



Plymouth

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

June 26, 2022 • 11 a.m.

PRELUDE

FOUR SHORT PIECES

William H. Harris

Prelude – Reverie – Interlude – Scherzetto

(1938)

Melanie Ohnstad, guest organist

☞ Please rise in body, mind or spirit, as you are able. ☞

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

JESUS SHALL REIGN, WHERE'ER THE SUN

"Duke Street"

(see next page)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Seth Patterson

One: Our eyes and hearts are open to the world of wonders God bestows upon us.

***All:* We are alert for the signs of love and the miracle of creation.**

One: In bloom and blossom, the whole world springs to life in a hymn of praise to Creator God.

***All:* We embrace the gift of a wildly wonderful world.**

One: We sing pleasing songs and testify to God's glorious creation.

***All:* Our songs of praise bear witness to our hope and gratitude.**

One: God's Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

***All:* We remember the covenant that formed us as the beloved of God.**

☞ Please be seated. ☞

JESUS SHALL REIGN WHERE'ER THE SUN

Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt.

DUKE STREET L.M.
John W. Hatton, c.1710-1793

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun
2 To Christ shall end - less prayer be made,
3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue
4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er God reigns;
5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring

Doth its suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;
And prais - es sung that will not fade;
Dwell on that love with sweet - est song,
The pris - 'ners leap to lose their chains,
Pe - cu - liar hon - ors wor - ship - ping;

Heav - en shall stretch from shore to shore
That name like sweet per - fume shall rise
And in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim
The wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest,
An - gels de - scend with songs a - gain,

Till moons shall wax and wane no more.
With ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
Their ear - ly bless - ings to God's name.
And all who suf - fer want are blest.
And earth re - peat the loud A - men.

LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE

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.

PEACE CANDLE RESPONSE I LOVE THY DWELLING, GOD
(see next page)

"St. Thomas"

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM

○ PRAISE YE THE LORD *C. Hubert H. Parry, 1894*
Bert Pinsonneault, *guest director* *arr. Paul Lohman, 2008*

○ praise ye the Lord, praise God in the height;
Rejoice in God's word, ye angels of light!
Ye heavens, adore the Creator of life,
Who brings us the victory o'er death, sin and strife.

○ praise ye the Lord, praise God upon earth
In tuneful accord, ye heirs of new birth,
Praise God who has brought us such grace from above,
And laud the Almighty in anthems of love.

○ praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
To God be outpoured all ages along;
For love in creation, for heaven restored,
For grace of salvation, ○ praise ye the Lord. Amen.

—*Henry W. Baker, 1821–1877, based on Psalm 150*

I LOVE THY DWELLING, GOD

Timothy Dwight, 1752-1817, alt.

ST. THOMAS S.M.

Aaron Williams, 1731-1776

"New Universal Psalmist," 1770



1 I love thy dwell - ing, God, The house of thine a - bode,
2 I love thy church, O God; The saints be - fore thee stand,
3 For them my tears shall fall; For them my prayers as - cend,
4 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize thy heav'n - ly ways,
5 Sure as thy truth shall last, To Zi - on shall be giv'n



The church our blest Re - deem - er saved With ho - ly pre - cious blood.
Dear as the ap - ple of thine eye, And grav - en on thy hand.
To them my cares and toils be giv'n Till toils and cares shall end.
Your sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, And hymns of love and praise.
The bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, And bright - er bliss of heav'n.



SCRIPTURE READING

GENESIS 11:1–9

Howard Dixon

We continue our “Command to Preach” series, in which our membership selects the scripture, with a selection by Howard Dixon, who writes, “I am sometimes curious and amused by the stories in the Old Testament and how they have survived centuries of interpretation, translations, and many languages and are still somehow part of our scriptures. I’m picking on the Tower of Babel story, which on the surface doesn’t seem to have a positive message that we can learn from. To me, it seems to be saying that God doesn’t want humans to get too big for their britches and that working together and communication are somehow a bad thing. I was raised in an extreme fundamentalist setting, and in that world every word in the Bible was directly inspired by God and thus really happened. More likely, whether these myths—written by whomever—stayed in scripture or not was determined by committees (majority vote? unanimous?). I wonder what their motivation and intention was in leaving the Tower of Babel in.

SERMON

BLESSING/BREAKDOWN

Seth Patterson

ANTHEMPIE JESU (from *Requiem*)

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Jenny French and Maria Jette, soprano duet, and Choir (1985)

Dear Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us eternal rest.

PASTORAL PRAYER

✠ Please rise in body, mind or spirit, as you are able. ✠

RECESSIONAL HYMN

PRAISE TO GOD, IMMORTAL PRAISE

“Dix”

(see next page)

COVENANT BENECTION

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

RONDO IN G MAJOR

John Bull
(1562/3–1628)

PRAISE TO GOD, IMMORTAL PRAISE

Anna Laetitia Barbauld, 1772, alt.

DIX 7.7.7.7.7.7.

Adapted from a chorale by Conrad Kocher, 1838

by William Henry Monk, 1823-1889



1 Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise, For the love that crowns our days!
2 For the bless - ings of the field, For the stores the gar - dens yield,
3 Clouds that drop re - fresh - ing dews, Suns that gen - ial heat dif - fuse,
4 All that spring, with boun - teous hand Scat - ters o'er the smil - ing land;
5 As thy pros - p'ring hand has blest, May we give thee of our best,



Boun - teous Source of ev - 'ry joy, Let thy praise our tongues em - ploy.
For the joy which har - vests bring, Grate - ful prais - es now we sing,
Flocks that whit - en all the plain, Yel - low sheaves of rip - ened grain,
All that lib - eral au - tumn pours From its o - ver - flow - ing stores;
And by deeds of kind - ly love Prove thy mer - cies from a - bove;



Sing - ing thus through all our days, Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise.
God, for these, our souls shall raise, Grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.
God, for these, our souls shall raise, Grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.
God, for these, our souls shall raise Grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.
And, when ev - 'ry bless - ing's flown, Love thee for thy - self a - lone!



PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES that we are on the sacred traditional territory of the Dakota people. It is an honor to live, pray, seek justice, and create community alongside Dakota, Ojibwe, and other Indigenous people in the Twin Cities.

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Terry and Ruth Hanold from Ruth, Doug, Cathy, and Mike Crane.

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, *Digital Ministry Specialist*

ADULT CHOIR: Philip Brunelle, *director*; **SOLO QUINTET:** Jenny French & Maria Jette, *sopranos*; Lisa Drew, *alto*; Dan Dressen, *tenor*; and James Bohn, *bass*

CHURCH REGISTER

RECENT BIRTH

Jackson Michael Evans (June 17, 2022), Katie & Mike Evans, *parents*; Sheri Sheeks and Michael Sheeks, *grandparents*; Martin Sheeks, *uncle*

RECENTLY HOSPITALIZED

Wes Bue, *Methodist Hospital*

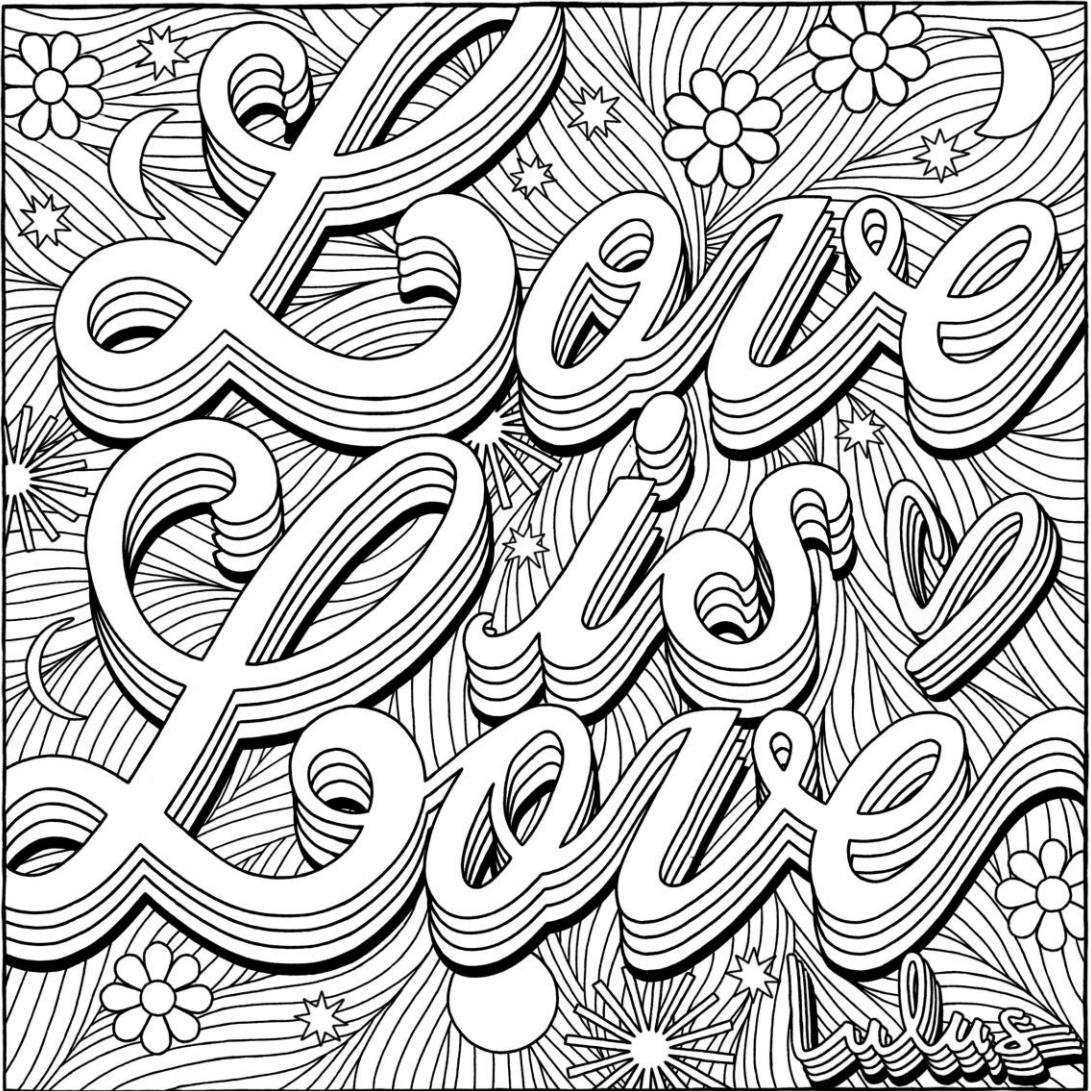
CONVALESCING

Marilyn Wahlberg, *Saint Therese of Woodbury* (Please reach out to the family before visiting.)

UPCOMING MEMORIAL

A service for Charlie Lloyd will be held at Plymouth on Saturday, July 2, at 3 p.m.

HOME AND HOSPITAL VISITS: 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 would like a visit from a minister, please contact Rev. Beth Hoffman Faeth (612/871-7400).



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