

**Plymouth**  
Congregational  
Church  
*Sharing Faith's Journey*



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***Celebration of Worship***  
**March 13, 2022**

# Celebration of Worship

March 13, 2022

10:30 am

## Second Sunday of Lent

*Enter in Prayer, Worship with Gratitude, Go Forth to Serve*

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### Opening Voluntary

*Rhosymedre (Lovely)*  
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Ralph Vaughn Williams

### Welcome and Announcements

#### \* Opening Hymn

*For Everyone Born*

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#### \* Call to Worship

One: The One who raises the sun each morning and lifts high the moon at night  
ushers us too,

**All: through cycles of rising, falling, and rising again.**

One: Though we stumble,

**All: God lifts us.**

One: Though we doubt,

**All: God remains.**

One: Though we get weary,

**All: God revives.**

**From: *Enfleshed***

#### \* Response of Praise

*Come, Let Us Join with Faithful Souls*

Come, let us join with faith-ful souls our song of faith to raise; One  
fam - i - ly in heart are we, and one the God we praise.

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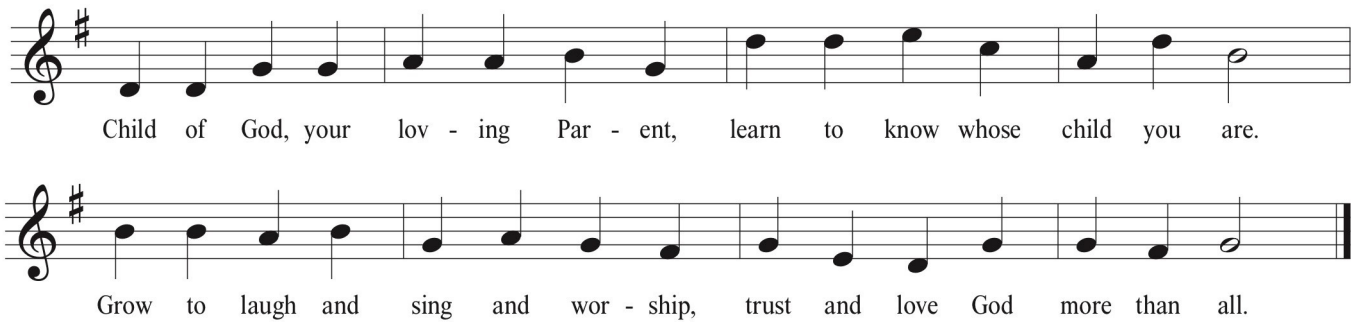
## \* Invocation and Lord's Prayer

God in whom we trust, may the words to this prayer that Jesus taught linger not only on our lips but in our hearts ...*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.*

### Welcoming Song *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

Stuttgart

(Let the children come forward.)



Child of God, your lov - ing Par - ent, learn to know whose child you are.

Grow to laugh and sing and wor - ship, trust and love God more than all.

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## A Moment with Our Children

Rev. Robu

### Solo

“The People that Walked in Darkness” from *Messiah*  
Wes Kelley

G.F. Handel

Recitative text:

For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth,  
and gross darkness the people;  
but the Lord shall arise upon thee,  
and His glory shall be seen upon thee;  
and the Gentiles shall come to thy light,  
and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

Aria text:

The people that walked in darkness,  
have seen a great light;  
And they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death,  
upon them hath the light shined.

## **Prayer Concerns**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

From *Enfleshed*

### **Organ Response**

### **Invitation to Offering**

### **Anthem**

*The Meditations of My Heart*

Elaine Hagenberg

May the words of my mouth  
and the meditations of my heart  
be acceptable in Thy sight, o Lord.

O Lord my Rock,  
O Lord my strength,  
O Lord my God and my Redeemer.

(text based on Psalm 19: 14)

### **Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 58:1-12

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?” Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil, if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday. The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong; and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail. Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

**Special Music**

*Crossroads*  
Katie Robu

**Sermon**

“The Fast We Choose”

Rev. Robu

**Hymn of Departure**

*Longing for Light*

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**Benediction**

**Closing Voluntary**

*Aberystwyth (Jesus, Love of my Soul)*  
Christopher Shaw, organ

arr. Ashley Grote

**\*Let everyone stand in body or in spirit.**

**\*\*\* Ushers will seat late-comers.**

# For Everyone Born



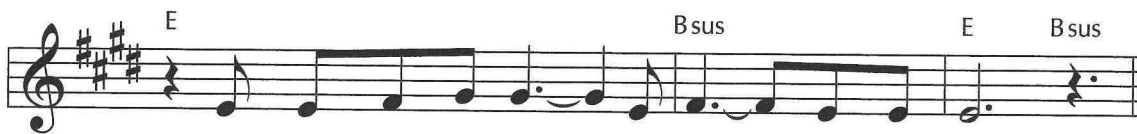
1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,  
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,  
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,  
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,  
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,  
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,  
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,  
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled.  
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,  
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,  
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,  
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

*Refrain*

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and  
 joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,  
 God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,  
 jus-tice and joy!

# Longing for Light

Em Am7 Bm7 Esus Em

1 Long-ing for light, — we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for  
 2 Long-ing for peace, — our world is troub-led. 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

Am7 Bm7 Esus Em Am7

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

D G C Am7 Dsus D

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

Refrain G C/G G Em Bm Em Am7 D

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

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

G Dsus D Em Em7/D C Am7 G Am7/G G (∩) Last time

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to - day. (∩) Last time

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## **2022 Walter Vernon Lenten Series**

In an effort to raise awareness and destigmatize the topic many of our speakers for this year's Lenten Series will be addressing issues of mental health. We hope you will consider joining us for these important talks.

**March 16-** Stephanie Anderson, School Counselor Coordinator and Private/Parochial Liaison for Wichita Public Schools and Holly Yager, Ph.D. School Psychologist at USD 259

**March 23-** Jill Hoopes, LSCSW-LCAC-CCTP Director of Student Wellness Bethel College

**March 30-** Eric Litwiller, Director Mental Health Association of South Central Kansas

**April 6-** Adrian Carson, Sedgwick County Outreach Program Coordinator



## One Great Hour of Sharing *Ukraine Refugee Relief Efforts* March 1, 2022

Our hearts go out to the people of Ukraine as war devastates their homeland. Congregationalists join the world in lifting this nation up in prayer. They also have inquired about opportunities to offer tangible support.

The Mission and Outreach Ministry Council (MOMC), on behalf of National Association of Congregational Christian Churches, is gratefully receiving funds to assist with Ukraine refugee relief efforts.

In times of crisis, MOMC makes every effort to work through member churches and missions closest to those in need. Where our churches and missions are not present, we work through respected and responsible organizations such as the [Salvation Army](#), [Habitat for Humanity](#), [World Vision](#), [Samaritan's Purse](#), [Church World Services](#), and the [Red Cross](#).

**To mail a check or donate online, please include a note with your donation indicating that the funds are for Ukraine refugee relief efforts.**

**Mailing address:**

NACCC – OGHS  
PO Box 288  
Oak Creek WI 53154

**On-line donations:**

Donate online at [www.naccc.org](http://www.naccc.org) or click here

If you have questions, or if your church is working to help in this crisis, please contact Julie Robie, Missions Coordinator: [jrobie@naccc.org](mailto:jrobie@naccc.org).

**NACCC Mission Statement**

*Supporting ministry and nurturing fellowship among Congregational Christian Churches  
in the name of Christ.*

# Plymouth Display Case Art Gallery



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# March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>13</b> <b>Daylight Savings</b> 9am Adult Sunday School (Chapel) 10:30am Sunday Worship, (Sanctuary)	<b>14</b> 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	<b>15</b> 5:30 p Investment Club	<b>16</b> 2pm Plymouth Projects (Chapel) 5:30pm Lenten Series Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Church Office Closed	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> 9am Adult Sunday School (Chapel) <b>Mission Possible Sunday</b> 10:30am Sunday Worship, (Sanctuary)	<b>21</b> 2 pm Prairie Wind Folk Dancers	<b>22</b> 5:30p Trustee	<b>23</b> 2pm Plymouth Projects (Chapel) 5:30pm Lenen Series Wednesday Night Dinner 7pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
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**Please join us for worship next Sunday, March 20th.  
Rev. Robu will be Preaching.**

## The Plymouth Covenant

Believing in Jesus Christ, the Interpreter of God to humankind, we accept His teachings as the guiding principles of our lives and consecrate ourselves and our church to their fulfillment. We therefore join in covenant, one with another, to worship, work, and serve together that we may express through our Church and our individual lives the love and faith taught by Jesus Christ.