

"You will do the works that I do and greater works than these." (Jn. 14:12)

REUNION AND RE- CONNECTION

Sunday, October 24, 2021

10:00 AM in person and on YouTube

1 John 3:16-24

It's Pastor Will's first Sunday back from
parental leave!



GOD IS HERE

DEACONS, USHERS, & GREETERS

Carl Shippee, Barbara & Jerry Harting

Today's Chancel Flowers are given by Sandy Clarke, in honor of our clergy, staff, and lay leaders, doing a great job keeping us all going through the pandemic.

LITURGY OF GRATITUDE & RETURN

BLESSING OF GRATITUDE

John: Leah, though our time together was short, we have been blessed by your joy, your faith, and your service to our church. We wish God's blessings on you as you leave and trust in the Spirit to call forth your gifts in a new community of God's choosing.

Leah: I thank you, Plymouth Church, for the love, kindness, and support shown me these last 2 months. I give you my gratitude for our shared work. As I take leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

ALL: We celebrate your work here and give thanks to God for bringing us together. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.

John: Members and Friends of Plymouth Church, do you release Rev. Reebee Girash, from the duties of Family Leave Pastor?

All: Relying on God's grace, we release her.

BLESSING OF RETURN

John: Will, we rejoice and give thanks to God for the birth of your daughter Harriet! We pray that just as God cared for us during your leave, that you have been well-tended as a parent and a partner. And that our coming together will renew us for another season. Is it your desire to return to the responsibilities of pastoral ministry at Plymouth Church?

Will: It is, with great joy!

All: Will, you are returned to us, and we rejoice! We welcome your renewed ministry and leadership. We trust that the blessings of your parental leave will continue to unfold for years to come. We are ready to write a new chapter in our shared story.

Greg: (Let us pray) Holy Spirit, by your blessing, return to Will the responsibilities and privileges of pastoral ministry here at The Plymouth Church. While we were gone from one another, you kept us steadfast in faith and bold in our work for your kingdom. We give you thanks as praise for the season past and our hope for the future about to be. Amen.

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Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Adagio Cantabile, Bach/Fox

Welcome & Announcements

Responsive Prayer of Invocation

When the Holy One restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our bodies with shouts of joy.
Then it was said among the nations,
“The Holy One has done great things for them.”
God has done great things for us, and we rejoice.
Restore our fortunes, O God,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.
May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.
Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

(Psalm 126)

The Peace of Christ

Liturgy of Gratitude & Return

Scripture Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

Children and Youth are invited to Faith Workshop.

Sermon: “Welcome Back”

Song

Like The Murmur of The Dove's Song, Cutts/Carter

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Litany of Release and Blessing

Benediction

Postlude

In Babilone, Dutch Folk/Behnke

Weekly gifts and pledges can be placed in the Offering Basket in the back.



A Simpler Way

“Life is playful and life plays with us. The future cannot be determined. It can only be experienced as it is occurring.”

This week we conclude our study and wonder about what, if anything, we should read next!



Mending Church

Discussion Questions:

- How were you connected to community during Covid?
- Who do you want to reconnect with now?

The color of the day is **ORANGE**.

Games & Activities

In what year was the game Cornhole invented?