



*We welcome all to our spiritual, loving, relevant and transforming faith community.*

**August 13, 10:30 a.m.**

Child care for children 3 and younger is provided in the Nursery, room 209 in the Education wing. See an usher for directions.

Large-print bulletins and hearing devices are available from the ushers.

**PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**

*Plymouth Church possesses artists in many disciplines, music being a prominent one. During the month of August, the preludes and postludes will be presented by members and friends of Plymouth's congregation playing Plymouth's 7-foot Steinway piano. We thank these pianists for sharing their artistry with us and praise God for their special gifts.*

**PRELUDE** CANZONA IN G MINOR *Dieterich Buxtehude*  
James Bobb, *guest organist* (BuxWV 173)

PETITE SUITE *Claude Debussy*  
In a Boat – Cortege – Minuet (1889)  
Ann Buran and Lynn Shackelford, *piano 4-hands*

**OPENING HYMN** SING PRAISE TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE “*Mit Freuden zart*”  
(see facing page)

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Carla J. Bailey

*Minister:* I was glad when they said to me, “Let us go to the house of our God!”  
Our feet are standing within your gates, O Holy City.

**Congregation:** **We live in a city of God, bound firmly together.**

*Minister:* Let us pray for the city of God, for this house of God where we worship and pray.

**Congregation:** **Peace be within our walls. For the sake of our relatives and friends, we will say, “Peace be within you.”**

*Minister:* I will say, “Peace be within you.”

**Congregation:** **Peace be within our walls.**

**INTROIT** *Walter Groatorex*  
(1877–1949)

We sing a love that sets all people free,  
That blows like wind, that burns like scorching flame,  
Enfolds like earth, springs up like water clear.  
Come, living love, live in our hearts today.

—*Solomon Ibn Gabirol*

**UNISON PRAYER**

**O God, we come seeking your wisdom for our lives, as individuals and as a community of faith. Open our ears and our eyes, our minds and our hearts. Be our guardian and our guide as we work to bring your will into a world starved for love, parched for justice and aching with anger and fear. May we live according to your hopes for us.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (“... and forgive us our debts . . .”) *Pilgrim Hymnal*, page 513, prayer 57

# SING PRAISE TO GOD WHO REIGNS ABOVE

Johann Jakob Schütz, 1640-1690  
 "Christliches Gedenkbüchlein," 1675  
 Tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1812-1897  
 "Hymns from the German," 1864

MIT FREUDEN ZART 8.7.8.7.8.8.7.  
 Bohemian Brethren's "Kirchengesänge," 1566

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, The God of all cre - a - tion,  
 2 What God's al-might-y power hath made, Now grace and mer - cy keep-eth;  
 3 Then all my glad-some way a - long, I sing a - loud thy prais-es,  
 4 O ye who name Christ's ho - ly name, Give God all praise and glo - ry;

The God of power, the God of love, The God of our sal - va - tion;  
 By morn-ing glow or eve-ningshade God's watchful eye ne'er sleep - eth;  
 That all may hear the grate-ful song My voice un-wea - ried rais - es;  
 All ye who live by love, pro-claim A - loud the won - drous sto - ry!

With heal-ing balm my soul is filled, And ev - ery faith - less  
 With - in the keep - ing of God's might, Lo! all is just and  
 Be joy - ful in the Lord, my heart, Both soul and bod - y  
 Cast each false i - dol from its throne, Our God is One, and

mur - mur stilled: To God all praise and glo - ry.  
 all is right: To God all praise and glo - ry.  
 bear your part: To God all praise and glo - ry.  
 God a - lone: To God all praise and glo - ry. A - men.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM

PASCHAL DANCE

*M. Searle Wright*  
(1953)

(from the cantata *The Green Blade Riseth*)  
Jenny French, *soprano*, and Lisa Drew, *alto*;  
with Maria Jette, *soprano*, and Dan Dressen, *tenor*

The whole bright world rejoices now.  
The birds do sing on every bough.  
Hilariter!

Then shout beneath the racing skies,  
To Him who rose that we might rise.  
Hilariter!

And all you living things make praise;  
He guideth you on all your ways.  
Hilariter!

Creator, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Our God most high, our joy and boast.  
Hilariter!

READING

THE FOUR THINGS THAT MATTER MOST (excerpt)  
*by Ira Byock*

HYMN

GOD OF MERCY, TRUTH, AND BEAUTY  
(see facing page)

*“Ar hyd y nos”*

VERSICLES

*Minister:* Let us prepare our hearts for prayer.

*All:*

Spir-it of God, vis - it us. With your bless-ings, fill\_ our lives.

*Minister:* God be with you.

***Congregation:* And with your spirit.**

*Minister:* Let us pray.

*The congregation is seated.*

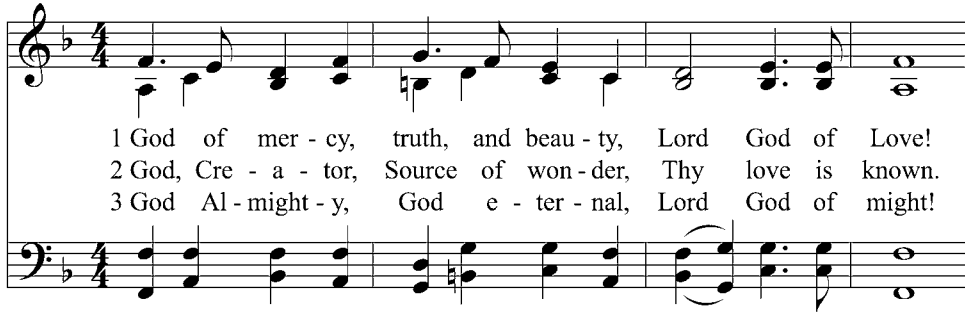
PASTORAL PRAYER

Paula Northwood

# GOD OF MERCY, TRUTH, AND BEAUTY

*Based on various hymn texts*

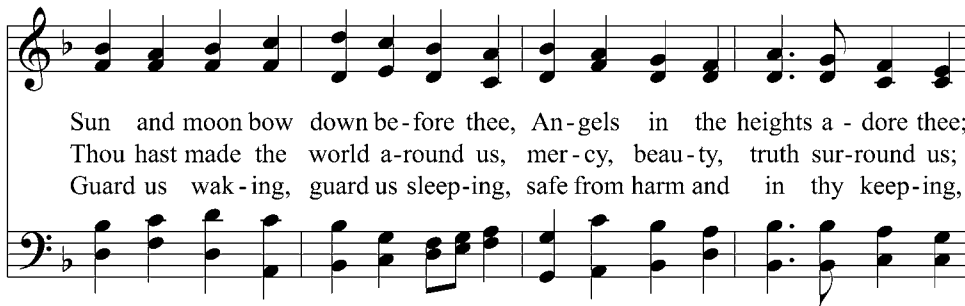
AR HYD Y NOS 8.4.8.4.8.8.8.4.  
*Edward Jones' "Musical Relicks  
of the Welsh Bards," c. 1784*



1 God of mer - cy, truth, and beau - ty, Lord God of Love!  
2 God, Cre - a - tor, Source of won - der, Thy love is known.  
3 God Al - might - y, God e - ter - nal, Lord God of might!



Thou hast made the earth and heav - ens, Lord God a - bove.  
Depths of earth and heights of heav - en all are thine own.  
May thy love de - fend and help us, Lord God of light!



Sun and moon bow down be - fore thee, An - gels in the heights a - dore thee;  
Thou hast made the world a - round us, mer - cy, beau - ty, truth sur - round us;  
Guard us wak - ing, guard us sleep - ing, safe from harm and in thy keep - ing,



God of mer - cy, truth, and beau - ty, Lord God of Love!  
God, Cre - a - tor, Source of won - der, Thy love is known.  
God Al - might - y, God e - ter - nal, Lord God of might!

**OFFERTORY**

CHORUS OF ANGELS  
(from the oratorio *Elijah*)

*Felix Mendelssohn*  
(1846)

See, now he sleepeth beneath a juniper tree in the wilderness! And there the angels of the Lord encamp round about all them that fear Him.

Lift thine eyes, O lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help. Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved. Thy Keeper will never slumber.

—*I Kings 19:5; Psalm 34:7; Psalm 121:1–3*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*While the ushers bring forward the gifts, the congregation stands to sing.*

**DOXOLOGY #464**

**Praise to God, immortal praise, for the love that crowns our days!  
Bounteous source of every joy, let thy praise our tongues employ;  
Singing thus through all our days: Praise to God, immortal praise! Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

MATTHEW 14:1–21

**SERMON**

COUNT TO TEN

**CLOSING HYMN**

PRAISE THE LORD! YE HEAVENS, ADORING  
(see facing page)

*“Hyfrydol”*

**BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE**

ASTURIAS NO. 5  
Karen Canon, *piano*

*Isaac Albéniz*  
(1898)



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**PARENTS AND FAMILIES OF OUR CHILDREN:** Thank you for bringing your children to church. If you need a place to go with a restless or hungry child, the Parsons Room (next to the library) is available. You and your children can hear the service from there.

**IF YOU HAVE A HOPE, A SUGGESTION OR A CONCERN ABOUT PLYMOUTH,** please contact the Deacons via their email address, [deacons@plymouth.org](mailto:deacons@plymouth.org).

# PRAISE THE LORD! YE HEAVENS, ADORING

Based on Psalm 148

"Foundling Hospital Collection," London, 1798, alt.

HYFRYDOL 8.7.8.7.D

Melody by Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831

"Cyfaill y Cantorion," 1844



1 Praise the Lord! ye heav'ns, a - dor - ing; An - gels, praise God, in the height;  
2 Praise the Lord! our God is glo - rious; Nev - er shall a prom - ise fail;



Sun and moon, re-joyce in cho - rus; Praise God, gleam - ing stars of light.  
God has made the saints vic - to - rious; Sin and death shall not pre - vail.



Praise the Lord! for God has spo - ken; Worlds that might - y voice o - beyed;  
Praise the God of our sal - va - tion! Hosts on high, that pow'r pro - claim;



Laws which nev - er shall be bro - ken For their guid - ance have been made.  
Heav'n, and earth, and all cre - a - tion, Laud and mag - ni - fy God's name. A - men.



**CHURCH REGISTER** *as of Aug. 9, 2017*

**RECENTLY BAPTIZED:**

Greta Jean Bartholomew (8/6/2017), *daughter of Brent and Rebecca Bartholomew*  
Sabrina Lark Scharback (8/6/2017), *daughter of Alecia White Scharback and Joshua Scharback*

**RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Dean Bergstrom (8/3/2017)

**RECENTLY BEREAVED:**

Greg and Susan Zoidis, *death of father(-in-law), Tom Zoidis (7/27/2017)*; Matt and Zach Zoidis, *death of grandfather*

**CONVALESCING:**

Jane Eichten, *at home*  
Anne Seltz, *at home*  
Jane Thompson, *at home*

**HOME AND HOSPITAL VISITS:** All Plymouth's ministers call upon members of the church in their homes, in hospitals or care and rehabilitation centers. If you know of someone who would like a visit from a minister, please contact Beth Faeth ([bethf@plymouth.org](mailto:bethf@plymouth.org) or 612/977-1286).

Carla J. Bailey, *Senior Minister*  
Beth A. Faeth, *Transitional Minister for Congregational Care*  
Paula Northwood, *Minister for Spiritual Formation*  
Jeffrey Sartain, *Minister for Community Engagement*  
Seth Patterson, *Director of Children and Youth Ministry*  
Philip Brunelle, *Organist and Choirmaster*  
Sonja Thompson, *Music Associate*  
George Maurer, *First Service Music Director*

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