



September 13, 2026 • 9 a.m.
Rally Sunday, beginning our 170th year

GATHERING MUSIC

I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR

Robert Lowry
(1826-1899)

OPENING HYMN

COME SING, O CHURCH, IN JOY
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"Darwall's 148th"

WELCOME

Birdie Cunningham

FELLOWSHIP JOY

Don Doberstein

SONG OF PREPARATION

PSALM 141:
LET MY PRAYER RISE BEFORE YOU

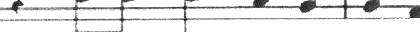
Kent Gustavson

CHORUS:



C: Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense.

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The lift - ing up of my hands as the ev'ning sac ri - fice. (to verses)

SUNG RESPONSE

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BLESSING OF STUDENTS AND EDUCATORS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

SCRIPTURE READING

EXODUS 3:13-15

One: These are the words of our ancient tradition.

All: May these words become Living Wisdom within us, among us, and beyond us.

MESSAGE

EVOLVING FAITH

Rev. JT Smiedendorf

INVITATION TO OFFERING

One: In deep humility and gratitude to God, who shepherds and comforts us, let us bring our offerings to God.

All: In thanks and gratitude, we offer these gifts to you.

OFFERTORY

I'M SO GLAD
JESUS LIFTED ME

African American spiritual

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*✠ The congregation is invited to respond in unison to each prayer, saying:
"Loving God, we open our hearts to you." ✠*

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.

CLOSING HYMN

DRAW THE CIRCLE WIDE Mark Miller & Gordon Light
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BLESSING

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

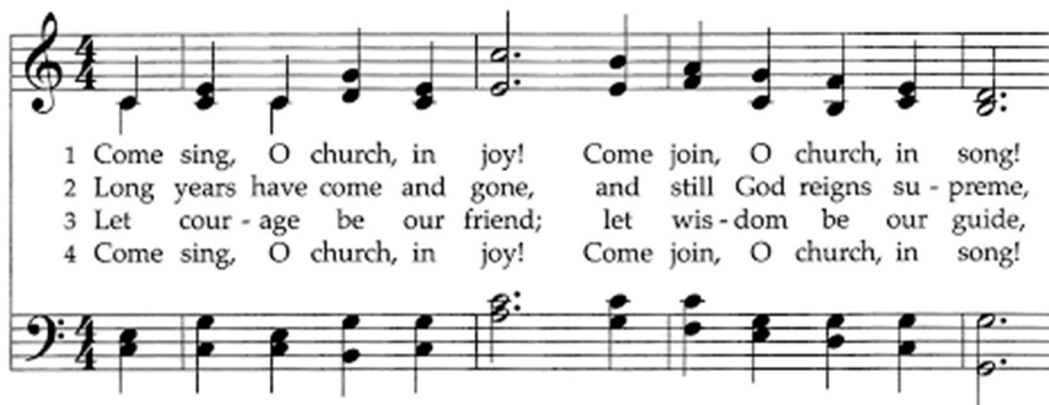
POSTLUDE

PRAISE TO THE LIVING GOD

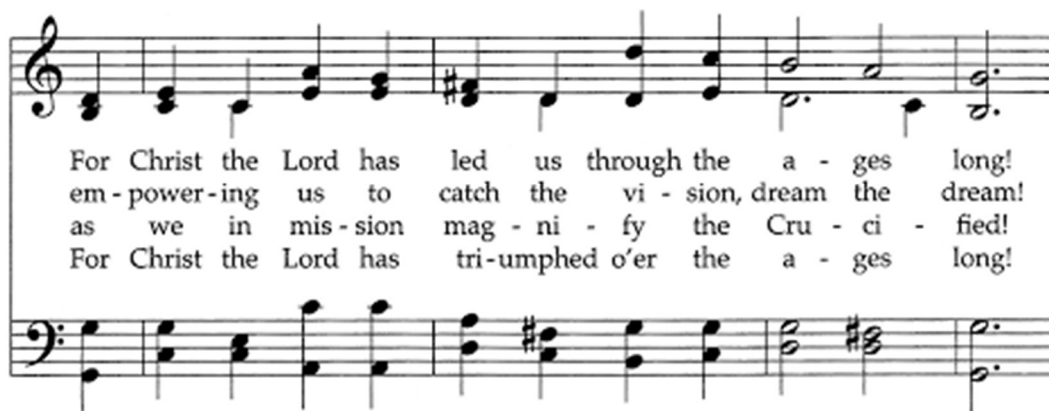
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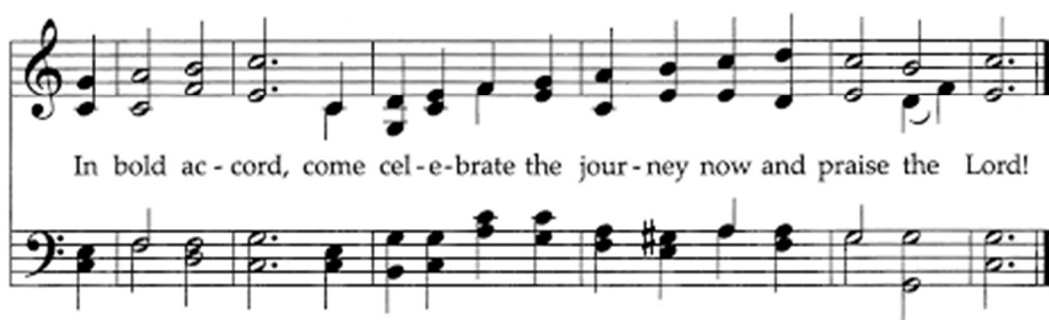
Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!



1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!



For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

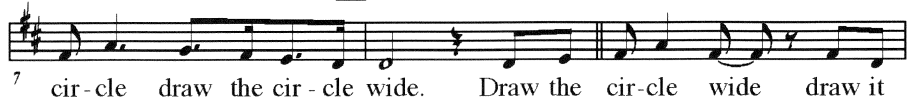
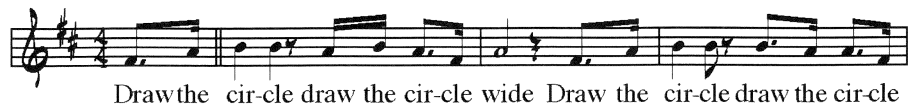


In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

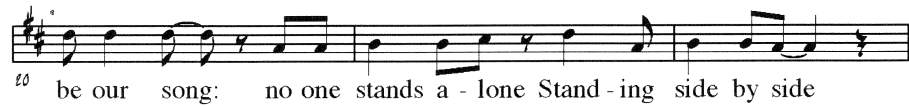
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DARWALL'S 148TH
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DRAW THE CIRCLE Mark Miller & Gordon Light
arr. Laura Caviani



(D.S. AL CODA)



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.

MANY AFRICAN AMERICAN SPIRITUALS AND HYMNS were never credited to their creators or were claimed by other individuals. When Plymouth Congregational Church uses music or music texts created by people who were kept in chattel slavery, we will donate to a historically Black institution as a reparative action in honor of the creators and their descendants.

WORSHIP & PROGRAM STAFF: Rev. JT Smiedendorf, *Acting Lead & Intentional Interim Minister*; Rev. Kate Taber, *Director of Spiritual Formation*, Birdie Cunningham, *Director of Congregational Care*; Nina Jonson, *Director of Children Youth & Families*; Philip Brunelle, *Organist-Choirmaster*; Marie Scholtz, *Associate Music Director*; Laura Caviani, *Chapel Trio Director*; Cody Bourdot, *Director of Theater Arts & A/V Production*

CHAPEL TRIO: Laura Caviani, *piano*; Chris Bates, *bass*; Dave Schmalenberger, *drums*
CHAPEL TRIO ARRANGEMENTS: Laura Caviani; **SONGLEADER:** Marie Scholtz

CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in grateful thanks to the Plymouth Choir by Carolyn and Philip Brunelle as they begin their 58th year at Plymouth Church.

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IN MEMORIAM

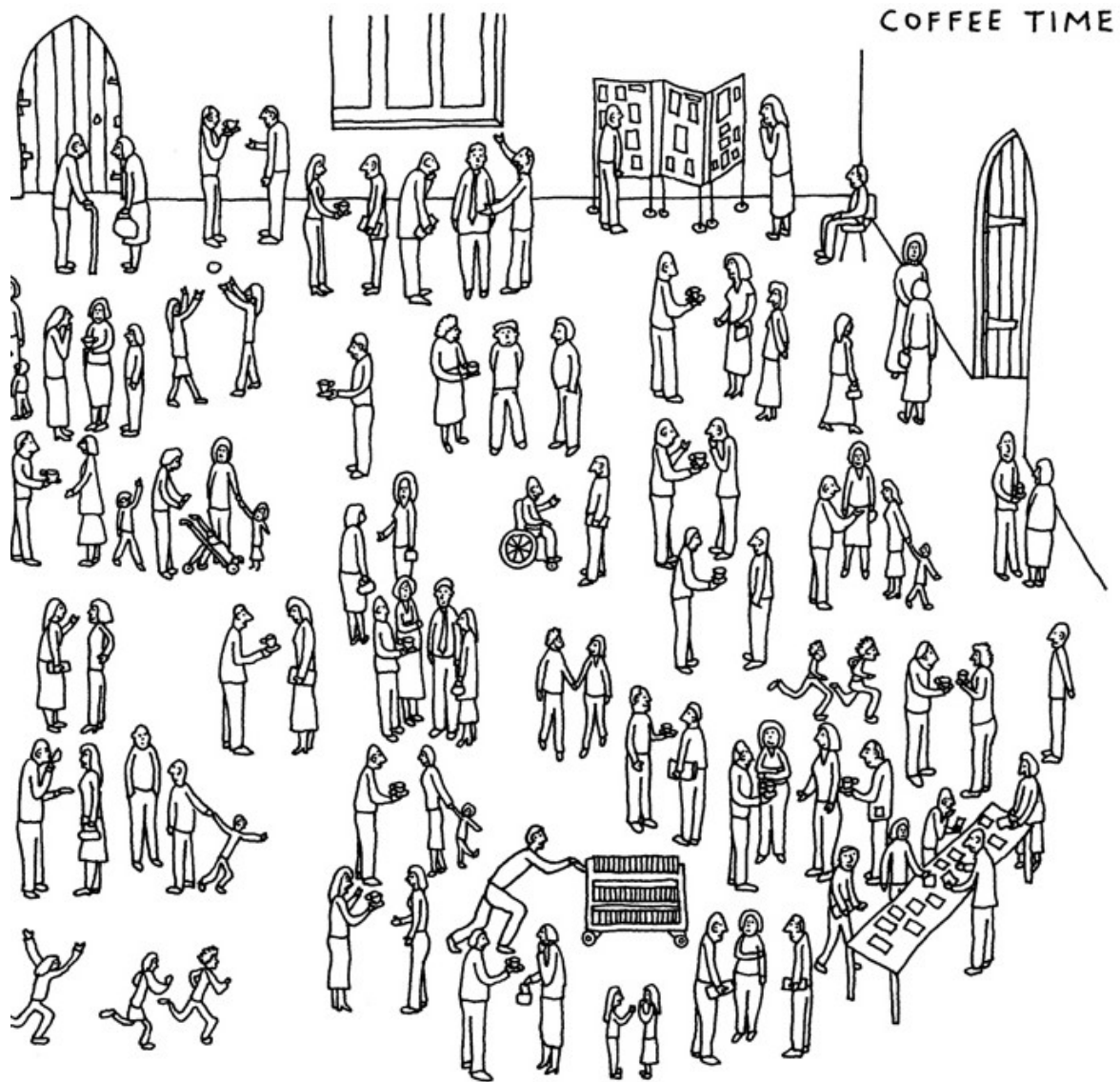
Carl Erickson (August 29, 2026)

UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICE

The memorial service for Nick Nash will be held at Plymouth Church on Monday, September 21, 2026 at 2:00 pm in the Sanctuary.

HOME AND HOSPITAL VISITS: Plymouth's ministers and Director of Congregational Care call upon members of the church in their homes, hospitals, or care and rehabilitation centers. If you know of someone who would like a visit, please contact Birdie Cunningham at 612-977-1261.

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