



**PLYMOUTH  
CONGREGATIONAL  
CHURCH**

**November 6, 2011**

## ***It's Our Home—Progressive Faith Healing the World***

Plymouth Church has a fascinating history going back almost 155 years. Our congregation has been active in the movement to abolish slavery, efforts to mitigate the negative effects of alcohol in our community, programs for new immigrants and the expanding population of industrial workers, actions to stop legislation that would have banned the teaching of evolution in our schools and universities, the peace movement of the '60s and '70s and so much more. Our archivists have kept painstaking records of what we have accomplished over the decades so that future members will know what we have valued. When we pledge at Plymouth, we ensure that our historical records are complete and enduring. Our pledges safeguard our stories so that generations to come will know that we have been and can continue to be a voice for progressive faith healing the world.

### ***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](mailto: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.

## **PLYMOUTH CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL PEOPLE.**

*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.***



# THEY WILL STAND IN THE GATES OF THE CITY

Britt Hallqvist, 1976

Tr: Gracia Grindal

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Egil Hovland, 1976

1 They will stand in the gates of the cit - y And be  
2 They'll re - mem - ber the green fields of sum - mer And the

gath - ered to - geth - er a - gain. They will walk through the por - tals of  
flow - ers of spring - time once more. They'll for - get all the sor - row and

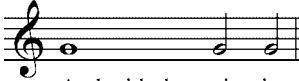
heav - en To an un - known world and an - oth - er life. They'll be  
suf - f'ring Of an an - cient world in a van - ished life.

sing - ing, sing - ing, yes, sing - ing a new ju - bi - lant song.

3. They will meet with their friends and the fam'ly  
Which they lost to the earth long ago.  
They will play with the saints and the angels  
In God's paradise, they will dance for joy.
4. They will meet with the Lord of Creation,  
They will gaze at his wonderful face,  
And be changed by the light they see shining  
From the flowing fountain of life and grace.

**VERSICLES #533**

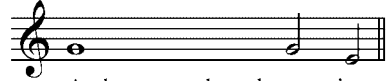
*Leader:* The Lord be with you,  
*Congregation:*



And with thy spir - it.

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

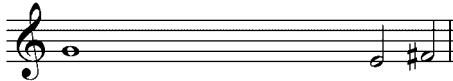
*Congregation:*



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**

Paula Northwood

**OFFERTORY**

**SAHAYTA (HELPFULNESS)**

*Ben Allaway*

|               |                             |                        |
|---------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| Aawitankita   | “I will sing for you”       | Filipino (Philippines) |
| Bayanihan     | “cooperation”               | Filipino               |
| Ektaa         | “oneness”                   | Hindi (India)          |
| Halo-Halo     | “mix together, melting pot” | Filipino               |
| Ngoyila       | “oneness”                   | Mende (Sierra Leone)   |
| Peace and Joy |                             | English (USA)          |
| Sahayta       | “helpfulness”               | Sanskrit (Nepal)       |
| Salaam        | “peace”                     | Arabic (Egypt)         |
| Selam         | “peace”                     | Amharic (Ethiopia)     |
| Shalom        | “peace, hello, goodbye”     | Hebrew (Israel)        |
| !Uba !Uoba    | “praise the Lord”           | Damara (Namibia)       |
| Unidad        | “unity”                     | Spanish (Chile)        |
| Washirika     | “congregation”              | Swahili (Zimbabwe)     |

**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**

**TO BE BLESSED**

James Gertmenian

**RECESSIONAL HYMN** NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD *“Nun danket alle Gott”*  
(see next page)

**BENEDICTION & CHORAL AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

**POSTLUDIUM**

*Marius Monnikendam*  
(1959)



# NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Martin Rinkhart, c.1636

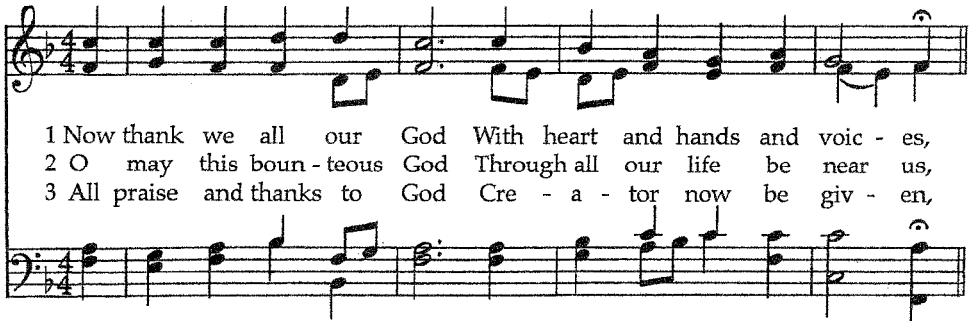
Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

"Lyra Germanica II", 1858

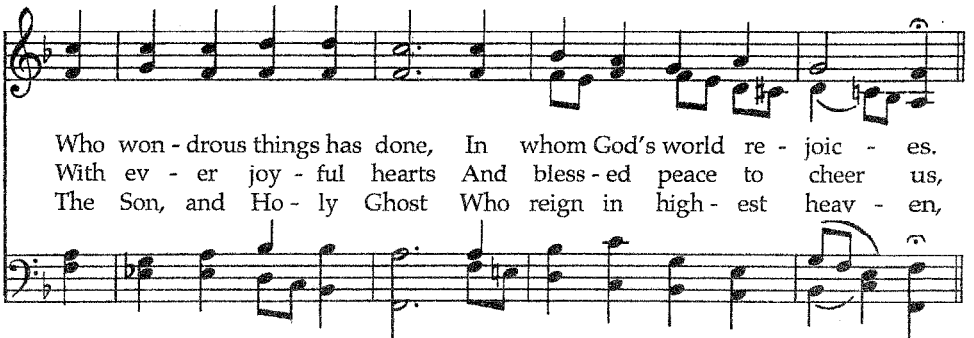
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Melody by Johann Crüger, 1648

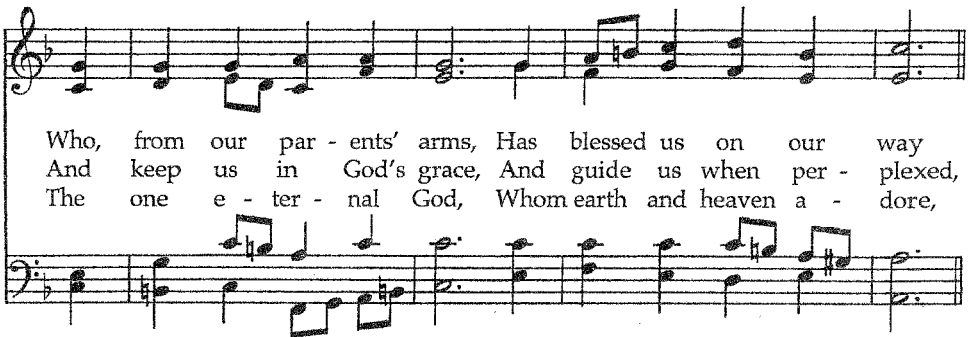
Harm. adapt. from Felix Mendelssohn, 1840



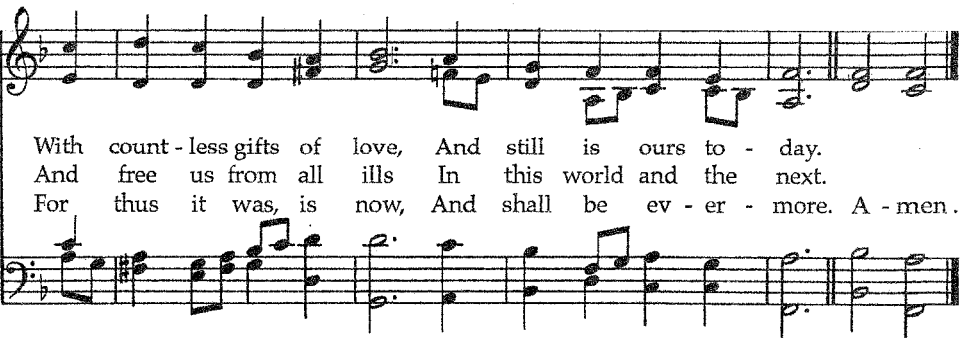
1 Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voic - es,  
2 O may this boun - teous God Through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God Cre - a - tor now be giv - en,



Who won - drous things has done, In whom God's world re - joic - es.  
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us,  
The Son, and Ho - ly Ghost Who reign in high - est heav - en,



Who, from our par - ents' arms, Has blessed us on our way  
And keep us in God's grace, And guide us when per - plexed,  
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heaven a - dore,



With count - less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.  
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more. A - men.

## CHURCH REGISTER *as of November 2, 2011*

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Winter Ensign (3/22/2011)  
*Husband of Marguerite Ensign*

### RECENTLY MARRIED:

Brent Bartholomew and Becca Reinhart (10/21/2011)

### RECENT BIRTHS:

Harriet McNurlen Ayres (10/9/2011), *daughter of Julia Welle Ayres and Matthew Ayres*

Cooper Giske Stone and Whitney Giske Stone (10/26/2011), *sons of Meredith Giske and Rachel Stone, grandsons of Marcia and Ray Giske*

### CONVALESCING:

Karen Campbell, *Walker Methodist Health Center*

### 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](http://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](mailto:cathiec@plymouth.org) or 612/977-1286).

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** are given in loving memory of Connie Buran Schreck and Kevin Charles Schreck by Ann and David Buran and Kevin and Teddy Schreck.

**TODAY'S UNISON PRAYER** is by Paul B. Robinson in *Touch Holiness: Resources for Worship*, edited by Ruth C. Duck and Maren C. Tirabassi (New York: The Pilgrim Press, 1990), page 182. Reprinted by permission of the publisher.

**ON THE COVER:** All Saints' Day window, Plymouth Congregational Church Chapel.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Catherine Crooks will lead the 9:50 AM First Service, and James Gertmenian will preach at the 10:30 AM Sanctuary service.

*For information on this week's events at Plymouth Church,  
please visit our website at [www.plymouth.org](http://www.plymouth.org).*

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2012 Giving Campaign**

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For questions, please contact Joy Hansen (612-977-1265; [joyh@plymouth.org](mailto:joyh@plymouth.org)).

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**PLYMOUTH WORSHIP STAFF**

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Jeffrey Sartain, *Executive Minister*

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