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**May 29, 2022**

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

**May 29, 2022 • Ascension of Our Lord • 10 a.m.**

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

Prelude Dr. Steve Michelson

Greeting and Welcome Pastor Charles

### Announcements

- Joint event with Montana Jewish Project: Shavuot, June 5th, 2pm—5pm, challah braiding & candle-making.
- Church clean-up day: After the service on Sunday, June 12th.

Invitation to Worship *adapted from Psalm 67* Gail Tronstad

One: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy!

***All: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our God, sing praises!***

One: For God is the ruler over all the earth; sing praises to our God most high!

***All: We gather as the people of the God of Abraham!***

One: God is our provider and protector.

***All: Sing praises to our God most high!***

\*Gathering Hymn *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"* 4 (NCH)

Unison Prayer (*please be seated*) Gail Tronstad

***Nurturing God, Transforming Christ, Empowering Spirit, we cry out in despair from a world in need. There is so much fear, sadness, and confusion; help us to make sense of it all. Be with us as we comfort those around us and try to make the world a better place. Shine your light upon us and let it flow from us, filling the world with your love, peace, and joy. [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

Congregational Response

*"God of the Ages"*

592 (NCH)

Prayer of Illumination

Nancy Michelson

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.

Reading from the Epistles

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the God of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know them, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which they have called you, what are the riches of their glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of their power for us who believe, according to the working of their great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he was raised from the dead and seated at God's right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and



God of Endless Possibilities, we come to you seeking help for our world. Our lives are filled with so many voices telling us about everything that's going wrong. Help us to listen, not so that we despair, but so that we can work for change. Help us to listen, so that we are not fooled into thinking that the bad outweighs the good. Help us to listen so that we can grow, and learn, and change for the better. Help us to listen to the prophets both living and dead, so that someday, the in-breaking of your kingdom into the world will come into its fullness, and everything around us will be a reflection of your light and your love.

We ask you to move in us so that we will 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, united in love. Help us to take care of each other, and to love each other the way that you love us. Mother and Father 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, and for the victims of the shootings in Buffalo, NY and Uvalde, TX. We pray that you bring their souls peace, and that you surround their families with love and support, so that they might find peace in the days to come. We pray 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.

Loving God, in whom is heaven;  
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and  
come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we inflict on one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever.  
Amen.

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 Beautiful"*

594 (NCH)

\*Charge & Benediction

Pastor Charles

Be the change that you want to see in the world. Nothing is too difficult for God. Remember that with God at your side, you can move mountains.

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

Postlude

Dr. Steve Michelson



*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  
Rev. Ed Stevenson and Robie Culver, Liturgists  
Owen McDaniel, Plymouth Singers, and Dr. Steve and Nancy Michelson, Music*

— ANNOUNCEMENTS —

**Shavuot with the Montana Jewish Project.** 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. Flyers are in the Narthex. Registration is open and space is limited.

**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

June 5th at 2:00 p.m. —Shavuot with the Montana Jewish Project—Fellowship Hall

June 12th after worship—PCC Church Clean-up Day

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