



February 5, 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.

LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS AND HEARING DEVICES are available from the ushers.

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.

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

If You Are New to Plymouth Church

PARKING IS AVAILABLE in our main lot, as well as the Groveland and Loring-Nicollet lots, in all spaces on Sunday mornings. If you need a handicap parking space but do not have an official sticker, please come by the Church Office to get a "Plymouth Church Handicap Parking" card.

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 CHORALE PRELUDE ON *Johann Sebastian Bach*
"NOW REJOICE, BELOVED CHRISTIANS" (1685–1750)

PRELUDE *Ola Gjeilo*
Anthony Ross, *cello* (2002)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN PRAISE, MY SOUL, "Praise My Soul"
THE GOD OF HEAVEN
(see next page)

CALL TO WORSHIP Kris Mortensen

Leader: Have you not known? Have you not heard?

***Congregation:* God does not grow faint or weary.**

Leader: Those who wait for God will renew their strength.

***Congregation:* They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

INTROIT FOR THE PRESENTATION IN THE TEMPLE *Arthur B. Jennings*
(1935)

Help now Thy servants, gracious Lord,
That we may ever be
As once the faithful Simeon was,
Rejoicing but in Thee.

UNISON PRAYER

It amazes us, God, that even through the clamor of our faults and failings and despite the incessant noise of our egos, you do not grow weary of us. How is it that you can be more patient with us than we are with ourselves and one another? We do not really understand love such as this, but even if we lack understanding, we are grateful for your grace and your faithfulness to us. Teach us to receive your forgiving embrace with hearts that are so full that they break open in generosity.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE, MY SOUL, THE GOD OF HEAVEN

Based on Psalm 103

Henry Francis Lyte, 1793-1847, alt.

"The Spirit of the Psalms," 1834

PRAISE MY SOUL 8.7.8.7.8.7.

John Goss, 1800-1880

"The Supplemental Hymn and Tune Book," 1869

1 Praise, my Soul, the God of heav - en, Glad of heart thy
2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor In the a - ges
3 Lov - ing - ly God tends and spares us; Well our hu - man
4 An - gels, help our ad - o - ra - tion, Ye be - hold God

trib - ute bring! Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
past ex - pressed; God is still the same for - ev - er,
frame is known; Our Cre - a - tor gen - tly bears us,
face to face; Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

Who like me God's praise should sing? Al - le - lu - ia!
Slow to chide and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!
Grace and good - ness to us shown: Al - le - lu - ia!
Dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Ev - er - last - ing an - thems ring!
Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!
Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly as God's mer - cy flows!
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of Grace! A - men.

ANTHEM

SANCTUARY
(sung in Latin and English)

Ola Gjeilo
(2011)

—Midwest premiere—

Sung in Latin: Power and honor are in God’s sanctuary, for the Lord is great.
Sing unto the Lord and bless the name of the Lord.

Sung in English: Sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord all the earth.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

ISAIAH 40:21-31
MARK 1:29-39

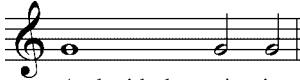
HYMN #326

THOU DIDST LEAVE THY THRONE

“Margaret”

VERSICLES #533

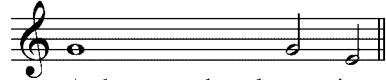
Leader: The Lord be with you,
Congregation:



And with thy spir - it.

Leader: Let us pray.
O Lord, show thy mercy upon us,

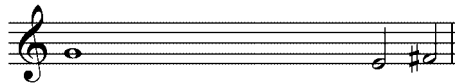
Congregation:



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

Catherine Crooks

OFFERTORY

CANTIQUÉ
Anthony Ross, *cello*

Gabriel Fauré
(1865)

O Redeemer divine, our sole hope of salvation, Eternal Light of the earth and the sky, we kneel in adoration; O Savior, turn on us Thy loving eye!

Send down on us the fire of Thy grace all-consuming, whose wondrous might dispersed the powers of hell, and rouse our slumbering souls with radiance all-illuming that they may waken Thy mercy to tell!

O Christ bestow Thy blessing on us, we implore Thee, who here are gathered on penitent knee; accept the hymns we sing to Thine everlasting glory and these Thy gifts we return unto Thee!

—Jean Racine

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

WHAT I CAME TO DO

James Gertmenian

CLOSING HYMN

CHRIST IS THE
WORLD'S TRUE LIGHT
(see next page)

"O Gott, du frommer Gott"

BENEDICTION & CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

BOURÉE IN C MAJOR *Johann Sebastian Bach*
(from the Third Suite for Unaccompanied Cello) (1685–1750)
Anthony Ross, *cello*



CHURCH REGISTER *as of February 1, 2012*

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Alice Rogers (1/18/2012)

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

OTHER MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE RECENTLY BEREAVED

Kim Lutes, *death of her aunt Florence*

HOSPITALIZED:

Karl Doeringsfeld, *Abbott Northwestern*

CONVALESCING:

Steve Boruff, *at home*

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).

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Felton and Helen Colwell and Paul and Dorothy Loudon by their children.

NEXT SUNDAY: Tara Bauer 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: *The Presentation in the Temple* by the Master of the Brunswick Diptych (Dutch, 15th century). This work is in the collection of the Minneapolis Institute of Arts.

CHRIST IS THE WORLD'S TRUE LIGHT

George W. Briggs, 1875-1959

O GOTT, DU FROMMER GOTT 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6.

Melody by Ahasuerus Fritsch, 1649-1701

Harm. by J. S. Bach, 1685-1750

1 Christ is the world's true light, Its cap-tain of sal - va - tion,
2 In Christ all ra - ces meet, Their an - cient feuds for - get - ting,
3 One Lord, in one great name U - nite us all who own thee;

The day - star clear and bright Of ev - ery race and na - tion;
The whole round world com - plete, From sun - rise to its set - ting;
Cast out our pride and shame That hin - der to en - throne thee;

New life, new hope a - wakes Wher - e'er we own Christ's sway;
When Christ is throned as Lord, All shall for - sake their fear
The world has wait - ed long, Has tra - vailed long in pain;

Free - dom its bond - age breaks, And night is turned to day.
To plough - share beat the sword, To prun - ing - hook the spear.
To heal its an - cient wrong, Come, Prince of peace, and reign. A - men.

PLYMOUTH STAFF

James Gertmenian, *Senior Minister*

Vivian Jones, *Minister Emeritus*

Jeffrey Sartain, *Executive Minister*

Larry Johnson, *Drop-in Coordinator*

Catherine Crooks, *Minister for Member Care*

Paula Northwood, *Minister for Education*

Shannon Kearns, *Interim Community Ministries Coordinator;*

Youth Activities Coordinator

Katie Dailey, *Junior High Leader*

Corbin Dillon, *Junior High Assistant*

Tara Bauer, *Pastoral Resident*

Catherine Duncan, *Covenant Partner; Chaplain for Fairview Home Care and Hospice*

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*

Philip Brunelle, *Organist and Choirmaster*

Sonja Thompson, *Assistant Music Director*

James Bohn, Dan Dressen, Lisa Drew, Jennifer French & Maria Jette, *Soloists*

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

Cammy Carteng, *Director, Handbell Choirs*

Claire Colliander, *Music Librarian*

Allison Campbell Jensen, *Director of Communication*

Cody Bourdot, *Audiovisual Technician*

Karen Hartz, *Director of Operations*

Timothy Douma, *Ministry Assistant for Administration*

Doug Freeman, *Ministry Assistant for Programs*

Emily Venell, *Ministry Assistant for Hospitality*

Robert Brock & Gulark Wright, *Evening/Weekend Receptionists*

Joy Hansen, *Accounting Manager*

Malcolm Williams, *Public Safety Manager*

John Bradford, *Building Manager*

Bob Haas, *Housekeeping Manager*

Kathryn Bahl & Larry Rostad, *Custodians*

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