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

August 14, 2016
10:00 a.m.

Child care for children 4 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

THREE WALTZES

F minor (Opus 70, No. 2); E minor (Opus Posthumous);
A-flat Major (Opus 42)
Karen Canon, piano

Opening Hymn

WITH SONGS AND HONORS SOUNDING LOUD

“Ellacombe”

(see facing page)

Call to Worship

Carla J. Bailey

Minister: Sun and rain, stars and moon, fields of hay and bursting sunflowers, rejoice!

Congregation: Lakes and streams, ponds, rivers, oceans wide, rejoice!

Minister: My heart, my mind, my hands and feet, rejoice!

Congregation: My people, strangers and friends, children and elders, rejoice!

Minister: Let all I know and see, hear and taste, rejoice!

Congregation: O God of all creation, we will rejoice!

Introit

Samuel Adler

Early will I seek Thee God, my refuge strong;
Late prepare to meet Thee with my evening song.
Though unto Thy greatness I with trembling soar
Yet my inmost thinking lies Thine eyes before.
—Solomon Ibn Gabirol

Unison Prayer

O God of all creation, our refuge strong, be with us as we worship this day. Give ear to our silent longing. Be patient with our impatience. Break down the barriers we have painstakingly constructed, and protect our revealed hearts from exploitation and discouragement. We are yours, such as we are, and we are here, an acknowledgement that we need your guiding hand. With the disciples before us, we lend our voices,

The Lord’s Prayer (“. . . and forgive us our debts . . .”) Pilgrim Hymnal, page 513, prayer 57

Welcome and Announcements
WITH SONGS AND HONORS SOUN丁NG LOUD

Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.  

ELLACOMBE C.M.D.  

“Gesangbuch,” Wirtemberg, 1784

1 With songs and honors sounding loud, Address the Lord on high;  
2 God’s steady counsels change the face Of the declining year;  
3 God sends bright sun to melt the snow, The fields no longer mourn;

O’er the heavens are spread the clouds, And waters veil the sky.  
And bid the sun cut short its race, And wintry days appear.  
And calls the warmer gales to blow, To make the spring return.

God sends the showers of blessing down To cheer the plains below;  
The hoary frost, the sleet, the snow, Descend and clothe the ground;  
The changing wind, the flying cloud, Obey God’s mighty word;

And makes the grass the mountains crown, And corn in valleys grow.  
The liquid streams forbear to flow, In icy fetters bound.  
With songs and honors sounding loud, Praise ye the sovereign Lord.  

Amen.
Prayer Response

Dona Nobis Pacem

Traditional canon

Anthem

Laetamini Cum Maria

Richard Dering
(c. 1580–1630)

Jenny French, soprano; Dan Dressen, tenor;
and Timothy Takach, bass

Rejoice and be glad with Mary, all ye who love her, as a mother with a
Child most holy.
Rejoice and be glad, O mother of the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 104:24–35

O God, how manifold are your works!

With Wisdom at your side you made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

There lies the great and mighty Sea,
teeming with living things great and small.

Upon it sail the ships,
and there is Leviathan, the monster you made to play in it.

All these look to you,
to give them their food in due season.

What you give them they gather up.
When you open your hand,
you fill them with good things.
But when you hide your face they despair.
When you take away their breath, they die, and return to dust.

**But when you send out your spirit, they live again,**
**and you renew the face of the earth.**

May your glory, O God, endure forever.

**May you rejoice, O God, in your works.**

When you look at the earth, it trembles,

**when you touch the mountains, they smoke.**

I will sing to God as long as I live.

**I will praise my God while I have being.**

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**HYMN #323**

JESUS CALLS US, O’ER THE TUMULT

“**Gott des Himmels**”

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**PASTORAL PRAYER**

Catherine Duncan

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**OFFERTORY**

SO THE DAY DAWN FOR ME

Ian Kellam

(2005)

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So the day dawn for me, so the day break,
Christ watching over me, Christ as I wake.

Be the day shine to me, be the day bright,
Christ my companion be, Christ be my light.

Be the day dark to me, be the day drear,
Christ shall my comfort be, Christ be my cheer.

Be the day swift to me, be the day long,
Christ my contentment be, Christ be my song.

So the day close for me, so the night fall,
Christ watching over me, Christ be my all.

—Timothy Dudley-Smith

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**PRAYER OF DEDICATION & 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.

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**SCRIPTURE READING**

ACCTS 2:1–21

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**SERMON**

OLD BUT EVER NEW: THE GIFT OF COMMUNITY

Catherine Crooks

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**CLOSING HYMN**

YOU CALL US OUT

(see next page)

“**Thornbury**”
YOU CALL US OUT

Anna Briggs, 1991

THORNBURY 7.6.6.6.D.
Basil Harwood, 1898

1 You call us out to praise you, the
2 The church that speaks for - give ness, con -
3 The church that of - fers heal - ing, dis -
4 Our fee - ble voic - es strug - gle, to

God who gave us birth; to gath - er in com - mu - nion,
finds grace to care and feed; our fam - ished world is cry - ing,
and treas - ure all the earth; we are your liv - ing sto - ry,
to hear and to be heard, we praise your name, who

fess - es its own need, the church that feels its hun - ger,
shares life be - yond the cross; to peo - ple torn and bro - ken,
its fu - ture filled with dread; we praise your name, who
writes us, the au - thor and the word.

cerns its wounds and loss; the church that fac - es dy - ing,
each dis - cord ech - oes fear; one voice a - lone is rag - ged,
your mer - cy is re - vealed; we praise your name, who
fills us, the bak - er and the bread.

ing your jus - tice clear; the world has sunk in si - lence,
to - geth - er we are strong; we praise your name, who
loves us, the heal - er and the healed.

breathes us, the sing - er and the song.
We are grateful to our additional worship leader today: our Covenant Partner Catherine Duncan, Chaplain for Fairview Home Care and Hospice. A Covenant Partner is a minister of the United Church of Christ who is a member of our congregation and serves in a ministry setting other than a church.

We also are grateful to our musical guests, Plymouth members Karen Canon and Carol Moller.

This Week’s Spiritual Practice

As the coming week unfolds, carve out a little time to quietly reflect on the communities of family, friends or faith that have been or still are places of nurture, inspiration and hope in your life. Give thanks for them. Pray for them. Covenant anew to bring your love and care to one such community this coming fall.

Chancel Flowers are given with thanks for the Holy Spirit of God, with his son Jesus, from Michael Wilhelm.

Parents and Families of Our Children: Thank you for bringing your children to church. Children may enjoy the activities stowed in our bags prepared especially for them. Pictures to color, crayons and books are included in the activity bags. These may be picked up in the north hallway at the back of the Sanctuary.

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.
CHURCH REGISTER as of August 10, 2016

RECENTLY MARRIED:
  Tim and Haley Brunelle (8/7/2016)
  Joanna Imm and Peter Swenson (8/7/2016)

CONVALESCING:
  Diane Cummisford, *The Glenn, Hopkins*
  Nancy Geertz-Larson, *at home*
  Art Lunow, *at home*
  Evy Nelson, *at home*
  Jack Pearson, *at home*

IN HOSPICE CARE:
  Knowles Dougherty
  Patti Neir

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 Catherine Crooks, Minister for Congregational Care (cathiec@plymouth.org or 612/977-1286).

Carla J. Bailey, *Senior Minister*
Catherine Crooks, *Minister for Congregational Care*
Paula Northwood, *Minister for Spiritual Formation*
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Philip Brunelle, *Organist and Choirmaster*
Sonja Thompson, *Music Associate*
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