



# Plymouth

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

**September 25, 2022 • 11 a.m.**

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**PRELUDE**

SONG FOR THE BELLS

*Daniel Pinkham  
(1962)*

CORTEGE AND LITANY

*Marcel Dupré  
(1924)*

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

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD “Nun danket alle Gott”  
(see next pages)

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Cynthia Rigglin

*One:* Come one and all to meet God here. May we find hope and peace in this sacred sanctuary.

***All:* We have come to dwell in the shelter of Infinite Light and Love.**

*One:* You, O God, are our refuge and our strength.

***All:* Shower us with Your love and grace as we open our hearts and minds to worship You.**

*One:* You are ever-faithful, bringing balance and harmony to earth, nourishment to body and soul.

***All:* May You, who live forever in our hearts, loose the fetters of fear that bind us, that we might praise You always with joyful song!**

*☞ Please be seated. ☞*

**LIGHTING OF THE PEACE CANDLE**

# NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

Martin Rinkhart, c. 1636

Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.

"Lyra Germanica II," 1858

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6.

Melody by Johann Crüger, 1648

Harm. adapt. from Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

1 Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voice,  
2 O may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God Creator now be given,

Who wondrous things has done, In whom God's world rejoices.  
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us,  
The Christ, and Holy Ghost Who reign in highest heaven,

Who, from our parents' arms, Has blessed us on our way  
And keep us in God's grace, And guide us when perplexed,  
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heaven adore,

With countless 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 evermore.

## 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

## GOD WITH ME

*Stephen Paulus  
(2000)*

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

## HOLY SPIRIT, EVER DWELLING

*Jonathan Posthuma  
(2019)*

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling  
In the holiest realms of light;  
Holy Spirit, ever brooding  
O'er a world of gloom and night,  
Holy Spirit, ever raising  
Those on earth to thrones on high;  
Living, life-imparting Spirit  
You we praise and magnify.

Holy Spirit, ever living  
As the Church's very life,  
Holy Spirit, every striving  
Through us in a ceaseless strife,  
Holy Spirit, ever forming  
In the Church the mind of Christ;  
You we praise with endless worship  
For Your gracious gifts unpriced.

Holy Spirit, ever working  
Through the Church's ministry;  
Teaching, strengthening, and absolving,  
Setting captive sinners free,  
Holy Spirit, ever binding  
Age to age and soul to soul  
In communion never ending,  
You we worship and extol.

—*Timothy Rees, 1874–1939*

## SCRIPTURE READING

LUKE 14:15–24

**SERMON**

WHOSE TABLE?

Seth Patterson

**ANTHEM**

JUST AS I AM

Stephen Hough  
(2014)

Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that thy blood was shed for me,  
And that thou bidst me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind,  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown  
Hath broken every barrier down;  
Now to be thine, yea thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

—*Poem by Charlotte Elliott, 1835*

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

FORTH IN THY NAME, O GOD, I GO  
(see next page)

*"Morning Hymn"*

# FORTH IN THY NAME, O GOD, I GO

Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

MORNING HYMN L.M.

François H. Barthélémon, 1741-1808

1 Forth in Thy name, O God, I go,  
2 The task Thy wis - dom has as - signed,  
3 Thee may I set at my right hand,  
4 Give me to bear Thy eas - y yoke,

My dai - ly la - bor to pur - sue,  
O let me cheer - ful - ly ful - fill,  
Whose eyes my in - most sub - stance see,  
And ev - 'ry mo - ment watch and pray,

Thee, on - ly Thee, re - solved to know  
In all my works Thy pres - ence find,  
And la - bor on at Thy com - mand,  
And still to things e - ter - nal look,

In all I think or speak or do.  
And prove Thy good and per - fect will.  
And of - fer all my works to Thee.  
And has - ten to Thy glo - rious day.

## BLESSING OF GRATITUDE AND SENDING

### COVENANT BENEDICTION

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

*As the postlude is played, you are welcome to leave the sanctuary or stay and enjoy the music.*

### POSTLUDE

#### FUGUE IN C MAJOR

Dietrich Buxtehude  
(1637–1707)

**TODAY'S MUSIC:** *This morning's introit, by St. Paul composer Stephen Paulus, was written for the 150th anniversary of House of Hope Presbyterian Church. The first anthem was composed by Jonathan Posthuma, who lives in Newport, MN, and was premiered by the Plymouth Choir last June. The second anthem is by the British composer Stephen Hough, an internationally renowned pianist who was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in her final Birthday Honors. The text has long been sung as a gospel hymn; in Hough's setting he explores the contrasting moods of the text, concluding with a quiet "I come"—trust overcoming fear.*



**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 Daniel Anderson by his parents, Kathryn Hagen and Tom W. Anderson.

**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 Riggan, *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*

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

## CHURCH REGISTER

### **CONVALESCING**

Wes Bue, *at home*

### **RECENTLY DECEASED**

Tim Sheehan (September 16, 2022), *husband of Mary Sheehan; father(-in-law) of Maureen Sheehan and Ben Hulse; grandfather of James and MC Hulse*

**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 Rigglin (612/871-7400).



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