



# Plymouth

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

**August 7, 2022 • 11 a.m.**

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**PRELUDE** THE CELESTIAL BANQUET *Olivier Messiaen*  
(1926)

WINE OF PEACE *Charles Camillieri*  
(1976)

*☞ Please rise in body, mind, or spirit, as you are able, for every hymn. ☞*

**OPENING HYMN** GATHERED IN GOD'S PRESENCE "Olympic Hymn"  
(see next page)

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Cynthia Riggins

*One:* Beautiful are the works of God.

**All:** Beautiful also are the skins of God's people.

*One:* Beautiful is the mind of God.

**All:** Beautiful also are the hopes of God's people.

*One:* Beautiful is the heart of God.

**All:** Beautiful also are the souls of God's people.

*One:* God made the heavens and the earth.

**All:** To God be the glory for the things God has done.

*☞ Please be seated. ☞*

**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.

# GATHERED IN GOD'S PRESENCE

*Svein Ellingsen, 1929-2020*

*Tr. Hedda Durnbaugh, 2001, alt.*

OLYMPIC HYMN 6.7.6.7.6.5.6.5.5.

*Egil Hovland, 1993*



1 Gath - ered in God's pres - ence In fel - low - ship and glad - ness,  
2 Gath - ered in God's still - ness, a - way from strife and un - rest,  
3 Gath - ered at God's al - tar and in the Spir - it's pres - ence  
4 Gath - ered 'round God's call - ing we shall, as faith - ful ser - vants,



let us sing our prais - es and pray for all the na - tions.  
we may share the bright - ness of hope with all the na - tions.  
we may hear the call - ing to share with all the na - tions.  
bear the flame now kin - dled as love for all the na - tions.

## *Refrain*



Gath - ered in God's pres - ence, gath - ered in God's peace, see a torch of



prom - ise lit with - in this place, lit with - in this place.

**PEACE CANDLE RESPONSE** COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE  
(see next page)

*"Down Ampney"*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ANTHEM**

LET US BREAK BREAD TOGETHER  
(from *Six American Hymns in a Free Style*)  
Solo Quartet

*John Gardner*  
(1979)

Let us break bread together on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun.

Let us praise God together on our knees;  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

—*African American spiritual*

**SCRIPTURE READING**

BARUCH 3:33–36

Jackie Lotsberg

*We continue our "Command to Preach" series, in which our membership selects the scripture, with a selection by Jackie Lotsberg, who writes, "There's so much to be anxious and sad about these days: hunger, homelessness, war, Covid, murder. Flipping through the apocryphal book of Baruch, I found this passage which, as Pollyanna said, is one of the "Glad Texts," although I don't know if Pollyanna's Bible had the Apocrypha. This text sings with joy, and I am always on the lookout for joy."*

**SERMON**

IMMERSED IN THE FOUNTAIN OF WISDOM

DeWayne L. Davis

**COMMUNION HYMN**

JESUS, COME! FOR WE INVITE YOU  
(see page after next)

*"Union Seminary"*

# COME DOWN, O LOVE DIVINE

*Bianco da Siena, c. 1367-1434*  
*Tr. Richard F. Littledale, 1833-1890, alt.*

**DOWN AMPNEY 6.6.11.D.**  
*Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958*

1 Come down, O Love di - vine, Seek thou this soul of  
2 O let it free - ly burn, Till earth - ly pas - sions  
3 Let ho - ly char - i - ty My out - ward vest - ure  
4 And so the yearn - ing strong With which the soul will

mine, And vis - it it with thine own ar - dor glow - ing;  
turn To dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
be And low - li - ness be - come my in - ner cloth - ing;  
long, Shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;

O Com - fort - er, draw near, With - in my heart ap - pear,  
And let thy glo - rious light Shine ev - er on my sight,  
True low - li - ness of heart, Which takes the hum - bler part  
For none can guess its grace, Till they be - come the place

And kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
And clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
And o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.  
Where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes its dwell - ing.

# JESUS, COME! FOR WE INVITE YOU

Christopher Martin Idle, b. 1938

UNION SEMINARY 8.7.8.7.8.7.

Harold Friedell, 1905-1958



1 Je - sus, come! for we in - vite you,  
2 Je - sus, come! trans - form our plea - sures,  
3 Je - sus, come! in new cre - a - tion,  
4 Je - sus, come! sur - prise our dull - ness,



Guest and mas - ter, friend and Lord;  
Guide us in - to paths un - known;  
Heav'n brought near in pow'r di - vine;  
Make us will - ing to re - ceive



Now, as once at Ca - na's wed - ding,  
Bring your gifts, com - mand your ser - vants,  
Give your un - ex - pect - ed glo - ry,  
More than we can yet im - ag - ine,



Speak and let us hear your word:  
Let us trust in you a - lone:  
Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;  
All the best you have to give:



Lead us through our need or doubt - ing,  
Though your hand may work in se - cret,  
Rouse the faith of your dis - ci - ples -  
Let us find your hid - den rich - es,



Hope be born and joy re - stored.  
All shall see what you have done.  
Come, our first and great - est Sign!  
Taste your love, be - lieve, and live!

# THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

## INVITATION

## BLESSING OF THE ELEMENTS

## SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

## COMMUNION SOLO

AT THE RIVER  
(from *Old American Songs*)  
Lisa Drew, *alto*

*arr. Aaron Copland*  
(1950)

Shall we gather by the river, where bright angels feet have trod,  
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God.  
Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,  
Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease,  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.  
Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,  
Gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.

—*Words and melody by Rev. Robert Lowry, 1865*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**God, we offer thanks for the touch of your Spirit this day: for the tranquility found in silence; for the nourishment and strength in the bread we have shared; for the delight of fellowship found in the gathered community. We go forth trusting in your wisdom to guide us; your dreams to inspire us; your love to empower us. Amen.**

## CLOSING HYMN

ALL BEAUTIFUL THE MARCH OF DAYS  
(see next page)

*"Forest Green"*

## COVENANT BEDICTION

**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

CHORAL SONG

*Samuel Sebastian Wesley*  
(1842)



# ALL BEAUTIFUL THE MARCH OF DAYS

Frances W. Wile, 1878-1939

FOREST GREEN C.M.D.

Traditional English Melody

Arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

1 All beau - ti - ful the march of days, As sea - sons come and go;  
2 O'er white ex - pan - ses spark - ling pure The ra - diant morns un - fold;  
3 O thou from whose un - fath - omed law The year in beau - ty flows,

The hand that shaped the rose hath wrought The crys - tal of the snow,  
The sol - emn splen - dors of the night Burn bright - er through the cold.  
Thy - self the vi - sion pass - ing by In crys - tal and in rose,

Hath sent the hoar - y frost of heav'n, The flow - ing wa - ters sealed,  
Life mounts in ev - 'ry throbb - ing vein, Love deep - ens round the hearth,  
Day un - to day doth ut - ter speech, And night to night pro - claim,

And laid a si - lent love - li - ness On hill and wood and field.  
And clear - er sounds the an - gel hymn, "Good will to all on earth."  
In ev - er - chang - ing words of light, The won - der of thy name.

**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 by Judy Lund in loving memory of her husband, Neilan Lund, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nichols.

**TODAY'S CALL TO WORSHIP** was adapted from one from Trinity United Church of Christ, Chicago.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** are available on the church website.

**WORSHIP STAFF:** DeWayne L. Davis, *Lead Minister*; Beth Hoffman Faeth, *Minister for Congregational Care & Worship (on sabbatical)*; Seth Patterson, *Minister for Spiritual Formation & Theater*; Cynthia Riggin, *Sabbatical Minister*; 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*

**SOLO QUARTET:** Maria Jette and Kathryn Rupp, *soprano*; Lisa Drew, *alto*; Dan Dressen, *tenor*

## CHURCH REGISTER

### CONVALESCING

Wes Bue, *at home*

### RECENTLY BEREAVED

Peter & Jane Eichten, *death of Peter's brother Bob Eichten (July 29, 2022)*

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Mary Jones (August 2, 2022), *widow of Vivian Jones, mother of Anna Vivian Jones and Heledd Jones*

**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. Cynthia Riggin (612/871-7400).