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## **The Family of God Gathers**

### **Gathering Music**

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

### **Greeting**

### **Call to Worship †§**

**L:** All of us, as followers of Christ, are being transformed from one degree of glory to another;

**P:** **this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.**

**L:** All of us, as the Body of Christ that is the Church, are called to share that transforming power with our neighbors,

**P:** **relying on the gifts of the Spirit to make it possible.**

**L:** Drawn together by the Holy Spirit into this community of disciples in training,

**P:** **we are here to worship God, to reconnect with the holy, to experience a vision of God’s realm, that we might be rejuvenated to be God’s workers, making the world a more loving world.**

### **Opening Hymn 293** bulletin page 7

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

### **Prayer of Confession †§**

**The radiance of your grace is poured out in every moment, trying to transform and transfigure our hearts and minds, but we dull its luster by living in the shadows. We have trouble simply sitting in the healing silence of your presence and letting your Spirit change us. Forgive us for focusing on non-essentials while ignoring your transformative possibilities. Help us tune out the noise so that may we hear your whispers of grace. Help us to trust you so may we go forth to serve your world, filling it with the loving radiance of the Light of the world, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon §

L: God is slow to anger and abounding in love: in Jesus' name you are forgiven!

**P: You are forgiven!**

L: May the peace of Christ be with you!

**P: And also with you!**

## The Sign of Peace

*Now 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** Verse 1 Bulletin page 8

“Christ Be Our Light”

## The Service of the Word

### Old Testament Lesson

Exodus 34:29–35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

### Psalm 99

L: The Lord is king; let the peoples tremble!

**P: He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!**

L: The Lord is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

**P: Let them praise your great and awesome name.**

L: Holy is he!

**P: Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

L: Extol the Lord our God; worship at his footstool.

**P: Holy is he!**

L: Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel also was among those who called on his name.

**P: They cried to the Lord, and he answered them.**

L: He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

**P: O Lord our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

L: Extol the Lord our God, and worship at his holy mountain;

**P: for the Lord our God is holy.**

## Gospel

Luke 9:28–36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

## Sermon

**Offering** “Glory, Glory Hallelujah”

John Moore

## Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow**

**Praise God all creatures here below**

**Praise God above ye heavenly host**

**Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## Prayer of Dedication of Gifts and Self †§

**We praise you, God, for your generosity and your providence. Use us, and these our gifts, in your service, to establish justice, righteousness, and equity, all for the good of your people. Amen.**

## Joys and Concerns

## 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, forever. Amen.**

## Closing Hymn 182 Bulletin page 9

“We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding”

## Benediction †§

**L:** Since we have such hope, live and act with boldness!

**P: Love and serve the Lord in the freedom of the Spirit.**

**L:** May the glory of the Lord shine upon you, the Word of the Lord live within you, and the Spirit of the Lord give you peace.

**All: Alleluia and amen!**

## Postlude

“Gavotte 1 from English Suite #3”

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

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## Worship Leaders

Pastor: Rev. David Huber • Ministers: All the people of Plymouth • Pianist: Lynn McFadyen • Liturgist: Deb Zehms

*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, February 27**

10:00 A.M. Coffee

10:30 A.M. Worship

### **Tuesday, March 1**

10:00 A.M. Quilters

7:00 P.M. Dartball

Plymouth at Bethesda Gold

### **Wednesday, March 2**

*Ash Wednesday*

7:00 P.M. Worship

### **Sunday, March 6**

*Community Table offering*

10:00 A.M. Coffee

10:30 A.M. Communion Worship

### **We pray for:**

- All houses of worship—churches, temples, and mosques in the Chippewa Valley who provide ecumenical and interfaith combined fellowship and service to our community.

2 Cor. 3:17-5:5

Doris Akers, 1962; alt.

*Slowly*

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I  
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are  
know that Spir - it's full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I  
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.  
going to stay with Je - sus all the way."

*Refrain*

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav-en-ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill-ing us with your love; And for these bless-ings we

lift our hearts in praise. With-out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

*This is one of the most popular gospel songs from the corpus of African-American songwriters who emerged during the golden age of gospel (1930-1969). Although this era was dominated by the Baptists, Doris Akers had Methodist roots.*

Tune: SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT  
9.11.9.11. with refrain  
Doris Akers, 1962

# CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Bernadette Farrell

## Verses



1. Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
2. Long-ing for peace, — our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
3. Long-ing for food, — man-y are hun-gry. Long-ing for
4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man-y are home-less. Long-ing for
5. Man-y the gifts, — man-y the peo-ple, man-y the



1. truth, — we turn to you. Make us your own, —
2. hope, — man-y de-spair. Your word a-lone —
3. wa-ter, man-y still thirst. Make us your bread, —
4. warmth, — man-y are cold. Make us your build-ing,
5. hearts that yearn to be-long. Let us be ser-vants



1. your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see.
2. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv-ing voice.
3. bro-ken for oth-ers, shared un-til all are fed.
4. shel-ter-ing oth-ers, walls made of liv-ing stone.
5. to one an-oth-er, mak-ing your king-dom come.

## Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark-ness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

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## We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

Matt. 17:1-8; Mark 9:2-8; Luke 9:28-36

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1988

1 We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this high and  
 2 Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows, splen - dor bathes the  
 3 Strength-ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our

ho - ly place, Where we wait with hope and long - ing for some  
 flesh-joined Word, Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel as the  
 faith de - cline, We, like Pe - ter, find it tempt-ing to re -

to - ken of God's grace. Here we pray for new as -  
 heav - enly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts be - hold with  
 main and build a shrine. But true wor - ship gives us

sur - ance that our faith is not in vain, Search - ing  
 won - der how the Law and Proph - ets meet: Christ with  
 cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess, That our

like those first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.  
 gar - ments drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.  
 dai - ly lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

### ***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***

Look at Luke 9:35: "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" Where have you heard words like these before in the Gospels? (Hint: see Luke 3:22.) Where have you heard words like these in your own life? When have you had a strong sense of being chosen, claimed, and called by God? How have you responded?

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

Lord Jesus Christ, as morning dawns, be our light in this new day. Let our lives reflect your glory, our words show forth your goodness, and our actions shine with your grace; in your holy name we pray. Amen.

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

Lord Jesus Christ, as evening comes, be our light and hope in darkness. Draw near to us in grace, surround us with your presence, and fill us with your peace; in your holy name we pray. Amen.

# **God is still speaking,**