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*"My house is a house of prayer for all people." (Isaiah 56:7)*  
**Plymouth is A Just Peace Church and An Open and Affirming Congregation**

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### **Our Approach to God**

*Music calls us to worship so we may listen for God speaking to us.*

*When the service begins, please silence your voices and devices.*

*Children in preschool through 6th grade are welcome to join Ms. Leslie right at 10:00 am outside in the Children's Garden, on the far side of the chapel, for Children's Church.*

*\*All are invited to rise in body or spirit*

**Preparation Music** O Bone Jesu ..... Claudio Monteverdi  
Diane Julin Menges and Betsy Kaufman, duet

### **Welcome**

#### **\*Call to Worship:**

ONE: We gather together in the beauty of creation.

**ALL: We are ready for wonder.**

ONE: We gather together in the joy of community.

**ALL: We are ready for transformation.**

ONE: We gather together in the presence of the Spirit.

**ALL: We are ready to worship!**

**\*Hymn #556** (black hymnal) God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens.....*Holy Manna*

### **Prayer of Confession**

Holy God, we are often moving too fast to feel amazed. We are too anxious to feel curious. We forget that you are the source of all wonder and we must turn to you. Forgive our bustling and forgetfulness. Break into our lives and overwhelm us with your joy and wonder. Amen.

### **Silent Reflection**

### **Words of Assurance**

ONE: Lift up your hearts!

**ALL: We lift them up to God!**

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**\*Hymn of Praise**..... *Hyfrydol*

Finish then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee.  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

**\*Passing of the Peace**

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you!

ALL: **And also with you!**

**The Proclamation of God’s Word**

**Scripture Reading**

Psalm 19

**Sermon**

Be Curious: Wonder

Pastor Dillon Shipman

**\*Call to Prayer**..... *Beach Spring*

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store;  
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door,  
gifted by you, we turn to you, off'ring up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

**Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer** (debts/debtors)

Our Father, 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 forever, Amen.

**Prayer Response** ..... *Beach Spring*

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed.  
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see  
all the things that really matter, be at peace and simply be.

**Living Out the Word of God**

**Announcements of Church Life**

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory** There is a Balm in Gilead .....arr. Mark Hayes  
Diane Julin Menges, soloist

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**\*Doxology**.....*Old 100<sup>th</sup>*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host:  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

God of wonder, we trust that where your light and our giving meet, another world is possible. We recognize that all good we have comes from you, and we rejoice in freely sharing it for a wider expression of your vision. With delight, wonder and awe, and in connection with your people across the globe, we pray. Amen.

**Thanksgiving for Music Ministry** of Thomas Clark-Jones, Interim Organist

**\*Hymn** Let All Creation Dance .....*Darwall's 148th*

Let all creation dance in energies sublime,  
as order turns with chance, unfolding space and time;  
for nature's art in wonder grows, and newly shows  
God's mind and heart.

Our own amazing earth, with sunlight, cloud and storms,  
and life's abundant growth in lovely shapes and forms  
is made for praise, a fragile whole, and from its soul  
heaven's music plays.

Lift heart and soul and voice: in Christ all praises meet,  
and nature shall rejoice as all is made complete.  
In hope be strong, all life befriend, and kindly tend  
creation's song.

**\*Commission and Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response** .....*Hymn to Joy*

All of life is filled with wonder, so we thank you, God of love —  
For the crash of evening thunder, clearing clouds, then stars above;  
For the night that turns to glowing as we feel the morning mist,  
God, we praise you and we thank you, knowing that we're truly blessed.

*The next worship service begins at 11:15 am for Heights Christian Church. Please collect your belongings and promptly vacate the chapel. Worship leaders will greet the congregation outside. Worship bulletins may be recycled in the narthex. Thank you for your assistance. Join us for refreshments and conversation in the Parlor!*

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# God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens 556

Catherine Cameron, 1967

Gen. 5:1-2; Isa. 42:5-9

1 God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens in - fi - nite in time and place,  
 2 We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of since the child-hood of our race;  
 3 As each far hor - i - zon beck - ons, may it chal-lenge us a - new,

Flung the suns in burn-ing ra - diance through the si - lent fields of space;  
 Known the ec - sta - sy of wing-ing through un - trav-eled realms of space;  
 Chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose, serv - ing oth - ers, hon - oring you.

We, your chil - dren, in your like-ness, share in - ven - tive powers with you;  
 Probed the se - crets of the at - om, yield-ing un - i - mag - ined power,  
 May our dreams prove rich with prom - ise, each en - deav - or, well be - gun;

Great Cre - a - tor, still cre - a - ting, show us what we yet may do.  
 Fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion or our most tri - um - phant hour.  
 Great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance till our goals and yours are one.

*Catherine Cameron, a professor of social psychology in California, wrote this text in 1967 with Haydn's Austrian Hymn in mind. This tune, Holy Manna, appeared in The Columbian Harmony (1825), and was attributed to the compiler of that volume, William Moore.*

Tune: HOLY MANNA 8.7.8.7.D.  
 William Moore, 1825

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