



Plymouth

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

October 10, 2021 • 11 a.m.

PRELUDE

AUTUMN COLORS – AUTUMN SUNSET
Philip Brunelle, *organist*

*Carson Cooman
(2017)*

OPENING HYMN

WE COME UNTO OUR PARENTS' GOD
*The hymn introduction is by Johann Sebastian Bach.
(see next page)*

"Nun freut euch"

CALL TO WORSHIP

Seth Patterson

One: We come together today in recognition of God's boundless love and acceptance;

***All:* We will work together for that love to be felt by all that is living.**

One: We come together today with compassion;

***All:* We will work to stay in relationship by love, loyalty, and covenant.**

One: We come together today in a posture of humility;

***All:* We will work to walk with God, loving ourselves and others.**

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

Sheri Sheeks

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.

WE COME UNTO OUR PARENTS' GOD

Thomas H. Gill, 1819-1906

NUN FREUT EUCH 8.7.8.7.8.8.7.
Klug's "Geistliche Lieder," Wittenberg, 1535



1 We come un - to our pa - rents' God; Their Rock is our sal - va - tion;
2 Their joy un - to their Lord we bring; Their song to us de - scend - eth;
3 Ye saints to come, take up the strain, The same sweet theme en - deav - or;



The e - ter - nal arms, their dear a - bode, We make our hab - i - ta - tion.
The Spir - it who in them did sing To us the mu - sic lend - eth:
Un - bro - ken be the gold - en chain! Keep on the song for - ev - er!



We bring thee, Lord, the praise they brought, We seek thee as thy
The song in them, in us, is one; We raise it high, we
Safe in the same dear dwell - ing place, Rich with the same e -



saints have sought In ev - 'ry gen - er - a - tion.
send it on, The song that nev - er end - eth.
ter - nal grace, Bless the same bound - less Giv - er.



PEACE CANDLE RESPONSE

WHEN MUSIC WAKES
MY SLEEPING HEART

David Evan Thomas
(2007)

Maria Jette, *soprano*, and the Plymouth Choir

When music wakes my sleeping heart and plays my spirit strong,
Then all of life is gracious gift and every breath, a song.

When music fills the universe and all is melody,
Then Christ the Lord will lead a hymn of soaring majesty.
—Delores Dufner, *OSB*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**ANTHEM**

SPRINGS IN THE DESERT

Arthur B. Jennings
(1919)

Arthur B. Jennings was Plymouth's
Choirmaster-Organist from 1939 to 1966.

Say to them that are of a fearful heart: Be strong, fear not. Behold, your God will come and save you!

The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad, and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. For in the wilderness shall waters break out and streams flow in the desert, and the parched ground shall become a pool and the thirsty land springs of water.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the way of Holiness. The redeemed shall walk there and the ransomed of the Lord shall return with songs of everlasting joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

—Isaiah 35:4, 1, 6–8, 10

SCRIPTURE READINGS

PSALM 46

We continue our "Command to Preach" series, in which our membership selects the reading. Ruth Waterbury selected today's scripture with a focus on verse 10 ("Be still, and know that I am God!"), noting that these texts contain truths . . . if we're willing to listen.

SERMON

RELAX, STOP, AND BE CALM

DeWayne L. Davis

ANTHEM

GAELIC PRAYER

Jake Runestad
(2015)

As the rain hides the stars,
As the autumn mist hides the hills,
As the clouds veil the blue of the sky,
So the dark happenings of my life
Hide the shining of your face from me.

(continued)

Yet, if I may hold your hand in darkness,
It is enough, since I know that if I stumble,
You do not fall. —*Traditional Gaelic prayer*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Beth Hoffman Faeth

CLOSING HYMN

PRAISE TO GOD, GREAT GLORIES SHOW
(see next page)

"Llanfair"

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

IN THE VALLEY OF LOVE AND DELIGHT *David Evan Thomas*
(Introduction and Variations on a Shaker tune) (2008)



CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Mim and Dave Hanson by their family: children Susan Erickson (John Clark), Bruce Hanson (Kate Willette), Kristin Levinson (Frank), Keith Hanson (Kellie Hunsaker), Karen Erickson, Paul Hanson (Sue), and Richard Erickson (Jo); grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

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*; Marie Scholtz, *Associate Music Director & First Service Music Coordinator*; Laura Caviani, *First Service Trio Director*; Cody Bourdot, *A/V Production Manager*; Chris Bohnhoff, *Videographer*

ADULT CHOIR: Philip Brunelle, *director*

PRAISE TO GOD, GREAT GLORIES SHOW

Based on Psalm 150
Henry Francis Lyte, 1793-1847, alt.

LLANFAIR 7.7.7.7. with Alleluias
Melody by Robert Williams, c. 1781-1821
Harm. by John Roberts, 1822-1877

1 Praise to God, great glo - ries show,
2 Earth to heav'n, and heav'n to earth,
3 Our Re - deem - er's mer - cies trace,
4 Strings and voic - es, hands and hearts,

Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Saints a - bove and saints be - low,
Tell God's won - ders, sing God's worth,
Praise God's prov - i - dence and grace,
In the con - cert bear your parts;

Al - - - le - lu - ia!

An - gels round the heav'ns a - bove,
Age to age and shore to shore,
All that God for us hath done,
All that breathe, your God a - dore,

Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Unison

All that see and share God's love.
Praise our God for ev - er - more!
All God sends to ev - 'ry - one.
Praise our Mak - er ev - er more.

Al - - - le - lu - ia!