

*Plymouth*  
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*No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!*

**May 15, 2022 • Fifth Sunday of Easter • 10 a.m.**

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*\*An asterisk invites you to stand as you are able, in body or spirit.*

Prelude

Dr. Steve & Nancy Michelson

*"Praise the Lord, the Almighty" - Raney*

Greeting and Welcome

Pastor Charles

Announcements

- Silent Auction: Ed Field has generously donated one of his photographs as a fundraiser for the church: a beautiful photograph of Lake McDonald currently on display in the Fireside Room.
- Make-up dates for the photo directory: May 20-22.
- Joint event with Montana Jewish Project: Shavuot, June 5, 2pm—5pm, challah braiding & candle-making.

Invitation to Worship

*Psalm 148:1-5*

Hal Fossum

One: Praise God! Praise God from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

***All: Praise God, all the angels!***

One: Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars!

***All: Praise God, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!***

One: Let them praise the name of God,

***All: For God commanded and they were created.***

\*Gathering Hymn

*“Let the Whole Creation Cry”*

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Unison Prayer (*please be seated*)

Hal Fossum

***God of Creation, Weaver of Stories, fill us with imagination and light. As we move through the uncertainties of our days, help us to remember that we are not alone. Help us to see the truth and wisdom in our lives, and to live our lives in such a way that we are a comfort and inspiration for everyone around us. [We invite you to rest in this brief moment of silence to listen for God’s loving message for you this day.] (30 seconds)***  
***Amen.***

Assurance of Grace

Pastor Charles

People of God, hear the good news! The majesty and mystery of God fills every space and every time. God is infinite and wonderful; the more we find out about God, the more there is to uncover. It’s like peeling back the layers of an onion, except each layer is bigger than the one before. We can never exhaust God’s ability to love, forgive, or provide, so put your trust in God, and know that God will always take care of you. Amen.

Congregational Response

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*“Praise the Lord! O Heavens Adore Him”*

Prayer of Illumination

Brenda Senne

Creator of all things, we come to you seeking understanding. Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in your sight, our rock and our redeemer. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Gospel Reading

John 13:31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him,

God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Anthem

Plymouth Singers

*"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" - Thygerson*

New Testament Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

Pastor Charles

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals, who will dwell with them as their God; they will be God's peoples, and God will be with them, and will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And, the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new. Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then they said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Pastoral Reflection

\*Musical Reflection

Dr. Steve Michelson

*"He Touched Me" - Gaither/arr. Thygerson*

God of Mysteries and Miracles, you have blessed us mightily with the wonders of creation. Our lives are filled with color and light, music and story, thought and imagination. Your providence is evident in every mountain and stream, every nation and language. Help us to appreciate it, to welcome it, and to grow from it. Let us learn from all of the wonders that surround us, from the truth and light spoken to us by prophets both living and dead, to the extraordinary events of our everyday lives. Help us to explore and experience new things with curiosity and courage, so that we might grow in our understanding, our empathy, and our love. And move in us to always strive to be more sympathetic, more generous, and more justice-minded. Thank you, for walking with us and for drawing us ever closer together, to be one family. Help us to take care of each other, and to love each other the way that you love us. Mother of us all, we ask that you be with all of those for whom no one ever prays, and move in us, that we might work to heal this world that is our home before it is too late.

God of All, we offer special prayers for the people of Ukraine, for Ed Canty, Giles Walker, and Lorraine Hopgood. We lift up Margy “Marghee” Kohl, Nathan Schreder “Schrader”, Greg Bolin, and Jay Sheldon as they go through cancer treatment. We pray for Hayden Cross & the Cross family, for Ben Sweeney, Evelyn Nelson, Marlyce “Marliss” Taylor, and Art and Clara Gilreath.

Heavenly Father, Heavenly Mother,  
holy and blessed is your true name.

We pray for your reign of peace to come,

We pray that your good will be done,  
Let heaven and earth become one.  
Give us this day the bread we need,  
Give it to those who have none.  
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,  
From each one to each one.  
Lead us to holy innocence Beyond the evil of our days — Come  
swiftly Mother, Father, come.  
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy: Forever your  
name is All in One.

~ Parker J. Palmer

An Invitation to Share Our Gifts

Pastor Charles

Offertory

Nancy Michelson

\*Doxology

***Praise God, the Source of life and birth,  
Praise God, the Word, who came to Earth,  
Praise God, the Spirit, Holy Flame  
All glory, honor to God's name. Amen***

\*Prayer of Dedication

Pastor Charles

\*Departing Hymn      *"How Great Thou Art" (verses 1-3)*

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\*Charge & Benediction

Pastor Charles

Now go, and live into the mystery of God. Remember that you are created in God's image, so that mystery lives inside of you, too. God has given you the potential to do an infinite number of things, to be an infinite number of things, so be infinite. Don't limit yourself because of what the

world says, or what anyone says.

And now, may our Creator God instill within you a spirit of creativity. May Jesus the Christ live inside of you, and help you to remember to love and forgive others, as well as yourself. And, may the Holy Spirit always be with you as you make your way on this journey that we call life, so that you will never be alone. Go in peace. Amen.

\*Congregational Blessing    *“Go Out Now in Peace”*

Postlude

Dr. Steve Michelson

*“How Majestic is Your Name” - Smith/arr. Hayes*



*Plymouth’s Mission is to nurture our congregation and the wider community with acts of love and a vision of God’s image in all things.*

— TODAY'S MINISTERS —

*The People of Plymouth Congregational Church, assisted by  
Rev. Charles Wei, Pastor  
Hal Fossum and Brenda Senne, Liturgists  
Dr. Steve and Nancy Michelson, Music*

— ANNOUNCEMENTS —

**Plymouth Directory Photos.** Ed Field will be taking photos for the church directory on May 20th to 22nd. Sign up for a time in the narthex.

**Shavuot with the Montana Jewish Project—SAVE THE DATE!** Plymouth and the Montana Jewish Project will be celebrating Shavuot together, braiding challah and making candles, at Plymouth on June 5th from 2—5 p.m. Registration will open soon.

**Tuesday's Morning Prayer Group—on hold.** There will be no morning prayer group on Tuesday. Group is working to find a new time.

**There's a prayer card** in your pew rack, which you can use to let us know of prayer requests. Place your card in the offering plate as they are passed.

**Welcome visitors!** We are delighted to have you worshipping with us today. You are invited to fill out a Visitor Card, which you will find on the back of the pew next to the hymnals.

**Child care** is available during worship; please speak with an usher.

**YOU'RE INVITED!**

Today at 11:15 a.m.—Plymouth Singers—Sanctuary

Today, May 15th—Early Bird prices end for Camp Registrations

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