



January 29, 2012

PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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 Parsons Room (next to the Library) is available as a respite space for babies and children. You can hear the service from there.

CHILDCARE FOR INFANTS is provided in the Nursery (Room 209) in the education wing. See an usher for directions.

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

PARKING IS AVAILABLE in several lots adjacent to Plymouth Church. On Sunday mornings in our main lot, as well as 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 interactive seminar. 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.

***For information on this week's events at Plymouth Church,
please visit our website at www.plymouth.org.***

PRELUDE

DANCE

Alan Ridout
(1979)

PRELUDE ON A DAKOTA HYMN TUNE, "LAC QUI PARLE" *Mark Sedio*
("Many and great, O God, are your works") (2007)

PRAYER FROM LAPLAND *Eskil Hemberg*
(1973)

O Almighty Father, in your hand moves the earth. The whole world is a ball that you turn around and look upon and make to your Son and the Holy Ghost.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

ALL CREATURES OF
OUR GOD ON HIGH
(see next page)

"Lasst uns erfreuen"

CALL TO WORSHIP

James Gertmenian

Leader: From the East, from the West, from the North, from the South,

***People:* We come together to worship God.**

Leader: In stories, old and new,

***People:* We learn of God's presence in our lives.**

Leader: In the turning of seasons and the passing of years,

***People:* We come to know the Eternal.**

INTROIT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY
AFTER THE EPIPHANY

A NAVAHO PRAYER

Cary John Franklin
(1993)

I ask all blessings,
I ask them with reverence, of my mother the earth,
of the sky, moon and sun my father.
I am old age: the essence of life.
I am the source of all happiness.
All is peace, all in beauty, all in harmony, all in joy.

UNISON PRAYER

Help us, O God, to glean from the old stories some truth for today, and help us to see in the new stories some hope for tomorrow. Most of all, Holy One, help us to see how our own stories are woven together in a way that makes us one people.

THE LORD'S PRAYER ("...and forgive us our debts...")
Pilgrim Hymnal, p. 513, prayer 57

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD ON HIGH

St. Francis of Assisi, c. 1225
 Tr. William Henry Draper, c. 1910
 "Hymns of the Spirit," 1926, alt.

LASST UNS ERFREUEN 8.8.4.4.8.8. with Alleluias
 Melody from "Geistliche Kirchengesäng," Cologne, 1623
 Harm. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

1 All crea-tures of our God on high, Lift up your voice and with us cry
 2 O rush-ing wind that is so strong, And clouds that sail in heav'n a - long,
 3 O flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, Make mu-sic for your God to hear,
 4 Dear mo-ther earth, who day by day, Un - folds rich bless-ings on our way
 5 Let all cre-a - tion sing God's praise In hum-ble-ness, through all our days,

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! O burn-ing sun with gold - en
 Sing your prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! O morn-ing light in praise re -
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! O fire, so dazz - ling and so
 Sing your prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! All men and wo - men, old and
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the Ma - ker, praise the

beam And sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam, Sing your prais - es, sing your
 joyce, O stars of eve - ning, find a voice. Sing your prais - es, sing your
 bright, That gives to us both warmth and light, Sing your prais - es, sing your
 young, To - geth - er let God's song be sung. Sing your prais - es, sing your
 Son, And praise the Spi - rit, Three in One: Sing your prais - es, sing your

prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

And some of the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, "Master; rebuke thy disciples." And he answered and said unto them, "I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out."
—Luke 19:39–40

A stable-lamp is lighted
Whose glow shall wake the sky;
The stars shall bend their voices,
And every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry.
And straw like gold shall shine;
A barn shall harbor heaven,
A stall become a shrine.

Yet he shall be forsaken,
And yielded up to die;
The sky shall groan and darken,
And every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry
For stony hearts of men:
God's blood upon the spearhead,
God's love refused again.

This child through David's city
Shall ride in triumph by;
The palm shall strew its branches,
And every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry,
Though heavy, dull, and dumb,
And lie within the roadway
To pave his kingdom come.

But now, as at the ending,
The low is lifted high;
The stars shall bend their voices,
And every stone shall cry.
And every stone shall cry
In praises of the child
By whose descent among us
The worlds are reconciled.

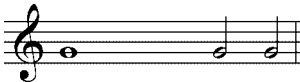
—“A Christmas Hymn,” Richard Wilbur, 1961

SCRIPTURE READING

HYMN THE FALLOW HEART IS GOD'S OWN FIELD “O Waly Waly”
(see next page)

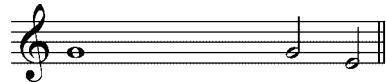
VERSICLES #533

Leader: The Lord be with you,
Congregation:



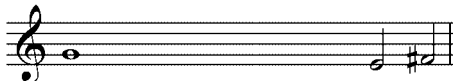
And with thy spir - it.

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.

THE FALLOW HEART IS GOD'S OWN FIELD

James Gertmenian, 1999

O WALY WALY 8.8.8.8.

English traditional melody

Harm. Gary P. Davison, 1990

1 The fal - low heart is God's own field, A la - ter
2 The fal - low church is God's own womb, A place where
3 The fal - low earth is God's own soul, In its good
4 May we with grace and pa - tience wait, Though pro - mised

sea - son's fruit to yield. The heart at rest is God's de -
in - fant hope finds room; Where wait - ing si - lent - ly is
time be - com - ing whole, When hea - ven shares soft heal - ing
gifts seem of - ten late; And ly - ing fal - low may we

light, God's brood - ing plea - sure day and night.
borne: A la - bor loved, a pro - mise sworn.
rain And cv - 'ry field gives whole - some grain.
be God's womb and soul, God's trea - sured field.

OFFERTORY

HEAR THE MESSAGE *Jerod Impichchaaachaaha' Tate*
 OF THE LIVING WORD (2012)

—world premiere—

Maria Jette and James Bohn, *soloists*

Hear the message of the living Word; you who are lost and suffering will be changed. Though we are lost and wander in darkness, he will bring us forth out of darkness. To all the world, what is done will be as in heaven. It is said, it will be so.

—*Choctaw hymn*

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.

SERMON**NATIVE AMERICAN STORIES**

Eric J. Jolly

Dr. Eric J. Jolly, Cherokee storyteller, holds a Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Oklahoma and was appointed President of the Minnesota Science Museum in 2004. He serves in many leadership positions in major national educational and scientific organizations. He co-founded the Collaboration for Equity project and founded the National Institute for Affirmative Action. In 2010 Dr. Jolly received an Ambassador Award given by the St. Paul Foundation's Facing Race initiative.

CLOSING HYMN #38**MORNING HAS BROKEN**

"Bunessan"

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE**

LIED TO THE SUN
 (from "Lied Symphony")

Flor Peeters
 (1950)



OUR THANKS to Christian Nielsen for playing the cedar flute in today's service.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by Jane Dayton Hall in celebration of the wedding of her grandson, Andrew L. Hall, in Ely, Minnesota.

TODAY'S COFFEE HOUR AND GUILD HALL FLOWERS are sponsored by the Adventurers Club in celebration of Alice Strobel's 90th birthday.

NEXT SUNDAY: Paula Northwood will lead the 9:50 a.m. First Service, and James Gertmenian will preach at the 10:30 a.m. Sanctuary service.

ON THE COVER: Photograph from the private archives of Eric J. Jolly, Ph.D.

CHURCH REGISTER *as of January 25, 2012*

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Alice Rogers (1/18/2012)

A memorial service for Alice will be held in the spring.

Bill Venell (1/13/2012)

Husband of Jane Venell

Father of Kathryn Koessel

Grandfather of Sarah Koessel

Father(-in-law) of Greg and Emily Venell

Grandfather of Maggie and Christy Venell

A memorial service for Bill was held at Plymouth on January 19.

OTHER MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE RECENTLY BEREAVED:

Brian Johnson and Marsha Hunter, *death of Brian's mother, Margaret A. Johnson*

HOSPITALIZED:

Karl Doeringsfeld, *Abbott Northwestern*

Lily Krishnan, *daughter of Annie and Anand Krishnan*

CONVALESCING:

Karen Campbell, *Walker Methodist Health Center*

Bob Parsonage, *Park Health and Rehabilitation, St. Louis Park*

IN HOSPICE CARE:

Wyland Tarrant, *father of Barbara Tarrant*

CARINGBRIDGE WEBSITES help people stay connected in times of illness:

Jud Reaney, www.caringbridge.org/visit/judreaney

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'd like a visit from a minister, please contact Catherine Crooks, Minister for Member Care (cathiec@plymouth.org or 612/977-1286).

PLYMOUTH WORSHIP STAFF

James Gertmenian, *Senior Minister*

Vivian Jones, *Minister Emeritus*

Jeffrey Sartain, *Executive Minister*

Catherine Crooks, *Minister for Member Care*

Paula Northwood, *Minister for Education*

Tara Bauer, *Pastoral Resident*

Philip Brunelle, *Organist and Choirmaster*

Sonja Thompson, *Assistant Music Director*

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