any spaces marked "Reserved." In the Groveland and Loring-Nicollet lots, parking is permitted in all spaces. If you need a handicap parking space but do not have an official sticker, please come by the Church Office to get a special "Plymouth Church Handicap Parking" card for use in our parking lot.

INFORMATIONAL CLASSES FOR PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS: Contact Emily Venell at 612/977-1281 or emilyv@plymouth.org if you are interested in or have questions about membership at Plymouth Church, or if you are interested in attending a future informational series. Plymouth is eager to welcome those who wish to share their faith on our congregation's journey. We look forward to seeing you at Plymouth again.

PRAISE TO OUR GOD

Based on Psalms 103 and 150

LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8

Joachim Neander, 1680

Melody from "Ernewerten Gesangbuch, Stralsund," 1665

Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.

Harmony from "The Chorale Book for England," 1863

1 Praise to our God, the Al-might-y, who brings us sal - va - tion!
2 Praise to our God, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing;
3 Praise to our God, who is ev - er our judge and de-fend - er,
4 Praise to our God! We will sing to our Mak - er for - ev - er!

O my soul, sing of the Source of all life and cre - a - tion!
And, like the shel-ter - ing wings of an ea - gle, sus-tain - ing.
Show-ing us mcr-cy and grace like a shep-herd so ten - der.
All that has life and breath, join in the sing-ing to - geth - er.

Let all who hear Now to God's tem - ple draw near,
Have you not seen All that is need - ful has been
Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can do
Let the a - men Sound from God's peo - ple a - gain,

Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
Sent by God's gra - cious or - dain - ing?
If to that love we sur - ren - der.
Prais - ing the love none can sev - er. A - men.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

Annette and Audrey Cummings

Over the summer months members of the congregation will light a candle for peace. This ritual comes from our First Service.

ANTHEM

I WILL NOT LEAVE YOU COMFORTLESS

*Everett Titcomb
(1934)*

I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you yet again.
And your heart shall be joyful. Alleluia, alleluia.

– John 16:7 and 22

SCRIPTURE READINGS

PSALM 78:1–8
1 CORINTHIANS 2:1–11

Bryce Hamilton

HYMN #348

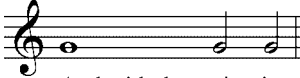
MY FAITH LOOKS UP TO THEE

“Olivet”

VERSICLES #533

Leader: The Lord be with you,

Congregation:

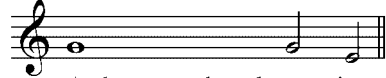


And with thy spir - it.

Leader: Let us pray.

O Lord, show thy mercy upon us,

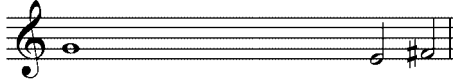
Congregation:



And grant us thy sal - va - tion.

Leader: O God, make clean our hearts within us,

Congregation:



And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY

SONG OF SUMMER

*Waldemar Ahlen
(1933)*

Lori Lewis, soprano, and Chorus

This morning's offertory was composed as a song for the close of the school year and is now sung throughout Sweden every year at commencement exercises.

The earth adorned in verdant robes sends praises upward surging,
While soft winds breathe on fragrant flowers from winter now emerging.
The sunshine bright gives warmth and light to budding blossoms tender,
Proclaiming summer splendor.

(continued)

GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN

Jeremiah Eames Rankin, c. 1880, alt.

RANDOLPH 9.8.8.9.
Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

In unison *Harmony*

1 God be with you till we meet a-gain; Lov - ing coun - sel
2 God be with you till we meet a-gain; Un - seen wings pro -
3 God be with you till we meet a-gain; When life's per - ils
4 God be with you till we meet a-gain; Keep love's ban - ner

guide, up - hold you, May the Shep-herd's care en - fold you:
tect - ing hide you, Dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you:
thick con-found you, Put un - fail - ing arms a - round you:
float - ing o'er you, Smite death's threat - ening wave be - fore you:

In unison

God be with you till we meet a-gain.
God be with you till we meet a-gain.
God be with you till we meet a-gain.
God be with you till we meet a-gain. A - men.

CHURCH REGISTER *as of July 21, 2010*

RECENTLY MARRIED:

Brandon Jay Edmundson and Sara Lynn Erickson (7/10/2010)
Heidi Schneider and Martin Sheeks (7/17/2010)

RECENTLY BAPTIZED:

Vivian Audrey Henkemeyer (7/11/2010), *daughter of Evelyn Molloy
Henkemeyer and Jeffrey Robert Henkemeyer*

PLYMOUTH STAFF

James Gertmenian, *Senior Minister*

Vivian Jones, *Minister Emeritus*

Jeffrey Sartain, *Executive Minister*

Catherine Crooks, *Minister for Member Care*

Paula Northwood, *Minister for Education*

Shannon Kearns, *Youth Activities Coordinator*

Adrian Moravec & Emilie Kusler Moravec, *Junior High Leaders*

John Edgerton, *Pastoral Resident*

Spencer Moffatt, *Seminary Intern*

Jo Holcomb, *Director of Children's Programs, Librarian*

Karen Millar, *Children's Program Assistant*

Carole Humphrey, *Director, Children's Dance*

Kristen Froebel, *Director, Young Voices*

Catherine Neuner & Maya Sutton, *Childcare Providers*

Connie Marty, *Director of Outreach Programs*

Larry Johnson, *Drop-in Coordinator*

Philip Brunelle, *Organist and Choirmaster*

Sonja Thompson, *Assistant Music Director*

James Bohn, Dan Dressen, Lisa Drew, Maria Jette & Lori Lewis, *Soloists*

Mary Laymon, *Director, Children's and Youth Choirs*

Cammy Carteng, *Director, Handbell Choirs*

Claire Colliander, *Music Librarian*

Ralph Henn, *Director of Communication*

Karen Hartz, *Director of Operations*

Linda Kelley, *Office Manager/Assistant to the Senior Minister*

Doug Freeman, *Assistant to the Associate Ministers*

Svetlana Vigliaturo, *Day Receptionist*

Robert Brock, Lydia Cole, Timm Douma, *Evening/Weekend Receptionists*

Brad Lien, *Accounting Manager*

Malcolm Williams, *Security Manager*

John Bradford, *Maintenance Manager*

Karin Holida, *Housekeeping Manager*

Bob Haas & Larry Rostad, *Custodians*

Emily Venell, *Facilities and Membership Coordinator*

Gary Stenberg, *Kitchen Coordinator*

Dan Simonson & Matthew Simonson, *Kitchen Assistants*

Cody Bourdot, *Audiovisual Technician*

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