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## The Family of God Gathers

### Prelude

“Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light”

*Please let the prelude be a signal to prepare for worship.*

### Call to Worship †§

- L: The one who calls you together this day yearns for each of you and for all people to hear and be blessed. Let us come together to worship God.

### Prayer of Confession †§

- L: Holy God, you see into each of us and know us fully as creatures in need of your constant care. We confess that we have neither heard your word nor followed your will. We have failed our nation, neighbors, families, friends, and ourselves. Give us ears to hear your wisdom. Lead us to honesty and faith so that we may begin again with renewed strength; in Jesus’ name. Amen.

### Assurance of Pardon §

- L: The Good News is this: Nothing can separate you from God’s overwhelming love for you. Through Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

### The Sign of Peace

- L: May the peace of Christ be with you! Please take a moment and share the peace with those in your household and/or offer a moment to send prayers of peace to those you love who are not with you.

### Centering Music

“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming”

## The Service of the Word

### Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18

- L: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.  
**P: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.**  
L: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.  
**P: Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.**  
L: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.  
**P: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.**  
L: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb.  
**P: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.**  
L: Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.  
**P: My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth.**  
L: Your eyes beheld my unformed substance.  
**P: In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed.**  
L: How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!

**P: How vast is the sum of them!**

**L: I try to count them—they are more than the sand;**

**P: I come to the end—I am still with you.**

## Gospel

John 1:43–51

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

## Sermon

### Musical Offering

“Christ, Be Our Light”

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.**

**Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.**

*Refrain*

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for truth, we turn to you.**

**Your word alone has pow’r to save us. Make us your living voice. *Refrain***

**Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.**

**Let us be servants to tone another, signs of your kingdom come. *Refrain***

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## The Response to the Word

### Prayers of the People

#### Lord’s Prayer

**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, for ever. Amen.**

### Closing Hymn

“O Morning Star, How Clear and Bright”

## Benediction §

L: May the peace of Christ go with you this day and all days. Amen.

## Postlude

“Good Christian Friends Rejoice”

† <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com>

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## Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. David Huber • Ministers: All the people of Plymouth • Guest Preacher: Jim Oliver • Pianist: Lynn McFadyen

*We of Plymouth extend to you our hand of fellowship and an invitation to become a member. If you are interested, or have any questions, please speak with or send a note to Pastor David or our Moderator, Barb Kleist. Our table always has room for more.*

## This Week at Plymouth

Sunday, January 17  
*OCWM offering*

Sunday, January 24

*Cross illumination for January is sponsored by Mike & Marybeth Tschumperlin.*

### We pray for:

- All UCC missionaries and ordained and licensed ministers; the ministry and mission of the UCC and the Church universal

*While Pastor David is on vacation, you can contact Rev. Mark Pirazzini at 715-598-2270 if you have a pastoral emergency.*

### Who we are...

*Plymouth UCC is an Open and Affirming congregation, embracing diversity and affirming the dignity and worth of every person, since we are all created in God's image. We welcome into full membership and participation in the Body of Christ persons of every race, ethnic background, age, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, socio-economic background, marital status and background. We welcome all to share in the life, leadership, ministry, fellowship, worship, sacraments, responsibilities, humor, and blessings of participation in our congregation.*

# ***Spiritual Care Package***

## ***Questions for Reflection***

Where, in what place, and through what person or persons do you hear the call of the Lord? Consider it each day this week. Who has awakened in you a new prayer, a hope, an insight? Give thanks for those persons and moments as signs of God's love for you.

## ***Household Prayer: Morning***

As I rise this day, O God, I give you thanks for breath and life, for the people I will see today, for family, neighbors, and friends, and for those whose ways are challenging to my serenity. Help me to give thanks especially for the people who pull me to new understandings and show me sides of life that I have not known or do not welcome. Urge me to follow you today; in Jesus' name. Amen.

## ***Household Prayer: Evening***

As the evening comes and the time for rest draws near, O God, I give you thanks for another full and mystifying day. I have not done everything I had hoped to do. I have not forgiven myself or others as I ought. I ask now that you, who know me through and through, will lead me to let go of what I cannot change and seek anew tomorrow for a more enlightened path. I long for your guidance and your care. Guard my sleep, and let me rise renewed; in Jesus' name. Amen.

# **God is still speaking,**