



Plymouth

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

September 19, 2021 • 11 a.m.

PRELUDE

ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH
Philip Brunelle, organist

*Johann Sebastian Bach
(BWV 715)*

PRELUDE IN C MAJOR (from Suite No. 3)
Noah Scharback, cello

Johann Sebastian Bach

OPENING HYMN

OPEN NOW THY GATES OF BEAUTY
(all verses; see next page)

"Unser Herrscher"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Beth Hoffman Faeth

One: There is no place we can go

***All:* Where the love of God is not.**

One: There is no place we can flee

***All:* To escape God's care and concern.**

One: There is nothing we can do

***All:* To separate us from the love of God.**

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

Sue Shepard

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Tender, loving God, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever. Amen.

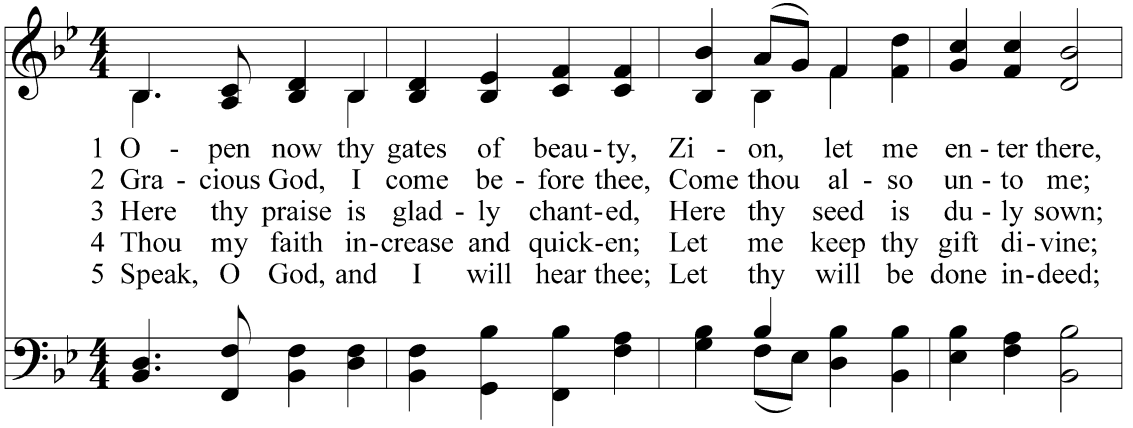
OPEN NOW THY GATES OF BEAUTY

Benjamin Schmolck, 1672-1737

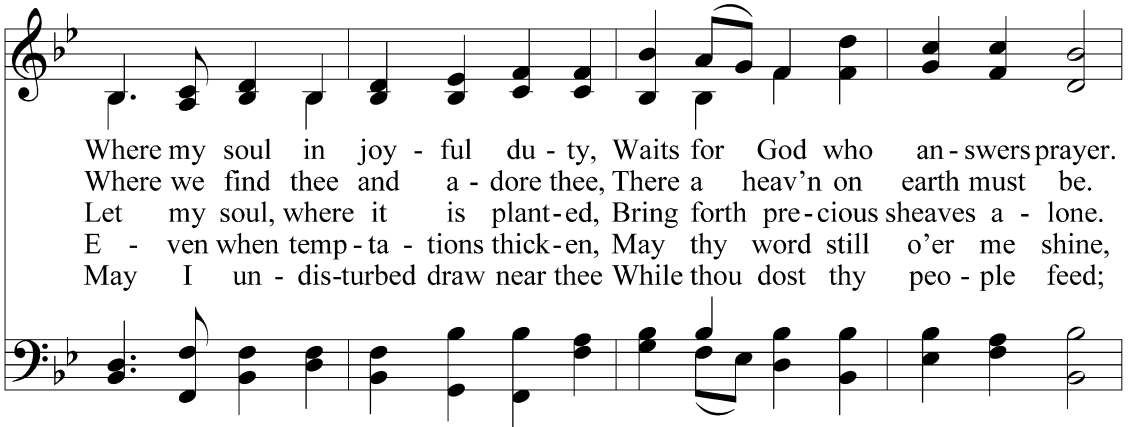
Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

UNSER HERRSCHER 8.7.8.7.7.7.

Melody by Joachim Neander, 1650-1680



1 O - pen now thy gates of beau-ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
2 Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee, Come thou al - so un - to me;
3 Here thy praise is glad - ly chant-ed, Here thy seed is du - ly sown;
4 Thou my faith in-crease and quick-en; Let me keep thy gift di-vine;
5 Speak, O God, and I will hear thee; Let thy will be done in-deed;



Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty, Waits for God who an - swers prayer.
Where we find thee and a - dore thee, There a heav'n on earth must be.
Let my soul, where it is plant-ed, Bring forth pre-cious sheaves a - lone.
E - ven when temp - ta - tions thic - ken, May thy word still o'er me shine,
May I un - dis - turbed draw near thee While thou dost thy peo - ple feed;



O how bless - ed is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace!
To my heart O en - ter thou, Let it be thy tem - ple now.
So that all I hear may be Fruit - ful un - to life in me.
As my guid - ing star through life, As my com - fort in all strife.
Here of life the foun - tain flows; Here is balm for all our woes.

PEACE CANDLE RESPONSE

GOD WITH ME

Stephen Paulus

God with me lying down,
God with me rising up,
God with me in each ray of light,
Nor ray of joy from any other.

—*Celtic Invocation*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**ANTHEM**

JUBILATE DEO

Benjamin Britten
(1961)

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord is God: It is God that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture. O go your way into God's gates with thanksgiving, and into God's courts with praise.

Be thankful unto God and speak good of God's name. For the Lord is gracious, whose mercy is everlasting, and God's truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to God, to the Son and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

—*Psalm 100*

SCRIPTURE READING

RUTH 1:15–18

Gerald Mindrum

Today begins our "Command to Preach" series, in which our membership selects the reading. Gerald Mindrum selected today's scripture and writes: "I am a retired physician who spent 21 of those years in military service, where I attended chapels with clergies with a vast variety of backgrounds. Just one sermon covered the book of Ruth. As I now reflect on the book, perhaps it was God's blessings that the people felt (that is, a lack of afflictions) that impressed. I think this is part of a spiritual journey that is instructive."

To participate in this series, visit our website, www.plymouth.org, and look for "Command to Preach."

SERMON

THE NAME OF RUTH

Seth Patterson

ANTHEM

ENFOLD US

Mark Kilstofte
(2020)

Maker of our being, Source of the cosmos
Enfold us, restless, within your hands;
Direct our words and deeds to your will;
Alert us, awaken us, to your miraculous
Creation, its needs, its dangers, its glories;
Then lean your Holy Spirit against us,
Your everlasting presence, your love,
Your wisdom, your peace. Amen.

—Leslie Bassett, 1923–2016

PASTORAL PRAYER

DeWayne L. Davis

CLOSING HYMN

ARISE, YOUR LIGHT IS COME!
(all verses; see next page)

“Festal Song”

COVENANT BLESSING & CHORAL AMEN

We covenant with you, O God, and one with another, and do bind ourselves in your presence to walk together in all your ways, according as you are pleased to reveal yourself to us in your blessed word of truth.

—based on the Salem Covenant of 1629

POSTLUDE

GRAND RESPONSIVE CHORUS

Eugène Gigout
(1881)



CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Jerry Foss
by his life partner, Howard Dixon.

ANNOUNCEMENTS are available on the church website.

WORSHIP STAFF: DeWayne L. Davis, *Lead Minister*; Beth Hoffman Faeth, *Minister for Congregational Care & Worship*; Seth Patterson, *Minister for Spiritual Formation & Theater*; Philip Brunelle, *Organist and Choirmaster*; Laura Caviani, *First Service Trio Director*; Cody Bourdot, *A/V Production Manager*; Chris Bohnhoff, *Videographer*

ADULT CHOIR: Philip Brunelle, *director*

ARISE, YOUR LIGHT IS COME!

Ruth Duck, 1973

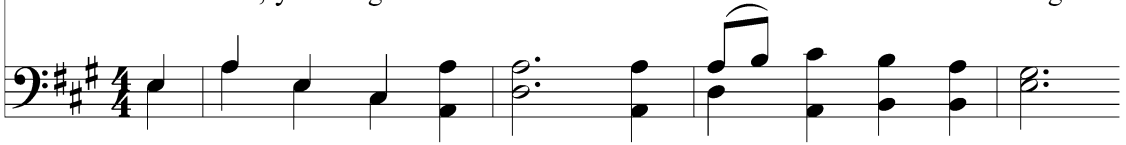
FESTAL SONG S.M.

William H. Walter, 1825-1893

"The Episcopal Hymnal Revised," 1894



1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!



Show forth the glo - ry of your God Which shines on you to - day.
Pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, Good tid - ings to the poor.
Bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones And com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

